CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW

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TRANSCRIPT GUIDE

ACCREDITATION
California Western School of Law was approved by the American Bar Association in 1962 and has been a member of the Association of American Law Schools since 1967.

TERMS
California Western operates on a trimester system. Each trimester is 15 weeks in length.

GRADING SYSTEM
Effective Fall 1983:

GRADE	DEFINITION	LETTER EQUIVALENT
95-90	Excellent	A
89-80	Above Average	B
79-74	Satisfactory	C
73-67	Substandard	C-
66-55	Unsatisfactory	D
54-50	Fail	F
W	Withdrew	
P	Pass	
CR	Credit	
NCR	No Credit	
IP	In Progress	
I	Incomplete	
R	Repeated course	
AU	Audit	
H	Honors	
HP	High Pass	
LP	Low Pass	
F	Fail (a grade of "50" is recorded)	

From 1979 through Spring 1983 the following grading system was in effect:

A	99-90	D	69-60
B	89-80	F	below 60
C	79-70		

Prior to 1979 the following grading system was in effect:

A+	4.3	B+	3.3	C+	2.3	D+	1.3
A	4.0	B	3.0	C	2.0	D	1.0
A-	3.7	B-	2.7	C-	1.7	D-	0.7
						F	0

CLASS RANKING
Students are ranked by class year on the basis of their cumulative grade point average after the reporting of grades for each trimester. First-year students do not receive a ranking until completion of the first year (two trimesters for full-time students and three trimesters or 25 units for part-time students).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
The degree of Juris Doctor (J.D.) is conferred upon students who complete at least 89 credit hours (88 for students who entered prior to Fall 1987), with a cumulative grade point average of not less than 74. A minimum of 16-18 credit hours is required for the M.C.L. (Master of Comparative Law) and L.L.M. in Comparative Law. A minimum of 24 credit hours is required for the L.L.M. in Trial Advocacy.

REPEATED COURSES
When a course is repeated, an "R" will appear for the grade in the first course and the averaged grade will appear for the grade in the second course. Only the averaged grade is used in the computation of the cumulative grade point average.

TRANSFER CREDITS
All work submitted for transfer from other law schools will appear as transfer credit units but will not be reflected in the student's cumulative grade point average.

SCHOLASTIC HONORS
Summa Cum Laude: awarded to the student whose cumulative grade point average is the highest in the graduating class.

Magna Cum Laude: awarded to graduates with a cumulative grade point average of 87.50 or higher.

Cum Laude: awarded to students who graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 85.00, but less than 87.50.

Dean's List: upperclass students with 12 or more units in a trimester who received a grade (or grade of Honors in an Independent Study) for 10 or more of such units, and whose session grade point average for that trimester is at least 85, and first year students with a cumulative grade point average of at least 85 at the end of their first year.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

Official transcripts must contain the embossed seal of the law school over the signature of the registrar. Transcripts issued directly to students are so marked.

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