

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.

GRADING SYSTEM

Effective Spring 2014, the following GPAs correspond to the following letter grade values.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Grade Point</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Grade Point</u>
A+	4.17-4.33	C+	2.12-2.41
A	3.84-4.16	C	2.00-2.11
A-	3.51-3.83	C-	1.46-1.99
B+	3.33-3.50	D+	1.17-1.45
B	2.80-3.32	D	0.70-1.16
B-	2.42-2.79	D-	0.01-0.69
		F	0.00

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>
P	Pass	AU	Audit
CR	Credit	H	Honors
NCR	No Credit	HP	High Pass
IP	In Progress	LP	Low Pass
I	Incomplete	W	Withdraw
R	Repeated Course	F	Fail

From Fall 1983 through Fall 2013, grades were assigned on a numerical basis:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Letter Equivalent</u>
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

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		

PASS/FAIL COURSES

In a pass/fail course, the quality of work must be equivalent to a grade of C or better. Performance quality below C will be reported as F (0.00) and no credit will be received for that course.

CLASS RANKING

Students are ranked by class year 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; three trimesters or 27 units for part-time students [25 units for students who entered prior to Fall 2016]).

Faculty submit final grades based on a 50-95 number scale, which are then converted to letter grades. The 50-95 numbers are used to calculate class rank.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The degree of Juris Doctor (J.D.) is conferred upon students who complete at least 90 credit hours (89 for students who entered prior to Fall 2016 and 88 for students who entered prior to Fall 1987) and obtain a cumulative grade point average of not less than 2.00. A minimum of 18 credit hours is required for the M.C.L. (Master of Comparative Law) and a minimum of 24 credit hours for the LL.M. in Comparative Law.

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 3.56 or higher.

Cum Laude: awarded to students who graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 3.33, but less than 3.56.

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 3.33, and first year students with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.33 at the end of their first year.

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