



# OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

## SYRACUSE LAW

### Academic Evaluation

In order to graduate, a student must receive credit for 87 hours of course work and have a cumulative average of at least 2.2 based upon all courses taken.

A	4.0
A-	3.660
B+	3.330
B	3.000
B-	2.660
C+	2.330
C	2.000
C-	1.660
D	1.000
D-	0.660
F	0.000
P*	C+ or higher

### \*Pass/Fail Grades

Students may elect to be graded on a Pass/Fail basis a total of 7 credit hours during their enrollment at the College of Law. The Pass/Fail option is not available for first-year courses, trial practice courses, clinics, externships, seminars, applied learning courses, skills courses, upper level required courses, independent research projects and courses included in a structured curriculum.

### First Year Grading Curve

Grades must satisfy the following requirements in all first-year classes:

A	5%
A-	10%
B+, B, B-, C+, C	Average between 3.10 - 2.90
C-	5%
D	5%
D-, F	2%

### Upper-Class Grading Curve

Grades must satisfy the following requirements:

A	5%
A-	10%
B+, B, B-, C+, C	Average between 3.10 - 2.90
C-, D, D-, F	5% - 10%

### Exceptions to the Upper-Class Grading Curve

- Courses in which grades are not assigned substantially based on an anonymously graded final written examination.
- Courses with less than 15 students enrolled.

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**Honors**

*Graduation Honors*- To qualify for graduation with honors, students must earn 58 credits at the College of Law:

<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	Top 2%
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Top 10% (next 8%)
<i>Cum Laude</i>	Top 25% (next 15%)

- The GPAs for students in the top quarter of any class will generally range from 3.11 to 4.00.
- Considerable bunching occurs on the grading scale, especially in the middle ranges. As a result, a number of students are separated in rank by only a hundredth of a decimal place, and class rank is therefore only an overall comparative measure of academic achievement.

*Dean's List*- Any student who is in the top 25% of that student's class during a given semester shall be designated on the Dean's list for such semester. To be considered for Dean's List honors, students must complete at least 12 credit hours, of which 9 credit hours must be eligible for a letter grade.

**Note:**

The Office of Career Services does not provide grade information. Further, the College of Law prohibits the release of any information concerning a student's record without the written consent of that student. Employers should direct all requests for transcripts or records of academic performance directly to the student.

Additionally, this document should not be used as a substitute for the information that is provided in the College of Law's Academic Handbook.