



## Grades

### A. Unit of Credit

The unit of credit at the Stetson University College of Law is the semester hour. Credits may be earned in the regular fall and spring semesters, or in the summer session.

### B. Grading Scale

A student's academic achievement in J.D. courses is graded on one of the following scales. Unless approved to be graded on the pass/fail scale, all courses are graded on the 4.0 scale.

#### **Law School Grades — 4.0 scale**

4.0  
3.75  
3.5  
3.25  
3.0  
2.75  
2.5  
2.25  
2.0  
1.75  
1.5  
1.25  
1.0 (failing)  
0.0 (failing)

#### **Law School Grades — pass/fail scale**

S+ (Satisfactory Plus)  
S (Satisfactory) (a student who earns an S is considered to have earned at least a 2.0 on the Stetson 4.0 scale or a C on other school's grading scales)  
S- (Satisfactory Minus)  
U (Unsatisfactory)

## Law School Grades applicable to both 4.0 and pass/fail scale

I (Incomplete) W (Withdrew)

X (Excessive Absences or Failure to Complete Required Work)

### C. Grades

1. **Grade Point Average:** A student's grade point average for any given period is determined by dividing the total quality points earned by the number of graded semester hours attempted during the period.
2. **Graduation Requirements:** To be considered for graduation, a student must have
  - successfully completed at least 88 credit hours of course work and required work in any dual-degree program into which the student was admitted;
  - Achieved a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25;
  - completed the requirements of academic probation or the Further Required Curriculum, if applicable;
  - met the College of Law's residency requirement;
  - completed the pro bono requirement;
  - resolved any pending criminal cases and charges under the College of Law's Academic Honor Code or Student Code of Professionalism and Conduct; and paid all sums owed to the College of Law.
3. **Failing Grades:** A course in which the grade of 1.0 or 0.0 is earned is considered attempted but not completed and must be repeated before credit will be allowed. The failing grade remains on the student's permanent record and is not counted toward residency requirements. Both the failing grade and grade earned when the course is repeated are computed into the grade point average. A student who receives a failing grade in a required course must repeat the course the next time it is regularly scheduled. Absent relief granted pursuant to the Severe Examination Distress policy, a student who has fulfilled all the requirements of a course but is absent from the final examination will receive a grade of 0.0.
4. **Failure to Take an Examination as Scheduled:** A student who fails to attend an in-person examination as scheduled or who submits an online or take-home examination late will receive a grade of 0.0 on the examination, unless (1) in the case of a take-home examination, the faculty member teaching the class has expressly stated in the special exam instructions a different consequence for a late exam; (2) the student is granted relief pursuant to the Grade Change Policy; or (3) the student is granted relief pursuant to the Severe Examination Distress Policy. The Grade Change Policy considers situations involving the grading process; the Severe Examination Distress Policy considers extraordinary circumstances that cause severe distress shortly before or during the administration of an examination. A student who arrives late for an in-person examination may elect not to take the examination and seek relief pursuant to the Severe Examination Distress Policy. Alternatively, the student may proceed to take the examination

with the time remaining for that examination. If the student so elects, the student will not be given additional time on the examination to compensate for lateness. The student's examination will be provided to the faculty member without an indication that the student arrived late or had less time to complete the examination, and the student will be awarded the grade assigned by the professor.

5. **Incomplete Grade:** A grade of Incomplete (I) will be granted by the professor when a student fails to complete work for the course and the professor grants the student an extension to complete the work to a date that does not allow the professor adequate time to submit a grade for that student by the grade submission deadline. The grade of Incomplete will be changed to a grade on the 4.0 scale or the pass/fail scale, as applicable for the course, by the professor when the student satisfactorily completes the requirements for the course. Unless the professor sends written notice to the Registrar, an Incomplete grade will be converted to an "X" grade at the earlier of the grading deadline for the next regular semester or the date of the student's graduation, and cannot then be converted to a grade on the 4.0 or pass/fail grade scales.

*Cross references: Grade Change Policy, Severe Examination Distress Policy*

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