## YALE LAW SCHOOL

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## **EXPLANATION OF GRADING SYSTEM**

Beginning September 2015 to date

**<u>H</u>ONORS** Performance in the course demonstrates superior mastery of the subject.

**PASS** Successful performance in the course.

<u>LOW PASS</u> Performance in the course is below the level that on average is required for the award of a degree.

<u>CREDIT</u> The course has been completed satisfactorily without further specification of level of performance.

All first-term required courses are offered only on a credit-fail basis. Certain advanced courses are offered only on a credit-fail basis.

**<u>F</u>**AILURE No credit is given for the course.

**CRG** Credit for work completed at another school as part of an approved joint-degree program;

counts toward the graded unit requirement.

**RC** Requirement completed; indicates J.D. participation in Moot Court or Barrister's Union.

<u>T</u> Ungraded transfer credit for work done at another law school.

<u>requirement.</u> Transfer credit for work completed at another law school; counts toward graded unit requirement.

In-progress work for which an extension has been approved.

Late work for which no extension has been approved.

**NOTE** No credit given because of late withdrawal from course or other reason noted in term comments.

Our current grading system does not allow the computation of grade point averages. Individual class rank is not computed. There is no required curve for grades in Yale Law School classes.

Classes matriculating September 1968 through September 1986 must have successfully completed 81 semester hours of credit for the J.D. (Juris Doctor) degree. Classes matriculating September 1987 through September 2004 must have successfully completed 82 credits for the J.D. degree. Classes matriculating September 2005 to date must have successfully completed 83 credits for the J.D. degree. A student must have completed 24 semester hours for the LL.M. (Master of Laws) degree and 27 semester hours for the M.S.L. (Master of Studies in Law) degree. The J.S.D. (Doctor of the Science of Law) degree is awarded upon approval of a thesis that is a substantial contribution to legal scholarship.

For Classes Matriculating 1843 through September 1950	For Classes Matriculating September 1951 through September 1955	For Classes Matriculating September 1956 through September 1958	From September 1959 through June 1968
			A = Excellent
80 through 100 = Excellent	E = Excellent	A = Excellent	B+
73 through 79 = Good 65 through 72 = Satisfactory	G = Good	B = Superior C = Satisfactory	B = Degrees of Superior C+
55 through $64 = Lowest passing$	S = Satisfactory	D = Lowest passing grade	C = Degrees of Satisfactory
grade 0 through 54 = Failure	F = Failure	F = Failure	C- D = Lowest passing grade F = Failure
To graduate, a student must have attained a weighted grade of at least 65.	To graduate, a student must have attained a weighted grade of at least Satisfactory.	To graduate, a student must have attained a weighted grade of at least D.	To graduate a student must have attained a weighted grade of at least D.

From September 1968 through June 2015

H = Work done in this course is significantly superior to the average level of performance in the School.

P = Successful performance of the work in the course.

LP = Work done in the course is below the level of performance which on the average is required for the award of a degree. CR = Grade which indicates that the course has been completed satisfactorily without further specification of level of performance. All first-term required courses are offered only on a credit-fail basis. Certain advanced courses offered only on a credit-fail basis.

F = No credit is given for the course.

RC = Requirement completed; indicates J.D. participation in Moot Court or Barrister's Union. EXT = In-progress work for which an extension has been approved. INC = Late work for which no extension has been approved. NCR = No credit given for late withdrawal from course or for reasons noted in term comments.

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T = Ungraded transfer credit for work done at another law school. TG = Transfer credit for work completed at another law school; counts toward graded unit requirement.

\*Provisional grade.