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**Columbus School of Law Grading Policy for JD Students**

Faculty members are responsible for calculating and verifying the mean grade for each course and for including such information in their submission of grades. For all non-clinical, non-externship, non-moot court and non-journal courses of 10 or more students, the class mean must fall within the 3.00 to 3.30 range. For purposes of computing the mean, faculty members calculate all grades of C, C-, D or F as a 2.00. However, this has no effect on the calculation of an individual student’s grade point average. Each student will receive the numerical value of whatever grade the student earns in a course (i.e., an A+ will be calculated as a 4.33; an A as a 4.00; an A- as 3.67; a B+ as a 3.33; a B as a 3.00; a B- as 2.67; a C+ as a 2.33; a C as 2.00; a C- as 1.67; a D as 1.00; an F and F\* as 0). Pass/fail grades are ignored for this purpose. In assessing compliance, the top and bottom of the range is the number taken to two decimal points (e.g., 3.00).

**Class Rank**

The Columbus School of Law does not release the academic rankings of individual students. However, students may provide their class rank to employers. Class ranks for J.D. students will be computed after each spring semester and upon graduation. Students will not be ranked at the completion of the first year unless all required courses have been completed and the student does not have any Incomplete grades at the time of ranking.

<b>Class Rank by Year and Section</b>			
<b><u>Class of 2023 (rising 3D and 4E)</u></b>		<b><u>Class of 2024 (rising 2D and 3E)</u></b>	
5% = 3.765 (Day)	3.912 (Evening)	5% = Not yet ranked (Day)	4.099 (Evening)
10% = 3.722 (Day)	3.713 (Evening)	10% = Not yet ranked (Day)	3.801 (Evening)
20% = 3.633 (Day)	3.570 (Evening)	20% = Not yet ranked (Day)	3.599 (Evening)

**Dean’s List**

At the end of the first year of legal study, students with a cumulative GPA in the top third of their class and division will be honored by inclusion on the Dean’s List. At the end of each fall and spring semester thereafter, students with a semester GPA in the top third of the class and the division will be honored on the Dean’s List. For purposes of Dean’s List recognition, any grades earned for summer courses will be included with grades earned during the fall semester.

**Academic Honors at Graduation**

The Law School awards academic honors to graduating J.D. students. The basis for the award of honors are: *summa cum laude* (top student in the part-time division and top three students in the full-time division); *magna cum laude* (top 10 percent of the graduating class in each division); and *cum laude* (top one-third of the graduating class in each division.)

**Catholic University Law Review**

Members are selected based on their performance in the Law Review’s annual writing competition and on their academic performance. Current students who are interested in joining the Law Review must participate in the writing competition and receive an invitation. All students must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA to be considered.

**Catholic University Journal of Law and Technology**

Membership is determined by an interview process and student participation in the Journal Writing Competition. All students must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA to be considered.