

The Law School has a J.D. Grade Norm Policy (effective Fall 2015) which includes the following parameters:

1. The mean range for J.D. students in 1L courses—Christian Foundations of Law, Civil Procedure, Contracts, LARW, Property, and Torts—is 2.7 to 2.9. Each LARW section must meet this mean based on substantive grades, not including penalties or the grades of students repeating the course.
2. The mean range for J.D. students is 2.9 to 3.1 in the following upper level courses:
 - a. In each of the following courses, regardless of enrollment:
Business Associations
Constitutional Criminal Procedure
Constitutional Law I
Constitutional Law II
Criminal Law
Evidence
Professional Responsibility
 - b. In each of the following courses, if there are 15 or more J.D. students in the course:
Administrative Law
Conflict of Laws
Family Law
Individual Federal Income Taxation
Negotiable Instruments/Payment Systems (UCC III)
Remedies
Sales (UCC I)
Secured Transactions (UCC II)
State Civil Pretrial Practice & Procedure
Virginia Procedure
Wills, Trusts & Estates
3. For all other courses, the following required mean for J.D. students will apply:
 - a. Courses with enrollment of fifteen or more J.D. students: the mean range is +/- 0.15 of the incoming collective mean GPA of the J.D. students in the course.
 - b. Courses with enrollment of less than fifteen J.D. students: the mean range is +/- 0.25 of the incoming collective mean GPA of the J.D. students in the course.
4. For courses with Honors sections, the mean must be met for all sections of the course offered in the same semester combined, not by each separate section of the course.

5. The Dean has authority to waive grade norm requirements for a particular course on request of the professor teaching the course if the Dean determines that extraordinary circumstances justify the waiver. Extraordinary circumstances may include, without limitation, an extremely small class size or an unusual mix of students.