Cornell Law School

Academic Deficiency

A student who receives a grade of D+ or below in a first-year course must either repeat the course or take an upperclass course or courses to be designated by the Dean of Students in order to remedy this gap in the student’s legal education.

A J.D. student will be placed on informal probation if, at the close of the first year of law study or at the end of any subsequent term, the student’s merit point ratio is less than 2.80.

A J.D. student will be dropped for scholastic deficiency:

(a) if at the close of the first year of law study or at the end of any subsequent term, the student’s merit point ratio is less than 2.50 or

(b) if in the judgment of the faculty the student’s work at any time is markedly unsatisfactory.

Work is considered markedly unsatisfactory if, for example, in each of two successive terms, the merit point ratio for the work of each term (considered separately) is lower than 2.50.

Visiting students may be dropped for unsatisfactory scholastic work at any time.