Cornell Law School
Graduate Program
[LL.M. and J.S.D.]

Graduate Program Grading Policy:

LL.M. candidates do not receive letter grades, but instead are evaluated on a four-tier scale:

High Honors (HH), Honors (H), Satisfactory (S), and Unsatisfactory (U)

There is no faculty policy regulating the proportion of HH, H, S, and U grades that faculty may give to LL.M. students. However, under guidelines adopted by the faculty in 2011 effective as of the Fall 2011 semester, a grade of HH is appropriate for students who would have received an A+ to A in the course, H is appropriate for students who would have received a grade in the A- to B+ range, S is appropriate for students who would have received a grade in the range of B to C-, and U is appropriate for students who would have received a D+ or lower grade.

Merit points are currently not assigned to HH, H, S, and U grades. For LL.M. candidates, the Law School faculty determines whether the student’s course work meets the necessary standard for the award of the LL.M. degree.

Prior to the Fall 2011 semester, the grading scale was H, S, and U.

For J.S.D. candidates, each student’s Special Committee determines whether the student’s course work meets the necessary standard for the award of a graduate degree.