Graduate Program Grading Policy:

LL.M. candidates are graded on the scale of High Honors (HH), Honors (H), Satisfactory (S), and Unsatisfactory (U). Effective Fall 2017 an LL.M student may, after consultation with the Assistant Dean for Graduate Legal Studies, elect to be graded on the J.D. letter grade scale and curve.

A grade of HH is appropriate for students who would have received an A or higher, H is appropriate for students who would have received a grade in the B+ to A- range, S is appropriate for students who would have received a grade in the range of C- to B, and U is appropriate for students who would have received a D+ or lower grade. There is no faculty policy regulating the proportion of HH, H, S, and U grades that faculty may give to LL.M. students.

Merit points are not assigned to HH, H, S, and U grades. For General 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 2017 semester, the grading scale was HH, H, S and U only. Prior to 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 standard for the award of a graduate degree.