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

Evaluation of Work:

LL.M. candidates do not receive letter grades, but instead are graded only in terms of:

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

There is no faculty policy regulating the proportion of H, S, and U grades that faculty may give to LL.M. students. However, under guidelines adopted by the faculty in 1997, a grade of H is appropriate for students who would have received an A- or higher, 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.

Merit points are currently not assigned to 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. 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.