

## **Grading Policy**

University of Richmond School of Law

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### **Grade Point Average:**

- Every class must satisfy the grade point average requirement. The only exception is classes with only one student, such as Independent Study.
- In calculating the required grade point average, an instructor may (but is not required to) exclude any grade below a C-.
- For all classes other than clinics, the grade point average must be  $3.30 \pm 0.10$  (i.e., 3.20 to 3.40).
- For clinics, the grade point average is based on that class and the two prior offerings of the same class, and must be  $3.30 \pm 0.30$  (i.e., 3.00 to 3.60).

### **Grade Distribution:**

- For classes of sixteen students or fewer, there is no required grade distribution.
- For classes of more than sixteen students, the grade distribution must be:
  - 20-40% A or A-
  - 25-45% B+
  - 10-30% B
  - 5-25% B- and below

The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs has limited discretion to allow faculty to deviate from the foregoing requirements.

In order to encourage enrollment in small classes, students may change two grades, one during their second year and one during their third year, to "Pass." Such a change is permitted only under the following conditions:

- The grade to be changed is a C+ or higher.
- The grade is not from one of the required first-year classes and is not from a class that satisfies the Professional Responsibility graduation requirement.
- The total credits converted to a "Pass" over a student's law school enrollment may not exceed seven credits.

The opportunity to change a grade is subject to a deadline established by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (typically, within two weeks after all final grades have been released for a given semester). For purposes of this policy, the summer semester is considered part of the following academic year.