

## **SPRING 2020 TEMPORARY AMENDMENTS TO THE ACADEMIC REGULATIONS**

These temporary amendments to the Marquette University Law School Academic Regulations are effective for the Spring 2020 semester and for each subsequent semester during which any student remains enrolled at the Law School who was either a) enrolled at the Law School during the Spring 2020 semester or b) enrolled at another law school approved by the American Bar Association during the Spring 2020 semester. For the sake of clarity, these amendments apply only to students described in the preceding sentence and only to courses taken during the Spring 2020 semester. Strikethrough and underlining identifies temporary amendments. Other text is from the Academic Regulations and included for context. All other provisions of the Academic Regulations continue to apply.

### **ARTICLE 100      DEFINITIONS**

#### **SECTION 101      Definitions**

In the Academic Regulations, the following words and phrases have the designated meanings.

- (8) “Credits completed” means credits for which an A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, F, S, ~~or U, P, NP, or H~~ has been awarded.
- (9) “Credits earned” means credits for which an A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, ~~or S, P, or H~~ has been awarded.
- (23) “Quality points” means the number arrived at by multiplying the grade points assessed for each course (including a zero for courses in which the grade is an F) by the number of credits allocated to the course. No quality points are assessed for a course graded on an S/U basis or from which the student has withdrawn or been dropped or dismissed. No quality points are assessed for courses taken at schools other than the Law School or for courses taken during the Spring 2020 semester.

### **ARTICLE 200      DEGREE AND ACADEMIC CREDIT REQUIREMENTS**

#### **SECTION 201      Degree Requirements**

The degree requirements specified in Section 201 apply to all students, except as otherwise provided.

- (2) Achieve at least a C<sub>+</sub> ~~or S, P, or H~~ in at least 81 of the credits applied to the degree and a grade of at least D<sub>+</sub> ~~or CR, P, or H~~ in each required course.
- (7) A student must complete the following requirements with a D, CR, ~~or S, P, H,~~ or better:

- (a) Required Courses:  
Civil Procedure  
Constitutional Law  
Contracts  
Criminal Law  
Legal Writing & Research 1 and 2  
Property  
Torts Evidence  
Law & Ethics of Lawyering/The Law Governing Lawyers  
Trusts & Estates
- (b) Other Requirements:  
A perspectives course  
A process course  
A public law course  
An advanced legal research course  
A workshop  
A seminar
- (c) Students commencing the study of law on or after August 15, 2015 must complete a minimum of six credits in experiential courses. Students may satisfy this requirement by completing six or more credits in the following types of courses:
- Advanced Legal Research Courses  
Workshops  
Clinics  
Supervised Field Placements  
Judicial Internships – Appellate  
Judicial Internships – Trial – Federal Trial Courts Only

## **SECTION 202      Academic Credit**

- (1) No academic credit may be earned for performance graded as F, except as otherwise set forth in this section. An F is deemed to include a grade of NP, and failing a course is deemed to include receiving a grade of NP in the course.
- (a) If a student receives an F in any required course, the student must subsequently demonstrate passing performance in the course by retaking the course until the student demonstrates achievement at the level of a C or higher or, for courses retaken during the Spring 2020 semester, a P or H. A student who must repeat a course must meet the following conditions:
1. The repeated course must be taken at Marquette Law School.
  2. The repeated course must be identical to the original course in subject, catalog number, title, subtitle and credits

3. The course must be graded with the same grading basis as the original course unless the original course was taken on a Pass, No Pass, Honors basis. If the original was taken on a Pass, No Pass, Honors basis, it must be retaken on the basis of letter grades.
- (b) A student receiving an F in a course other than a required course as set out in 201(6)(a) shall not retake that course.
  - (c) If a student receives an F in a required course, the F remains the official grade and continues to be used in calculating the cumulative grade point average. If a student receives a NP in a required course, the NP will not be a factor in calculating the cumulative grade point average.
  - (d) A passing performance is recorded as a CR in the student's academic record for the semester in which the course is retaken, and academic credit for the course is earned. In the event a student retakes a course and does not earn a C, P, H, or better, the subsequent D or F will be recorded as an NC.

## **SECTION 203 Academic Credit for Courses Taken At Other Schools**

### **(1) Academic Credit for Regular Semesters or Intersessions at Other Law Schools**

A student may earn academic credit for courses taken during regular semesters or intersessions while visiting at a law school approved by the American Bar Association. Grades received in courses taken at another law school are not included in the computation of a student's cumulative grade point average at the Marquette University Law School. No more than eighteen (18) credits earned in these courses may be applied toward fulfillment of the requirements for the law degree. No credit will be awarded by the Law School unless the following conditions have been met:

- (d) After the visitorship is completed, the Law School must receive an official transcript from the law school at which the student visited in order for credits earned at that institution to be recognized by the Law School. Academic credit may be awarded at the Law School for courses in which the student received at least a C or its equivalent or, for courses taken during the Spring 2020 semester, a P, H, or its equivalent.

## **SECTION 204 Requirements for the Juris Doctor Degree with Honors**

J.D. degrees with honors shall be awarded as follows:

Top one percent of graduating class	Summa Cum Laude
Next five percent of graduating class	Magna Cum Laude

Remainder of top twenty percent of  
graduating class

Cum Laude

Students who graduate in May are awarded honors pursuant to the standards set forth above. Students who graduate in August or December are awarded honors on the basis of the prior May graduating class percentiles.

Special consideration for students who graduate in 2020: If a student graduating during 2020 falls below the cumulative grade point average cutoff line for any of these degree-honors designations but could otherwise have improved his or her cumulative GPA so as to rise above that line had the usual grading system remained in place during the Spring 2020 semester, for honors purposes the Law School will impute such a performance (i.e., a 4.0 GPA during the Spring 2020 semester) to that student.

## **SECTION 205      Class Rank**

The Law School calculates class rank after every regular semester for students who have completed 27 or more credits and who have completed the entire 1L curriculum. A student's initial class rank is exclusively based on the cumulative grade point average achieved in 1L courses. Thereafter, students who have completed between 27 and 55 credits inclusive are ranked as one group; students who have completed more than 55 credits are ranked in a second group. In May, all graduates are ranked as a single group.

After each regular semester, the Law School individually ranks students in the top 10% of each group. The Law School also calculates the cut-off averages for the top 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, 33%, 50% and 75% of each group.

Students who graduate in May are given final class rank information as described above. Students who graduate in August and December of that year are given final class rank information on the basis of the prior May graduating class percentiles.

The Law School will not rank or calculate percentiles for 1Ls at the end of the Spring 2020 semester.

## **SECTION 206      Grading System**

(4) For the Spring 2020 semester, the Law School's grading system for classes that would have been graded on the A to F scale is as follows:

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>Interpretation</u>
<u>P</u>	<u>Pass – work that would have received an award of academic credit under the Law School's grading</u>

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system described in 206(1)

- NP                      No Pass – work that would not have received academic credit under the Law School’s grading system described in 206(1) (i.e., an “F”)
- H                        Honors – temporary designation a faculty member may make for up to 35 percent of students in any class
- (a)    The grade of H is deemed to be an “honors grade.”
- (b)    None of these grades carry with them any grade point, so no student’s overall GPA will be affected by Spring 2020 semester performance.

**ARTICLE 300            ACADEMIC STANDING: DISMISSAL AND PROBATION**

**SECTION 304           Academic Probation**

- (5)    A full-time student who completes the second semester of law study in the Spring 2020 semester with a cumulative grade point average of 2.3 or below and receives one or more grades of NP during the Spring 2020 semester must seek academic counseling from the Assistant Dean of Students before the Fall 2020 semester begins and as otherwise required by the Assistant Dean of Students.
- (6)    A full-time student who completes the second semester of law study in the Spring 2020 semester with a cumulative grade point average below 1.900 and does not receive a grade of NP during the Spring 2020 semester is subject to 304(5) rather than 301(1).

**ARTICLE 400            ADVANCED STANDING [TRANSFER STUDENTS]**

**SECTION 402           Advanced Standing Credit**

- (1)    Advanced standing credit may be given for each course in which the student received at least a C or its equivalent or, for courses taken during the Spring 2020 semester, a P, H, or its equivalent.

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