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GRADING REGULATIONS

I. EXAMINATIONS.

1. Written examinations will be held at the end of each session, on the subjects completed during that session, at dates to be announced in a schedule to be prepared by the Secretary.

2. These examinations shall be known as regular examinations and shall be open only to students who have elected and pursued the respective courses during the current term, except in the following cases:

(a) A student who has been absent from an examination because of illness, or some other contingency beyond his control, may, upon written order of the Secretary, take any regular examination given in the course involved, during the following twelve months.

(b) A student who, after entering upon an examination, because of sudden and genuine illness fails to hand in his examination paper, may, upon written order of the Secretary, take any regular examination given in the course involved, during the following twelve months.

(c) A student who has been asked to withdraw because of poor scholarship may, upon written order of the Secretary, take any regular examinations given during the following two years in the course or courses in which he received less than a C grade, in accordance with the provisions of VI, *infra*

3. Any examination paper handed in shall be considered as final, and a reexamination shall not be permitted except as provided in Section VI, *infra*. Any student who shall fail to hand in an examination paper in any course which he has elected and pursued shall be marked "Incomplete"; unless such student shall have given satisfactory evidence which brings his case under Section I, 2, a or Section I, 2, b, *supra*, within three months from the date of the regular examination, the "Incomplete" shall be changed to an E in the records of this School.

## II. GRADES.

1. At all examinations the standing of students will be indicated by letters and honor points as follows:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Value in Honor Points Per Credit Hour</i>
A	Excellent	4
B	Good	3
C	Satisfactory	2
D	Unsatisfactory	1
E	Failure	0

Eligibility to continue in this School, and to graduate, as outlined in sections following, is determined by the student's *honor point average*. (An all-A record gives an honor point average of 4.0; if a student receives A grades in courses totalling one-half of the hours of credit pursued, and B grades in the remaining one-half, his honor point average is 3.5; if he receives B grades in all his courses his honor point average is 3.0; a C average gives an honor point average of 2.0; a D average gives an honor point average of 1.0; etc.)

2. As soon as possible after each examination period the Recorder shall report in writing to each student the grades earned. Members of the faculty will not announce grades.

## III. CREDIT HOURS.

1. A credit hour is the equivalent of one recitation hour per week for one semester, and one and one-half recitation hours per week for a summer session.

2. The credit hours from which shall be determined the eligibility of a student for a degree shall be computed as follows:

(a) In the case of subjects in which the grades A, B, C, or D have been received, the full equivalent in credit hours shall be allowed.

(b) In the case of subjects in which the grade E is received, no credit hours shall be allowed.

(c) For every 15 absences from recitations in one semester, one credit hour shall be deducted.

## IV. HONOR POINTS.

In determining eligibility either to continue in the School or to receive a degree, as hereinafter specified, only the honor points received in courses carried and completed in this School shall be used, but no deduction of honor points shall be made on account of absences.

#### V. ELIGIBILITY FOR A DEGREE.

1. *LL. B.* A student to be eligible for the degree of Bachelor of Laws must have been in residence in a law school for three full academic years (or their equivalent in regular sessions and summer sessions) of which at least two years were spent in this School. He must have earned at least 50 credit hours plus the full equivalent, in credit hours, of the work of the first year. He must have received a grade of D or higher in all required courses, and an average grade of C or higher in the courses which he offers in satisfaction of the requirements for the degree (i. e. 80 hours and 160 honor points, the honor points having been earned in the courses comprising the 80 hours of credit). No student shall be penalized, however, for having elected and pursued courses totalling more than the number of credit hours required for a degree.

2. *J. D.* A student, to become eligible for the degree of Juris Doctor, must have satisfied all of the requirements for the LL. B. degree, as set forth immediately above, and, in addition, must have earned an average grade of B or higher in the courses which he offers in satisfaction of the requirements for the degree (i. e. 80 credit hours and 240 honor points, the honor points having been earned in the courses comprising the 80 hours of credit.)

3. No student shall be eligible for a law degree until he shall have been awarded his academic degree.

#### VI. ELIGIBILITY TO CONTINUE IN SCHOOL.

1. *As regards members of the first year class.*

(a) To enter the second year class *in good standing* a student must have earned, on the work carried the first year, an honor average of 2.0 or more.

(b) If a student shall have earned, on work carried the first year, an honor point average of from 1.5 to 1.99 he shall be eligible to enter the second year class *on probation*.

(c) If a student shall have earned, on work carried the first year, an honor point average of from 1.0 to 1.49 he shall be *asked to withdraw*. Such a student shall be permitted to re-enter the School only under the following conditions: He shall (1) petition for readmission, (2) presenting evidence which would tend to justify the belief that success will follow his readmission. (3) He shall begin anew, (4) being allowed no credit whatever, either as to credit hours or residence requirements, for the work carried prior to his readmission. (5) He shall be admitted on probation, and, inasmuch as he

is repeating courses, (6) shall be required to earn, on the work carried during the year of readmission, an honor point average of 2.2. Failing in this last requirement he shall be asked to withdraw from the School.

(d) If a student shall have earned, on work carried the first year, an honor point average of from 0.0 to .99, he shall be *asked to withdraw*. Such a student shall be permitted to reenter this School only after the expiration of a period of at least a year, and then only upon the conditions mentioned in sub-section (c), immediately above.

2. *As regards members of the second year class.*

(a) A student who has earned, on the work of the second year, an honor point average of 2.0 or more, ~~or~~ who shall have earned, on the work of the first and second years, an honor point average of 2.0 or more, shall be eligible to enter the third year class *in good standing*.

(b) A student who has earned, on the work of the first year, an honor point average of 2.0 or more, but who shall have earned an honor point average, on work of the second year, of less than 2.0 shall be permitted to enter the third year class *on probation* provided his honor point average on work carried to date is ~~less~~ ~~from~~ 1.70. to 1.99.

(c) A student who has entered the second year class on probation and who earns an honor point average, on work of the second year, of more than 2.0, shall be permitted to enter the third year class (1) *in good standing*, if this honor point average, on work pursued to date, is 2.0 or more, and (2) *on probation*, if his honor point average, on work pursued to date, is from 1.70 to 1.99.

(d) A student who has entered the second year class on probation and who shall have failed to earn, on work of the second year, an honor point average of 2.0 or more, shall be *asked to withdraw*. Such a student shall be permitted to reenter this School only (1) by a special vote of the faculty after presentation of a petition which indicates that the failure was due to adverse conditions which have since changed, or (2) in the event that the student shall, within two years from the date of his first examinations, have taken the regular examinations in all courses in which he received grades of less than C, and shall have succeeded in raising his honor point average, on all work carried to date, to 2.0 or more. Students readmitted under either of the suggested alternatives shall be candidates

for a degree only after attendance during one academic year and one full summer session; they shall be readmitted on probation, and shall be required to earn an honor point average of 2.0 or more during the year following readmission. Failing in this last requirement, they shall be asked to withdraw.

(e) A student who has earned, on work carried during his first two years, an honor point average of less than 1.70 shall be *asked to withdraw*, and shall be permitted to reenter this School only under such circumstances, and upon such conditions, as are outlined in Section VI, 2, d, immediately above.

3. *As regards members of the third year class.*

A student who is not eligible for a degree at the completion of his third year of work shall be permitted to continue in the School only by a special vote of the faculty upon a petition duly presented.

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#### VII. *SUMMER SESSION STUDENTS.*

A student who enters this School at the beginning of a Summer Session shall be required to earn, on the work of that session, an honor point average of 2.0 or more in order to be eligible to enter the regular fall session *in good standing*. Should such a student earn an honor point average of from 1.5 to 1.99, he shall be permitted to enter the regular fall session *on probation* (in which case, to be eligible to continue in School after the first regular fall session, he shall be required to earn an honor point average of 2.0 or more on the work of the first full year's work). Should such a student earn an honor point average of less than 1.5, he shall not be permitted to enter the regular fall session except after petition duly presented to the faculty, and then only on the condition that he begin anew, with no credit whatever, either as to credit hours or residence requirements, for the work of the previous summer session. Such a student shall be admitted to the fall session on probation, and shall be required to earn an honor point average of 2.0 or more on the work of the first full year. Except as is otherwise provided heretofore, students who enter at the beginning of a summer session and continue in the regular fall session shall be regarded as first year students in determining their eligibility to remain in School. After two summer sessions and the intervening fall session they shall be regarded as members of the third year class.

#### VIII. *ELECTIONS.*

The curriculum is planned so that a regular first year student shall elect and pursue 15 hours each semester (i.e. the first year's

\*4. Any student whose general average at the end of any academic year or any summer session is C or better (2.0 or more) shall be in good standing in this School.

work totals 30 hours); a regular second year student shall elect and pursue a total of 26 hours (i.e. a minimum of 13 hours each semester) and may elect a total of 28 hours (i.e. a maximum of 14 hours each semester); a regular third year student shall elect and pursue a total of 24 hours (i.e. a minimum of 12 hours per semester) and may elect a total of 28 hours (i.e. a maximum of 14 hours each semester).

Any variation from the program outlined above is permitted only after faculty approval of a written petition presented by the student.

IX. The foregoing rules shall be effective from this date.

June 19, 1934.