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GRADE AND CREDIT INTERPRETATION (Alpha Grade Type)

Prior to September 1, 1949, all units were calculated on the quarter-hour basis.

Since September 1, 1949, credits have been calculated on the semester-hour basis.

In September, 1963, Pepperdine began the trimester plan, but all trimester units are calculated on the semester unit basis.

Prior to August 31, 1961, honor points were calculated on the 3-point system:

A = 3; B = 2; C = 1; D = 0.

After September 31, 1961, grade points were calculated as follows:

A = 4; B = 3; C = 2; D = 1; F = 0.

After August 31, 1987, grade points are calculated as follows:

A = 4.0; A- = 3.7; B+ = 3.3; B = 3.0; B- = 2.7; C+ = 2.3; C = 2.0; C- = 1.7; D+ = 1.3; D = 1.0

D- = 0.7; F = 0.

Courses taken for Credit/No Credit are included in the “Attempted” and “Earned” units but are excluded from the units used to calculate cumulative GPA.

GRADE INTERPRETATION for the Professional Degree in Law

For Students Beginning the Juris Doctor Degree Fall 2007 or later:

A+ = 4.33
A  = 4.00
A-  = 3.67
B+  = 3.33
B   = 3.00
B- = 2.67
C+ = 2.33
C = 1.67
C- = 1.33
D+ = 1.33
D = 1.00
F = 0.00
P = Numeric grade equivalent of 72 and above
CR = Numeric grade equivalent of 60-71

**Effective Fall 1994 through Summer 2007:**

A+ = 94-100
A = 90-93
A- = 87-89
B+ = 84-86
B = 80-83
B- = 77-79
C+ = 74-76
C = 70-73
C- = 67-69
D+ = 64-66
D = 60-63
F = 55-59
P = Numeric grade equivalent of 72 and above
CR = Numeric grade equivalent of 60-71

**Prior to Fall 1994:**

90-100 = A (with High Distinction)
80-89 = B (with Distinction)
70-79 = C (with Competence);
60-69 = D (with Marginal Competence)
50-59 = F (with Less than Marginal Competence)

Good Academic Standing for the Professional Degree in Law

A yearly average of 72 or above and a cumulative academic average of 72 or above at the end of each academic year is required in order to obtain good academic standing.

A student whose yearly average is below 72 or who has a cumulative average below 72 after any spring semester will be academically dismissed unless the faculty votes to continue the student on academic probation.

**Grade Medians for the Professional Degree in Law (Numeric Grade Type)**

**Effective Fall 1997:**
First Year Courses B
Upper Division Required Courses B+
Upper Division Electives B+

**Effective Fall 1994 through Summer 1997:**
First Year Courses 78
Upper Division Required Courses 80
Upper Division Elective Courses 80-83
Prior to Fall 1994:
First Year Courses 75
Upper Division Required Courses 76
Upper Division Elective Courses 77-79

DEFINITIONS

P  Pass
NC No Credit
CR Credit: Undergraduate = A, B or C; Graduate = A or B
WP Withdrawal Passing
WU Unofficial Withdrawal
WM Withdrawal Involuntary Military Service
AU Audit
R Repeat, No Credit
I Incomplete
IP In Progress
NR Not reported
NG No Grade

( ) / * Credit not counted towards degree and/or grade points not calculated in grade point average. Grades of R, CR, W, WP, WU, WM, IP, I, P, NR, & NC are NOT CALCULATED in the grade point average. Academic Bankruptcy – This notation indicates no credits or grade points were calculated for up to a maximum of two consecutive terms as designated. Policy discontinued beginning Fall, 1988.

For Seaver Undergraduate Degree convocation grades are not calculated in total earned units but are calculated in term and cumulative grade point average.

COURSE NUMBERS

Prior to August 31, 1968, course numbers were defined as follows:

000-099 Lower Division Courses
100-199 Upper Division Courses (With special permission, some undergraduate courses may be counted for graduate credit.)
200-299 Graduate Courses (With special permission, some graduate courses may be counted for undergraduate credit.)
500-799 or “X” Extension Courses

After September 1, 1968, course numbers were defined as follows:

000-099 Remedial Courses
100-299 Lower Division
300-499 Upper Division
500-599 Advanced Upper-Division Credit for undergraduate students.
Graduate Credit for students holding a baccalaureate degree.
600-699 Resident Graduate Credit
700-799 Graduate Credit, Doctoral Level
800-899 Continuing Education

CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (formerly known as Continuing Education)

1100-1299 Lower Division Extension Credit
1300-1499 Upper Division Extension Credit but not graduate extension credit
Upper Division and Graduate Extension Credit Courses with credential value where designated for students who are eligible to pursue Fisher and pre-Fisher credentials.

Graduate Extension Credit Courses with credential value where designated for students who are eligible to pursue Fisher and pre-Fisher credentials.

UNIT OF CREDIT

Pepperdine University operates regular campus programs on the trimester and semester plans. Each class meets 50 minutes per week for 15-16 weeks or an equivalent of one semester unit. The Center for Professional Development (formerly the School of Continuing Education) offered extension courses on the semester plan until September 1, 1979. Each extension unit of credit was earned by attending class 50 minutes for eighteen weeks or an equivalent thereof. Extension courses are designated on the transcripts.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate students must complete a minimum of 128 units with a 2.0 or better grade point average.

Graduate students must complete the respective degree programs at B or better (3.0) grade point average.

Juris Doctor students beginning the degree Fall 2007 or later must complete a minimum of 88 academic units with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00. Prior to Spring 2010, a minimum of 88 academic units with a 72 academic average is required.

Master of Dispute Resolution students beginning the degree Fall 2009 or later must complete a minimum of 32 units with a 2.67 (B-) academic average. Prior to Spring 2010, a minimum of 32 academic units with a 77 academic average is required.

Master of Laws students beginning the degree Fall 2009 or later must complete a minimum of 28 units with a 2.67 (B-) academic average. Prior to Spring 2010, a minimum of 28 academic units with a 77 academic average is required.

HONORS

Effective Fall 2005 for Seaver College: Undergraduate students who achieve a GPA of 3.50 in their entire Pepperdine undergraduate career are graduated *cum laude*; those with a 3.70 GPA are graduated *magna cum laude*; and those with a 3.90 GPA are graduated *summa cum laude*.

Effective Fall, 1979 for Seaver College and Fall, 1981 for the Graziadio School of Business and Management: Undergraduate students who achieve a scholastic level of 3.5 in their (1) entire undergraduate career (2) their work in residence, and (3) their major, are graduated *cum laude*; 3.7 average and above in each category are graduated *magna cum laude*; 3.9 and above in each category are graduated *summa cum laude*.

Other honors are also designated, such as “Honors in Biology” for specific distinctions achieved by students.

For Juris Doctor and Master in Dispute Resolution students:

Beginning with Class of 1996

*summa cum laude* Top 2% of graduating class
*magna cum laude* Next 5% of graduating class
*cum laude* Next 18% of graduating class
Prior to the Class of 1996

summa cum laude  Cumulative average of 87.5 & above
magna cum laude  Cumulative average of 85 & above
cum laude        Cumulative average of 81.5 & above

A semester average in the top 15% of the class is qualification for the Dean’s Honor List. Enrollment in a minimum of 9 graded units is required.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

Reg   Registrar
Inst  Instructor
Cred Comm  Credits Committee
GAC   Graduate Academic Council

TERM HEADERS

Term I = Fall    Term II = Winter / Spring*    Term III = Spring / Summer*

*Seasonal designation for Terms II and III vary according to schools.