



Spring 2020 Grading Policy Changes

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This is an update to the Spring 2020 Grading Policy Changes (“Policy Update”). It addresses questions about how the mandatory Credit/No Credit grading policy for Spring 2020 will impact policies governing ranking, honors, scholarship renewal, and academic standing. [Updates to the prior policy appear in blue font.](#)

If you have general questions about the policies announced below, please contact Associate Dean Clark at Brietta.Clark@lls.edu. If you have more specific questions about what the policies mean for your individualized course planning, eligibility for honors, or academic standing, please contact Student Affairs at StudentAffairs@lls.edu or 213-736-8151 for individualized advisement.

WHAT COURSES ARE SUBJECT TO THE MANDATORY CREDIT/NO CREDIT GRADING FOR SPRING 2020?

This change in grading system only applies to courses that were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic (“Disrupted Courses”) as of March 16, 2020. Courses were disrupted unless students submitted all graded coursework by March 16, the date the law school moved all courses online. By March 16, state and local public health agencies also had begun to escalate limits on group gatherings, culminating in Governor Gavin Newsom’s March 19 [Stay-at-Home order](#).

Most Spring 2020 courses fall under this category; all courses with an exam scheduled during the final exam period are considered Disrupted Courses. This grading change applies to all degree programs at Loyola Law School.

WHAT COURSES WILL BE GRADED UNDER NORMAL GRADING RULES?

Courses for which all of the graded coursework was submitted prior to March 16 will be graded under the normal grading system set forth in the Student Handbook. Courses subject to the normal grading system are as follows:

- Legal Research & Writing (all sections)
- Federal Income Taxation – Spring Term A (Professor Pratt)

- Partnership Taxation I – Spring Term A (Professor Seto)
- [Immigrant Justice Clinic Seminar](#)
- Law Review [and Directed](#) Research Paper courses (where the final paper was submitted to the professor prior to March 16)

SO MANY RULES TURN ON THE YEAR-END GRADE POINT AVERAGE (“GPA”). HOW WILL CREDIT/NO CREDIT GRADES AFFECT THINGS LIKE CALCULATING GPA, RANKING, SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL, AND ACADEMIC STANDING?

1) *Cumulative GPA*

Cumulative GPA is calculated based on letter grades only, and courses graded under the mandatory Credit/No Credit system are not counted in the Cumulative GPA.

For first-year students, this means the Cumulative GPA is based on the final Fall 2019 grade(s) and the grade in students’ non-disrupted year-long Legal Research & Writing course.

For upper-division students, the Cumulative GPA is based on all final grades for all semesters through Fall 2019 and grades in non-disrupted year-long/Spring 2020 courses.

2) *Midterm Grades in Disrupted Courses*

In the case of year-long or Spring 2020 courses for which students have received only a midterm grade by March 16, these midterm grades will not appear on the official transcript and will not be counted in the Cumulative GPA. Students remain free, as always, to note midterm grades on their resumes and to request a grade progress report from the Office of the Registrar confirming this unofficial midterm grade.

3) *Ranking*

First-year students will not be ranked at the end of this academic year.

Upper-division students, [including transfer students](#), will be ranked, but Disrupted Courses subject to the mandatory Credit/No Credit system will not be counted in that ranking.

[All students will be provided a mid-year ranking based on Cumulative GPA through the Fall 2020 semester, in addition to the end-of-year ranking based on Cumulative GPA through the Spring 2021 semester, subject to the caveat that Disrupted Courses subject to the mandatory Credit/No Credit system will not be counted in that ranking.](#)

4) *Academic Disqualification*

Under the normal grading system, academic disqualification is determined based on year-end, Cumulative GPA (Student Handbook, Section 4.4). Because the change to a mandatory Credit/No Credit grading system impacts a student’s ability to improve their

year-end, Cumulative GPA, we will delay any determination of disqualification until the end of the Fall 2020 semester.

In the original Spring 2020 Grading Policy Changes document, we announced that students who would have been academically disqualified based on the Cumulative GPA as of the end of the 2019-2020 Academic Year under the normal grading system would be subject to academic probation policies in Section 4.7 of the Student Handbook. Because academic probation would prohibit students from participating in field placements, clinics, specialized moot court programs and trial advocacy competitions, the Entertainment Law or other practicum programs, and Concentration programs, we have decided to relax this restriction and replace it with the following requirements.

For students who would have been academically disqualified based on the Cumulative GPA as of the end of the 2019-2020 Academic Year in non-Disrupted Courses, we will defer determination of academic disqualification until the end of the Fall 2020 semester subject to all of the following requirements:

1. Selection of all courses to be taken in Fall 2020 must be reviewed by the Dean of Students and the Director of the Academic Success Program, in advance of Fall registration;

and

2. Students must take a minimum number of units of Bar Courses as explained below. For purposes of this Policy Update, the term “Bar Courses” refers to the courses listed as “Courses Related to Subjects Tested on the California Bar” on the Registrar’s website at <https://www.lls.edu/academics/officeoftheregistrar/registrationcourseinformation/barcourses/>.

(a) By the end of Fall 2020, Day students in their second year in Fall 2020 must take

- i. *either* Evidence or Constitutional Law,

and

- ii. *at least 4 additional units of Bar Courses*, not including Ethical Lawyering.¹

¹ Although Ethical Lawyering does not satisfy the requirement of 4 additional units of Bar courses, students are not precluded from taking Ethical Lawyering during Summer 2020 or Fall 2020. Please note, however, that if a student

(b) By the end of Fall 2020, Evening students in their second year in Fall 2020 must take

i. Criminal Law²

and

ii. *either*

1. *at least 2 additional units of Bar Courses, not including Ethical Lawyering*³

or

2. Law and Process: Privacy Torts

(c) By the end of Fall 2020, Evening students in their third year in Fall 2020 must take *4 units of Bar courses*.

and

3. The academic disqualification provisions set forth in Section 4.4 of the Student Handbook will apply, except that academic disqualification will be determined based on the student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA through the Fall 2020 semester ("Adjusted Cumulative GPA") as follows:

(a) For Day and Evening students in their second year in the Fall 2020 semester:

i. A student will be academically disqualified if the student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA falls below 2.23.

ii. For purposes of determining academic disqualification, a student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA will be based on all courses taken through the Fall 2020 semester, except that grades for Directed

does take Ethical Lawyering, the student must still take (a) Evidence or Constitutional Law and (b) 4 additional units of Bar courses by the end of Fall 2020.

² Second year Evening students must also be enrolled in a year-long Property course, which is required for all second year Evening students. Because the final grade for Property will not be determined until spring 2021, this course will not be counted toward the Fall 2020 Adjusted Cumulative GPA.

³ Students in their second year evening cannot enroll in Ethical Lawyering unless they successfully petition OTR. Please note, however, that if a student does take Ethical Lawyering during Summer 2020 or Fall 2020, the student must still take (a) Criminal Law and Property, and (b) 2 additional units of Bar courses by the end of Fall 2020.

Research Courses will not be counted in calculating the Adjusted Cumulative GPA.⁴

(b) For Day and Evening students in their third, fourth, or fifth year in the Fall 2020 semester:

- i. A student will be academically disqualified if the student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA falls below 2.33;
- ii. For purposes of determining academic disqualification, a student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA will be based on all courses taken through the Fall 2020 semester.

5) Academic Probation

Under the normal grading system, academic probation is determined based on year-end, Cumulative GPA at the end of the first year (Student Handbook, Section 4.3). In light of the move to a mandatory Credit/No Credit grading system for Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses, we are revising this policy.

For students who would have been subject to academic probation requirements based on the Cumulative GPA as of the end of the 2019-2020 Academic Year in non-Disrupted Courses, we will defer determination of academic probation until the end of the Fall 2020 semester subject to all of the following requirements:

1. Selection of all courses to be taken in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 must be reviewed by the Dean of Students and the Director of the Academic Success Program, in advance of Fall and Spring registration, respectively;

and

2. Students must take a minimum number of units of Bar Courses as follows:

(a) By the end of Fall 2020, Day students in their second year in Fall 2020 must take

- i. either Evidence or Constitutional Law,

and

⁴ The Directed Research grade will count toward a student's regular Cumulative GPA, which appears on the student's transcript and is used for purposes of ranking and honors eligibility.

- ii. *at least 4 additional units of Bar Courses, not including Ethical Lawyering.*⁵

(b) By the end of Fall 2020, Evening students in their second year in Fall 2020 must take

- i. Criminal Law,⁶

and

- ii. *either*

- 1. *at least 2 additional units of Bar Courses, not including Ethical Lawyering*⁷

or

- 2. Law and Process: Privacy Torts

and

- 3. For Day and Evening students in their second year in the Fall 2020 semester, academic probation will be determined based on the student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA through the Fall 2020 semester ("Adjusted Cumulative GPA") as follows:

- (a) A student will be subject to academic probation if the student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA falls below 2.33.

- (b) For purposes of determining whether a student is subject to academic probation, a student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA will be based on all courses taken through the Fall 2020 semester, except that grades for

⁵ Although Ethical Lawyering does not satisfy the requirement of 4 additional units of Bar courses, students are not precluded from taking Ethical Lawyering during Summer 2020 or Fall 2020. Please note, however, that if a student does take Ethical Lawyering, the student must still take (a) Evidence or Constitutional Law and (b) 4 additional units of Bar courses by the end of Fall 2020.

⁶ Second year Evening students must also be enrolled in a year-long Property course, which is required for all second year Evening students. Because the final grade for Property will not be determined until spring 2021, this course will not be counted toward the Fall 2020 Adjusted Cumulative GPA.

⁷ Students in their second year evening cannot enroll in Ethical Lawyering unless they successfully petition OTR. Please note, however, that if a student does take Ethical Lawyering during Summer 2020 or Fall 2020, the student must still take (a) Criminal Law and Property, and (b) 2 additional units of Bar courses by the end of Fall 2020.

Directed Research Courses will not be counted in calculating the Adjusted Cumulative GPA.⁸

6) Academic Success Program

Under the normal grading system, the Academic Success Program specifies certain requirements for first year day students and first year and second year evening students, based on mid-semester and year-end, Cumulative GPA (Student Handbook, Section 3.13). In light of the move to a mandatory Credit/No Credit grading system for Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses, we are revising this policy.

For first year Day students who would have been subject to Academic Success Program requirements based on the Cumulative GPA as of the end of the 2019-2020 Academic Year in non-Disrupted Courses, we will defer determination of whether to apply academic success requirements until the end of the Fall 2020 semester subject to all of the following requirements:

1. By the end of Fall 2020, Day students in their second year in Fall 2020 must have taken

(a) *either* Evidence or Constitutional Law,

and

(b) *at least 4 additional units of Bar Courses*, not including Ethical Lawyering.⁹

and

2. Whether a student will be subject to Academic Success Program requirements will be determined based on the student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA through the Fall 2020 semester ("Adjusted Cumulative GPA") as follows:

(a) A day student whose Adjusted Cumulative GPA is 2.85 or lower at the end of the Fall 2020 semester of the second year will be subject to the Academic Success Program requirements set forth in Section 3.13 of the Student Handbook.

⁸ The Directed Research grade will count toward a student's regular Cumulative GPA, which appears on the student's transcript and is used for purposes of ranking and honors eligibility.

⁹ Although Ethical Lawyering does not satisfy the requirement of 4 additional units of Bar courses, students are not precluded from taking Ethical Lawyering during Summer 2020 or Fall 2020. Please note, however, that if a student does take Ethical Lawyering, the student must still take (a) Evidence or Constitutional Law and (b) 4 additional units of Bar courses by the end of Fall 2020.

- (b) For purposes of determining whether a student is subject to Academic Success Program requirements, a student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA will be based on all courses taken through the Fall 2020 semester, except that grades for Directed Research Courses will not be counted in calculating the Adjusted Cumulative GPA.¹⁰

First year Evening students who would have been required to take Law and Process in Fall 2020 of their second year, based on the Cumulative GPA as of the end of the 2019-2020 Academic Year in non-Disrupted Courses, will not be required to enroll in this course in Fall 2020, **but such students will be eligible to take the course**. For Evening students, the determination of whether to apply Academic Success Program requirements normally would occur at the end of the Fall semester of second year, but due to the mandatory Credit/No Credit policy applied this spring, this determination will be deferred to end of the 2020-2021 academic year for second-year students, subject to all of the following requirements:

1. By the end of the 2020-2021 academic year, the student must have taken

(a) Criminal Law, Property, and Constitutional Law,

and

(b) *either*

- i. *at least 4 additional units of Bar Courses*, not including Ethical Lawyering¹¹

or

- ii. Law and Process: Privacy Torts and *at least one additional Bar Course*, not including Ethical Lawyering,¹²

and

¹⁰ The Directed Research grade will count toward a student's regular Cumulative GPA, which appears on the student's transcript and is used for purposes of ranking and honors eligibility.

¹¹ Students in their second year evening cannot enroll in Ethical Lawyering unless they successfully petition OTR. Please note, however, that if a student does take Ethical Lawyering during Summer 2020 or during the 2020-2021 academic year, the student must still take (a) Criminal Law, Property, and Constitutional Law, and (b) 4 additional units of Bar courses by the end of Spring 2021.

¹² Although Ethical Lawyering does not satisfy the requirement of at least one additional Bar course, students are not precluded from taking Ethical Lawyering during Summer 2020 or during the 2020-2021 academic year. Please note, however, that if a student does take Ethical Lawyering, the student must still take (a) Criminal Law, Property, and Constitutional Law, (b) Law and Process: Privacy Torts, and (c) an additional Bar course by the end of Spring 2021.

2. Whether a student will be subject to Academic Success Program requirements will be determined based on the student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA through the Spring 2021 semester ("Adjusted Cumulative GPA") as follows:

(a) A second year evening student whose Adjusted Cumulative GPA is 2.85 or lower at the end of the Spring 2021 semester of the second year will be subject to the Academic Success Program requirements set forth in Section 3.13 of the Student Handbook.

(b) For purposes of determining whether a student is subject to academic success program requirements, a student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA will be based on all courses taken through the Spring 2021 semester, except that grades for Directed Research Courses will not be counted in calculating the Adjusted Cumulative GPA.¹³

7) Scholarship Renewal

First-year students must achieve a minimum Cumulative GPA specified in their scholarship offer letter in required first-year courses to maintain the scholarship. However, this year, students will not lose their scholarship based on a Cumulative GPA after Spring 2020 that falls below the minimum. We will delay any decisions on scholarship non-renewal until after the Fall 2020 semester, when scholarship renewal will be based upon an equivalent measure factoring in select second-year courses.

Scholarship renewal for Day and Evening students in their second year in Fall 2020 will be determined according to all of the following criteria:

1. Students must take a minimum number of units of Bar Courses as follows:

(a) By the end of Fall 2020, second year Day students must take

i. *either* Evidence or Constitutional Law,

and

ii. *at least 4 additional units of* Bar Courses, not including Ethical Lawyering.¹⁴

¹³ The Directed Research grade will count toward a student's regular Cumulative GPA, which appears on the student's transcript and is used for purposes of ranking and honors eligibility.

¹⁴ Although Ethical Lawyering does not satisfy the requirement of 4 additional units of Bar courses, students are not precluded from taking Ethical Lawyering during Summer 2020 or Fall 2020. Please note, however, that if a student does take Ethical Lawyering, the student must still take (a) Evidence or Constitutional Law and (b) 4 additional units of Bar courses by the end of Fall 2020.

- (b) By the end of Fall 2020, second year Evening students must take
- i. Criminal Law,¹⁵
 - and
 - ii. *at least 2 additional units of Bar Courses*, not including Ethical Lawyering¹⁶
2. Scholarship renewal will be determined based on the student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA through the Fall 2020 semester ("Adjusted Cumulative GPA") as follows:
- (a) A student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA must meet the scholarship renewal GPA requirements set forth in the student's scholarship award letter.
 - (b) For purposes of scholarship renewal, a student's Adjusted Cumulative GPA will be based on all courses taken through the Fall 2020 semester, except that grades for Directed Research Courses will not be counted in calculating the Adjusted Cumulative GPA.¹⁷

Upper-division students whose Cumulative GPA falls below the minimum required GPA for scholarship renewal will not lose their scholarship at the end of the Spring 2020 semester; we will delay any decision on scholarship non-renewal until after the Fall 2020 semester. For Day and Evening students who will be in their third, fourth or fifth year in Fall 2020, scholarship renewal will depend on the student's Cumulative GPA through the Fall 2020 semester. The student's Cumulative GPA must meet the scholarship renewal GPA requirements set forth in the scholarship award letter.

¹⁵ Second year Evening students must also be enrolled in a year-long Property course, which is required for all second year Evening students. Because the final grade for Property will not be determined until spring 2021, this course will not be counted toward the Fall 2020 Adjusted Cumulative GPA.

¹⁶ Students in their second year evening cannot enroll in Ethical Lawyering unless they successfully petition OTR. Please note, however, that if a student does take Ethical Lawyering during Summer 2020 or Fall 2020, the student must still take (a) Criminal Law and Property, and (b) 2 additional units of Bar courses by the end of Fall 2020. For students who are eligible to take Law and Process: Privacy Torts pursuant to the sections on Academic Disqualification, Academic Probation, and Academic Success Program requirements in this Policy Update, the Law and Process: Privacy Torts course can be substituted for the requirement to take at least 2 additional units of Bar Courses.

¹⁷ The Directed Research grade will count toward a student's regular Cumulative GPA, which appears on the student's transcript and is used for purposes of ranking and honors eligibility.

8) Qualification for the Law Review

In light of the change in the grading system for Disrupted Courses, updated guidelines have been established for the Spring 2020 law review write-on competition. Selection of staff members (Section 9.8.2.2 of the Student Handbook) will be based *solely* on the ranking of students in the writing competition, which is comprised of a student's submission score and grade in Legal Research and Writing. Students' Cumulative GPA will not be considered. A notice will be sent to eligible students when the guidelines are available; they will also be posted at <https://www.lls.edu/academics/lawreviews/lawreviewswrite-oncompetition/>.

WHAT ABOUT THE CURVE? HOW WILL THE CREDIT OR NO CREDIT GRADES BE DECIDED?

Students will be awarded a grade of Credit based on work in the course that would be the equivalent of a passing grade under the grading rules of the applicable degree program. (For example, in the JD Program, a passing grade indicates that the student would have earned at least a C had the course been subject to the letter grades. Student Handbook, Section 5.5). Even under a mandatory Credit/No Credit grading system, the law school is committed to continuity of learning and the achievement of course-level outcomes, and we trust that students are equally committed. Policies requiring attendance and participation remain in effect. In addition, a grade of Credit or No Credit will be based on students' performance on required course assessments, including the final exam where applicable.

No grading curve will be applied to require a certain number of students to receive No Credit grades; it is possible for all students in a course to receive a grade of "Credit."

If a student receives a grade of No Credit in a required course, the student will have to retake the course pursuant to Section 1.1.3 of the Student Handbook. As noted above, however, the grade of No Credit will not be counted in calculating GPA.

HOW WILL I GET FEEDBACK ON MY PERFORMANCE IN DISRUPTED COURSES SUBJECT TO THE MANDATORY CREDIT/NO CREDIT?

Even with the move to a Credit/No Credit grading system for Disrupted Courses, faculty remain committed to giving you qualitative feedback on your course/exam performance. Qualitative feedback can come in many forms, including any of or some combination of the following: comments on exam answers/papers; a grading rubric that identifies how a student performed (for example, what issues were identified/missing, analyzed well, etc.) and where a student's performance was stronger/weaker; a grading memo (often with a sample answer) that students can use to self-assess; and individual meetings with the professor where students can go over their exam/paper performance. Individual professors will determine the appropriate form of feedback for each course, so you should reach out directly to your professors to find out how they plan to provide feedback.

WILL IT BE CLEAR ON MY TRANSCRIPT WHY I AM RECEIVING CREDIT/NO CREDIT GRADES THIS SEMESTER?

Yes. All transcripts will have a prominent notation making clear that the law school implemented a temporary, mandatory Credit/No Credit system for Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the growing trend of law schools moving to some sort of Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit system, this will be familiar to employers.

WILL CREDIT/NO CREDIT UNITS COUNT TOWARDS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PASS/FAIL UNITS WE ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE?

No. Loyola requires a minimum number of graded units for graduation, which effectively limits the number of non-graded units students can take. But this semester, Disrupted Courses that were originally designated to receive a letter grade will be deemed “letter-graded units” for purposes of satisfying the minimum graded units for graduation. (Student Handbook, Section 3.4.) This also applies for the rule governing Pass/Fail units for transfer students. (Section 3.4.5).

Courses that were originally designed to be graded Pass/Fail, such as clinic courses, field placements, and law review staff/editor work, are subject to the normal rules governing Pass/Fail units.

I AM PLANNING TO COMPLETE THE UPPER DIVISION WRITING REQUIREMENT THIS SEMESTER. DOES THE MANDATORY CREDIT/NO CREDIT GRADING IMPACT MY ABILITY TO DO SO?

No. As long as students fulfill all of the requirements set out in the Student Handbook (Section 1.1.3.2) and receive a grade of Credit in the course, this requirement will be satisfied.

HOW WILL THE CREDIT/NO CREDIT GRADING SYSTEM AFFECT STUDENT HONORS, SUCH AS ORDER OF THE COIF, SAYRE MACNEIL, ST. THOMAS MORE, AND OTHER AWARDS?

JD STUDENTS

[Graduation with Honors](#) (Section 1.3 of the Student Handbook)

The usual eligibility rules for Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude honors will apply, with the caveat that Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses subject to mandatory Credit/No Credit grading will not be factored into the final Cumulative GPA.

The usual eligibility rules for Order of the Coif will apply, with the caveats that (i) Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses subject to mandatory Credit/No Credit grading will not be factored into the final Cumulative GPA and (ii) Order of the Coif is suspending its requirement of 75% graded units for the current graduating class in recognition of law schools’ adapted grading systems in response to COVID-19. Order of the Coif has said

that it will also evaluate the requirement for future graduating classes who are affected by COVID-19.

Dean's Honor List (Section 5.13 of the Student Handbook)

First year students will not be eligible for the Dean's Honors List at the end of the 2019-2020 academic year.

For upper division students, the usual eligibility rules will apply, subject to the caveat that Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses subject to mandatory Credit/No Credit grading will not be factored into the relevant Cumulative GPA calculation. Disrupted Courses can count toward the requirements that Day students must have successfully completed a minimum of 24 units during the Fall and Spring semesters and that Evening students must have successfully completed 16 units during the Fall and Spring semesters, provided that the student received Credit for the Disrupted Courses to be counted.

Sayre Macneil Scholars Program (Section 5.14)

For first year students, determination for the initial designation as a Sayre Macneil Scholar will be deferred until the end of the Fall 2020 semester when students will be ranked, subject to the caveat that Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses subject to mandatory Credit/No Credit grading will not be factored into the relevant Cumulative GPA calculation and ranking.

For upper division students, the usual eligibility rules will apply, subject to the caveat that Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses subject to mandatory Credit/No Credit grading will not be factored into the relevant Cumulative GPA calculation and ranking.

Alpha Sigma Nu (Section 5.15)

The usual eligibility rules will apply, subject to the caveat that Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses subject to mandatory Credit/No Credit grading will not be factored into the relevant Cumulative GPA calculation.

First Honors in Courses (Section 5.16 of the Student Handbook)

The move to Credit/No Credit grading for Spring 2020 means that students are not being graded under the usual normalization system that is comparative and makes fine distinctions between students' performances on the final assessments. For this reason, there is no basis for the OTR to award First Honors in Disrupted Spring Courses.

LLM (MASTER OF LAWS) STUDENTS

Graduation with Honors (Section 1.2 of the Student Handbook)

The usual eligibility rules for honors, high honors, and highest honors will apply, with the caveat that Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses subject to mandatory Credit/No Credit grading will not be factored into the final Cumulative GPA.

LLM TAX STUDENTS

Graduation with Distinction (Section 1.3 of the Student Handbook)

The usual eligibility rules for distinction, high distinction, and highest distinction will apply, with the caveat that Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses subject to mandatory Credit/No Credit grading will not be factored into the final Cumulative GPA.

Graduation with Honors (Section 1.2 of the Student Handbook)

In addition to distinction, any student with a weighted cumulative grade point average of 4.00 or higher at graduation and has satisfactorily completed a substantial scholarly paper as part of their work in Honors Tax Research will graduate with Honors.

MLS STUDENTS

Graduation with Distinction (Section 1.2 of the Student Handbook)

The usual eligibility rules for distinction, high distinction, and highest distinction will apply, with the caveat that Spring 2020 Disrupted Courses subject to mandatory Credit/No Credit grading will not be factored into the final Cumulative GPA.