

Academic Standing (including Honours/Distinction Standing) for Students who Entered the JD Program before September, 2012.

Academic Standing

To be granted standing in any year, a student must obtain at least 50% in each subject and a weighted average of at least 60%. A student who has a mark of less than 50% but not less than 40% in one subject and a weighted average of 62% shall be considered to have passed the year. Students in this situation may, at the discretion of the Faculty, have his or her mark raised or be required to pass a supplemental examination in order to pass the year. A student who has no mark less than 50% but a weighted average of less than 60% will normally be deemed to have failed the year but may, at the discretion of the Faculty, be required to write up to three supplemental examinations in order to raise his or her average to 60%.

Honours/Distinction Standing Requirements

Students who entered the first year of the JD program before September 2012 may be eligible for Honours standing.

Pre-2012 Requirements

Students who receive an A (Honours) standing will have this noted on their transcript.

In the upper years of the program, individual courses are graded on a letter grading scale, credit/no credit, or Honours/Pass/Fail according to the Faculty of Law Grading Policy and Scale as set out under *Grading Policy*. The Faculty of Law awards only a standing of A (Honours). This standing is determined on the basis of the student's weighted average in each year of the academic program, and only for law courses.

Only courses which are graded on the letter scale are included in the weighted average, although all courses must be successfully completed in order for a student to be eligible to proceed in the program. In order to be eligible to receive a letter standing of A (Honours) in any year, the following rules apply:

3 year J.D. program or Half-Time Program

Students in the 3 year J.D. program or in the Half-Time Program must complete a minimum of 22 *graded* credits in each program year.

One term exchange program

Students participating in a one term exchange program (including the Clinical Legal Education: Downtown Legal Services (DLS) Intensive Term, or studying for a term on a letter of permission in another law program), must complete a minimum of 14 *graded* credits during the term which is spent at the Faculty of Law.

Combined programs

Students in combined programs must complete a minimum of 22 *graded* credits at the Faculty of Law in each program year or complete a minimum of 13 *graded* credits in one term of that year. **This means that students in Combined Programs who also participate in an exchange program may not be eligible for Honours standing in the year that they are on exchange.**

Note: Students who achieve honours standing in a minimum of two years while studying at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law will graduate with honours. In order to be eligible for honours standing, students are required to meet the criteria set out under 'Honours Standing Requirements'.