

Recently Adopted COVID-19 Grading Policies
UC Irvine School of Law

At its August 25, 2020 meeting, the faculty of the UC Irvine School of Law adopted the following temporary grading policies:

I. Dropping Upper-Level or LL.M. Courses

Rule II(C)(2) of the J.D. Academic Rules and Article III(D)(2) of the LL.M. Academic Rules currently provide as follows:

After the second full week of the standard term semester has passed, a standard term course may be dropped only between the third and end of the sixth full week of class. The request must be approved in writing by the course instructor and approved in writing by the Assistant Dean for Student Services. Students who drop a standard term course between the third and sixth full week of the semester will be assessed a fee.

On the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Fall 2020 Grading Policy, the faculty adopted the following policy:

For the fall 2020 semester, the requirement that a request to drop a course after the second full week of the standard term has passed must be approved in writing by the course instructor is waived. The requirement of approval in writing by the Assistant Dean for Student Services remains in effect.

II. Credit/No-Credit for J.D. Students

Rule VII(I)(1) of the J.D. Academic Rules current provides as follows:

Second- and third-year students may take up to 8 self-selected units of Law School upper-level courses on a Credit/No-Credit (i.e., satisfactory [S]/unsatisfactory [U]) basis. Students must register to take a course Credit/No-Credit by the end of the second week of classes in a semester. Changes after that may be approved in writing for good cause by the Assistant Dean for Student Services.

On the motion of a faculty member and the second of another faculty member, the faculty voted to adopt the following policy:

For the fall 2020 semester, second- and third-year students may take up to an additional 4 self-selected units of Law School upper-level courses on a Credit/No-Credit (i.e., satisfactory [S]/unsatisfactory [U]) basis in any course with an enrollment exceeding 24 students. In courses with 24 or less students, instructors shall have discretion to opt in or opt out of this policy. Students must register for this option by the end of the fourth week of classes.

III. Grade Distribution for First-Year J.D. Courses

Rule VII(D) of the J.D. Academic Rules currently provides as follows:

Grades in all first year courses, including Lawyering Skills, shall have a required median of B+ (3.3) and shall be subject to the following required distribution:

Legal Research Practicum shall be offered on a Credit/No Credit basis.

A+	As described in Paragraph VII.E
A	19%-23%
A-	19%-23%
B+	19%-23%
B	19%-23%
B- or below	14%-18%

On the motion of a faculty member and the second of another faculty member, the faculty voted to adopt the following policy:

For the fall 2020 semester and the spring 2021 semester, the required distribution for first year J.D. courses, including Lawyering Skills, is adjusted as follows:

A+	As described in Paragraph VII.E
A	19%-23%
A-	19%-23%
B+	19%-23%
B or below	33%-41%

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