

A. ACADEMIC STANDARDS

1. The Grades Policy in the student handbook includes the first year grade distribution.

2. Good Standing, Academic Concern, Academic Probation, Academic Disqualification, and Petitions for Readmission – Students Matriculating Fall 2025 or later

a. Good Standing. A student is in good standing and eligible to receive a Juris Doctor Degree from the School of Law if the student maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.

b. Academic Concern.

i. Class Rank: All Law Students. Any student whose cumulative GPA puts them in the fourth quartile of the class will receive a letter of academic concern from the Law School Dean of Students (“Dean of Students”) or their designee.

ii. Semester GPA or Failing Grade: All Students. Any student whose semester GPA is below a 2.5 or who receives a grade of D or below in any course will receive a letter of academic concern from the Dean of Students or their designee.

iii. Effect of Academic Concern: Academic Support and Academic Planning. The law school wants to support those students whose academic performance is of concern. Therefore, letters of academic concern will provide available resources, will inform students of their academic risks, and will specify any actions a student must take.

c. Academic Probation.

i. Semester GPA: All Students. A student is on academic probation in the semester following any semester in which the student’s semester GPA is lower than a 2.5.

ii. Conditionally Readmitted Students. A student who has been disqualified and readmitted is on academic probation; probation upon readmission lasts until the student satisfies the conditions of readmission.

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iii. Effect of Academic Probation: Academic Support and Academic Planning. In consultation with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the Dean of Students or their designee(s), a student on academic probation must develop a plan, including a proposed course of study, designed to raise the student's academic performance to an acceptable level.

d. Academic Disqualification.

i. Disqualification after one semester. A student is academically disqualified if, after one semester of law school, the student's cumulative GPA is below a 1.5

ii. Disqualification after two semesters. A student is academically disqualified if, after two semesters of law school, the student's cumulative GPA is below a 2.0.

iii. Disqualification after three or more semesters. A student is academically disqualified if, after three or more semesters of law school, the student's cumulative GPA is below a 2.5.

iv. Disqualification of student on probation. A student is academically disqualified if, while on probation, the student earns a semester or summer term GPA below 2.5.

v. Disqualification for failing required courses. A student is academically disqualified if the student receives a grade of D or lower more than once in the same required course.

vi. Disqualification for failing to complete 1L curriculum.

1) Disqualification. Students must complete all required 1L courses by the end of their second academic year. This means that

a) A student is academically disqualified if they have failed to successfully complete Civil Procedure, Contracts, Torts, and LRW I by the end of their third semester of law school.

b) A student is academically disqualified if they have failed to successfully complete Constitutional Law I, Criminal Law, Real Property, and LRW II by the end of their fourth semester of law school.

2) Waiver of Rule. A student who anticipates being unable to complete all required 1L courses by the end of their second academic year due to extraordinary and unanticipated circumstances may ask the Academic Standing Committee to waive this rule. This waiver must be requested and granted before the student drops or fails the required course(s). A Committee decision to deny a request for waiver may not be appealed.

- vii. Effect of Academic Disqualification.** A student who academically disqualifies will be administratively dropped from all of their classes by the registrar and may not attend classes, register for courses, or graduate from University of Oregon School of Law unless they timely file a petition for readmission for the term or classes in question.
- e. Calculation of GPA.** The School of Law's grading policy sets forth how the school calculates cumulative and semester GPAs for purposes of the School of Law's academic standards.

3. Petitions for Readmission, Review of Petitions for Readmission, Conditional Readmission, and Appeals

a. Petitions for Readmission

i. Right to Petition for Readmission

1) After a First Disqualification.

a) First Disqualification after one or two semester(s). If a student's first disqualification occurs after one or two semesters of law school, the student may petition the Academic Standing Committee for readmission regardless of their GPA if extraordinary and unanticipated circumstances led to their disqualification.

b) First Disqualification after more than two semesters. If a student's first disqualification occurs after two or more semesters of law school, the student may petition the Academic Standing Committee for readmission if at the time of disqualification the student's cumulative GPA was 2.0 or higher.

2) After a Second Disqualification. After a second disqualification, a student may not petition for readmission.

ii. Timely Filing of a Petition for Readmission

1) One Year Ultimate Deadline. All petitions for readmission must be filed with the Dean of Students or their designee within one year of the date the School of Law has emailed the notice of disqualification to the student. A student who fails to meet this deadline has no further recourse before either the Academic Standing Committee or the faculty.

2) Timely Filing to be Considered for Fall Readmission. Petitions for readmission for the Fall Semester must be filed with the Dean of Students no later than July 1. A student who is disqualified due to their summer term grades will be allowed to petition for readmission for the Fall on condition that they apply for readmission within 1 week of the date the School of Law has emailed the notification of disqualification to the student.

3) Timely Filing to be Considered for J-Term or Spring Readmission. Petitions for readmission for the J-Term or the Spring Semester must be filed with the Dean of Students no later than October 1. A student who is disqualified due to their fall grades will be allowed to petition for readmission for the Spring on condition that they apply for readmission within 1 week of the date the School of Law has emailed the notification of disqualification to the student.

4) Timely Filing to Continue to Attend Classes. A student who learns that they are disqualified while enrolled in classes will be allowed to continue attending their classes on condition that they petition for readmission within 1 week of the date the School of Law has emailed the notification of disqualification to the student.

iii. Failure to Timely File. A student who disqualified and did not file their petition for readmission by the specified deadline(s) will be dropped from all their registered classes by action of the Registrar.

iv. Content of Petition for Readmission. A petition for readmission must include all written evidence and supporting documents. A petitioner may request that the committee meet with witnesses on their behalf, and the committee shall vote whether to grant or deny the request. A Committee decision to deny cannot be appealed.

b. Review of the Petition for Readmission

i. Composition of the Academic Standing Committee. Petitions for readmission are reviewed by the Academic Standing Committee. The Academic Standing Committee is convened, as necessary, on an ad hoc basis. When convened, it will consist of three faculty members, appointed by the

Dean of the Law School, as well as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or their designee and the Assistant Dean of Admissions. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the Dean of Admissions will serve as non-voting members of the committee.

ii. Standards for Readmission and Letter of Decision. The Academic Standing Committee, consistent with ABA Standard 501(c), may readmit a student only upon concluding that the student's disqualification does not indicate a lack of capacity to complete its program of legal education and be admitted to the bar. If the Academic Standing Committee readmits a previously disqualified student, it must draft a statement of the considerations that led to its decision and place it in the readmitted student's file.

iii. Petition Upon First disqualification. When a student disqualifies for the first time, the Academic Standing Committee will review the student's petition and either approve the petition or deny the petition. If the Academic Standing Committee approves the petition, the student will be permitted to enroll in additional courses without further action by the faculty. If the Academic Standing Committee denies the petition, the student may have a right to appeal as specified in Section A.2.d.

iv. Student Appearance. A student may appear before the Academic Standing Committee to discuss the petition for readmission; however, a student may not appear before the full faculty.

c. Conditions for Readmission

i. Conditions for Readmission. The faculty or the Academic Standing Committee may impose conditions for readmission. Those conditions may include, but are not limited to, requiring the student to participate in academic counseling, to retake a required course in which the student received a low grade, to limit non-academic activities, to take or not take particular courses, to meet certain grade requirements, or to remain out of school for a period of time.

ii. Failure to Abide by Conditions of Readmission. If a readmitted student fails to abide by the condition(s) for readmission, the same body that imposed the condition(s) may revoke the readmission or impose another appropriate remedy.

d. Appeals

i. Right to Appeal

1) Appeal of Academic Standing Committee's Denial of Petition for Readmission. A student may appeal an Academic Standing Committee decision to deny readmission unless the student has completed more than two semesters at the School of Law and at the time of disqualification had a cumulative GPA below 2.2.

2) Appeal of Academic Standing Committee's Conditions of Readmission. A readmitted student may not appeal the Academic Standing Committee's conditions of readmission.

3) Appeal of Full Faculty Decision. A student may not appeal the School of Law faculty's decision regarding readmission.

ii. Procedures for an Appeal

1) Timely Filing of Appeal. A student must file an appeal within 30 days after the date the School of Law has emailed the Academic Standing Committee's decision to the student. The appeal must be filed with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, who will then forward it to the full faculty.

2) Review by Full Faculty. Upon a petition to the full faculty for readmission, the faculty will convene in executive session. The executive session will include voting members of the faculty, any faculty the particular student has taken, any member of the Academic Standing Committee, the law school's Dean of Students, and any other campus officials invited by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs to present information. Motion 2019-06

3) No Right to Appear. A student may not appear before the faculty.