

**VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**  
**Grading and Ranking System**  
**Spring 2005**

**Class Rank**

Full-time students are ranked at the end of each semester (but not summer session). This information is not printed on a student's transcript unless the student requests it. The grade point average of full-time students for *Spring Semester 2005* approximates the following class standing:

	<u>3Ls</u> (174)	<u>2Ls</u> (155)	<u>1Ls</u> (155)
Upper 10%	3.472	3.498	3.573
Upper 25%	3.291	3.215	3.22
Upper 33%	3.178	3.138	3.05
Upper 50%	3.013	2.995	2.857
Upper 75%	2.721	2.683	2.440
Mean (Avg.)	3.007	2.962	2.831
Median	3.013	2.995	2.857

\*Note: 3Ls do not include December grads.

**Grades**

Valparaiso University School of Law uses letter grades as numerical grades on a 4.0 scale.

A	=	4.0	A	=	Excellent
A-	=	3.7	B	=	Good
B+	=	3.3	C	=	Average
B	=	3.0	D	=	Poor
B-	=	2.7	F	=	Failure
C+	=	2.3	H	=	Course Honors
C	=	2.0	I	=	Incomplete
C-	=	1.7	IP	=	In Progress
D+	=	1.3	S	=	Satisfactory
D	=	1.0	U	=	Unsatisfactory
D-	=	0.7	W	=	Withdrawn
F	=	0.0	AW	=	Administrative Withdrawal
			TR	=	Transfer Credit

Students are required to maintain a cumulative average of C (2.0) in order to graduate.

**Honors in Scholarship**

**Course Honors.** A Certificate of Honor in recognition of the highest scholastic achievement is awarded to one or more students who receive the highest grade in each course for which academic credit is given. Students who receive course honors have the grade designation H appear before the grade (i.e., HA for honors A or HA- for honors A-).

**Semester Honors.** A full-time student who achieves a semester average of 3.500 or higher in any semester (except the semester which culminates in graduation) will be awarded semester honors, provided that the student has received no grades of I or U at the official end of the semester concerned and was registered for a minimum of twelve (12.0) credit hours per semester. This rule applies to the part-time student who was registered for at least seven (7.0) credit hours of work for a given semester.

**Graduation with Honors.** The Valparaiso University School of Law awards its degrees with special honors to full-time students according to the following scheme:

<i>cum laude:</i>	<i>top 20% of class</i>
<i>magna cum laude:</i>	<i>top 11% of class</i>
<i>summa cum laude:</i>	<i>top 3% of class</i>

Honors for part-time students are based on grade-point equivalency with full-time honorees.