



WE ARE NEW YORK'S LAW SCHOOL

New York Law School Grading System

NYLS has a rigorous grading system that reflects the high academic standards we set for our students. We encourage employers to review the information below and reach out with any additional questions to career@nyls.edu.

GPA and Class Standing

A student's grade point average is calculated each semester by the Office of the Registrar and is included on the student's transcript. Pursuant to Faculty Rules and the Student Handbook, grades are ranked as follows: "A+" (4.33), "A" (4.0), "A-" (3.67), "B+" (3.33), "B" (3.0), "B-" (2.67), "C+" (2.33), "C" (2.0), "C-" (1.67), "D+" (1.33), "D" (1.0), "D-" (0.67), and "F" (0.0). Typically, students in the top 25 percent of the class have a cumulative GPA of 3.33 (B+) or higher.

Class Rank

All students are ranked within their class at the end of each academic year. At the end of the spring semester of the third year for full-time day students and the fourth year for part-time evening students, students receive ranks in their division, as well as a combined class rank with all students, full-time and part-time, who will graduate that June. Class ranks are also indicated on the student's transcript.

Dean's List

NYLS recognizes student academic achievement at the end of each fall semester and at the end of each spring semester with two honors: the Dean's List (requires a GPA of 3.4 or higher) and the Dean's List–High Honors (requires a GPA of 3.7 or higher).

Graduation Honors

Academic honors of *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *cum laude* are determined by the Academic Status Committee based upon final grade point averages and whatever other factors the Committee may deem appropriate. Typically, no more than 25 percent of the graduates will be awarded these academic honors. Typically, the honors will be apportioned as follows: no more than (a) 2 percent *summa cum laude*, (b) 7 percent *magna cum laude*, and (c) 16 percent *cum laude*.