

**Dr. Anne Reber**  
*Dean of Student Life*

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 18, 2020

**TO:** Dr. John Stallone  
Speaker, Faculty Senate

**FROM:** Dr. Anne Reber  
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

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Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. These changes are for the following section:

**Student Rule 10.5.5 Grading**

**Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on November 6, 2020.**

**Approved by the Faculty Senate on February 8, 2021**

**Approved by the President on February 24, 2021**

Presented by the Registrar on behalf of the Law School, these changes reflect what is actually occurring within the program.

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**PROPOSAL**

Please see attached rule for with tracked changes.

**JUSTIFICATION**

See the attached, which includes multiple sections that have been highlighted with track changes.

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Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on November 6, 2020.

Present Rule with additions in **red font** and deletions struck

## 10. Grading

### 10.5.5 Juris Doctor Degree Program (School of Law)

10.5.5.1 In addition to A, B, C, D, F, W and I grades (see 10.3 above), law students may be assigned the following letter grades:

- A+ : 4.01 grade points per semester hour
- A- : 3.67 grade points per semester hour
- B+ : 3.33 grade points per semester hour
- B- : 2.67 grade points per semester hour
- C+ : 2.33 grade points per semester hour
- C- : 1.67 grade points per semester hour
- D+ : 1.33 grade points per semester hour
- D- : 0.67 grade points per semester hour
- P : Pass, hours not included in the GPA
- F : Fail, no grade points, hours included in the GPA

10.5.5.2 Grades of X, Q, and NG are not assigned to law school courses.

10.5.5.3 Grades other than an F ~~or Fail~~ are acceptable for credit for law school courses. A grade of F ~~or Fail~~ is included in the calculation of the grade point.

10.5.5.4 If a temporary grade of I is assigned by an instructor, a letter grade must be awarded **no later than** six calendar months from the last date of exams for the applicable semester. Unless permitted by the Academic Standards Committee the maximum grade given for an I can be no higher than the maximum class GPA for that course. After six months, an unresolved I becomes an F (0.00).

10.5.5.5 Students enrolled in the J.D. program must maintain a cumulative minimum grade point of 2.33 in order to be granted a degree.

10.5.5.6 If a student's cumulative GPA falls below a 2.33 after the second semester, he or she is considered scholastically deficient and will be dismissed from the J.D. program, subject to appeal to the Academic Standards Committee. The procedures for dismissal are explained in the Texas A&M University Student Rules, Scholastic Deficiency/Probation, rule 12, and in the School of Law student handbook.

10.5.5.7 If a student fails a lockstep or an advanced required course, the course must be repeated. A student may repeat an elective course in which an F ~~or Fail~~ is recorded. The grade for a repeat of a failed course is **Pass or Fail** P or F. The original grade remains on the transcript and is calculated in the cumulative grade point average.

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10.5.5.8 After grades have been posted to a student's record, grades are final and may not be changed except with permission of the Academic Standards Committee. A request for a grade change must be made within 90 days after the official posting of the grade.

10.5.5.9 Grading processes specific to the law school are further explained in the School of Law student handbook.

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