



Northeastern University

School of Law

EXPLANATION OF NUSL's GRADING SYSTEM

Our law school has a unique program of cooperative legal education, which combines rigorous academics with on-site legal practice. In order to graduate, students prior to and including the class of 2011 must complete 103 academic credits; students in the class of 2012 forward must complete 87 academic credits; and all students must complete four quarters of full-time work as legal interns under the direct supervision of an experienced attorney or judge.

Students who entered law school before fall 2007: Students are graded on a pass/fail basis and receive written evaluations of their coursework as well as their performance as legal interns.

Students who entered law school in the fall of 2007 and after: Students are graded on a credit/fail basis for first year classes. In their upper level classes they may be awarded honors or high honors for exceptional performance; otherwise, they are graded on a pass/fail basis and all students receive written evaluations of their coursework as well as their performance as legal interns.

Northeastern transcripts are comprised of a transcript of academic history, which lists all courses taken and the corresponding grade, the legal internships ("co-ops") completed, as well as copies of all course and co-op narrative evaluations. We place particular emphasis on written evaluations because in our experience they provide the best information to assess specific skills and breadth of abilities.