



# PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW

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To Whom It May Concern,

## Information about ranking at the Peter A. Allard School of Law

Pursuant to a 2005 resolution of Faculty Council, the Peter A. Allard School of Law does not provide rankings of its students. We do, however, provide sessional average ranges. The chart below provides our range of sessional averages, the descriptor for each, and the % spread for each year of students in the 2019 Winter Session.

| <b>J.D. AVERAGE DISTRIBUTION ALL YEARS<br/>2019 WINTER SESSION (SEPTEMBER 2019 - APRIL 2020)<br/>PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW</b> |                                  |  |             |  |             |  |             |
|--|----------------------------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Assigned<br/>Average</b>  | <b>Required Letter<br/>Grade</b> | <b>1st Year<br/>Number/% of<br/>Students</b> |             | <b>2nd Year<br/>Number/% of<br/>Students</b> |             | <b>3rd Year<br/>Number/% of<br/>Students</b> |             |
| 90>  | A+                               | 0  | 0.00%       | 0  | 0.00%       | 0  | 0.00%       |
| 85.00 - 89.99  | A                                | 0  | 0.00%       | 0  | 0.00%       | 1  | 0.51%       |
| 80.00 - 84.99  | A-                               | 13   | 6.63%       | 15   | 7.32%       | 29   | 14.80%      |
| 78.00 - 79.99  | B+                               | 22   | 11.22%      | 30   | 14.63%      | 33   | 16.84%      |
| 76.00 - 77.99  | B+                               | 41   | 20.92%      | 49   | 23.90%      | 43   | 21.94%      |
| 72.00 - 75.99  | B                                | 70   | 35.71%      | 68   | 33.17%      | 67   | 34.18%      |
| 68.00 - 71.99  | B-                               | 35   | 17.86%      | 30   | 14.63%      | 19   | 9.69%       |
| 64.00 - 67.99  | C+                               | 11   | 5.61%       | 10   | 4.88%       | 4  | 2.04%       |
| 60.00 - 63.99  | C                                | 3  | 1.53%       | 2  | 0.98%       | 0  | 0.00%       |
| 55.00 - 59.99  | C-                               | 0  | 0.00%       | 1  | 0.49%       | 0  | 0.00%       |
| 50.00 - 54.99  | D                                | 1  | 0.51%       | 0  | 0.00%       | 0  | 0.00%       |
| 0.00 - 49.99   | F                                | 0  | 0.00%       | 0  | 0.00%       | 0  | 0.00%       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                                  | <b>196</b>                                   | <b>100%</b> | <b>205</b>                                   | <b>100%</b> | <b>196</b>                                   | <b>100%</b> |

## Impact of COVID-19 on the 2019 Winter Session

The COVID-19 global pandemic caused a number of disruptions in the lives of students and in the operations of post-secondary institutions. At the University of British Columbia, classes moved online on March 16, 2020. All April 2020 final exams were held remotely. Because of those disruptions, the Peter A. Allard School of Law adopted exceptional end-of-term grading options for the 2019 Winter Session to provide as much flexibility as possible to respond to the range of impacts that our students experienced. Juris Doctor students enrolled in 2019 Winter

Session term 2 and full-year courses were able to opt-in to a Credit/D/Fail standing system. Our goal was to ensure that each student could decide individually how they would complete their 2019/2020 academic year, and so that as many students as possible were able to complete their year in a way that would not disadvantage them moving forward. On a course-by-course basis, after having seen their final percentage and letter grade, each JD student could choose one of the following 3 options:

1. To accept the grade (% and letter grade) assigned for the course.
2. To elect that Allard Law change the student's % and letter grade in any or all of their term 2 or full-year courses to Credit/D/Fail standing, with those standings applied as follows:
  - a. "Credit" is assigned when the grade is 55% or higher. Degree credit is earned.
  - b. "D" is assigned when the grade is 50-54.9%. Degree credit is earned.
  - c. "F" is assigned for grades below 50%. Degree credit is not earned.
3. To withdraw from any Term 2 or full-year course with a "W" standing.

The Assigned Averages in the above Average Distribution for the 2019 Winter Session were calculated **prior** to students making their election for Credit or D standing.

Furthermore, the election of Credit or D standing did not affect the calculation of the Class Average for a course on a student's transcript. Class Averages on the transcript will include the percentage grades of students who elect Credit/D/Fail standing in a course.

Finally, a student's sessional or cumulative average at UBC is calculated based only on percentage-graded courses. Courses where a student has elected for Credit or D standing to replace their percentage-grade should not be used in the calculation of a student's sessional or cumulative average at UBC.

Sincerely,



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