

**Rider to the J.D. and LL.M. GARP
(General Academic Requirements, Policies, and Code of Student Conduct)
for Spring 2020 Semester Only**

A. All courses in the graduate (J.D. and LL.M) program during the spring 2020 semester, excluding bridge term courses, shall be graded only on an S/U basis. A notation will be added to the transcripts of all students enrolled this semester as follows: “The law school assigned mandatory S/U grades for all students for the Spring 2020 semester in response to a public health emergency.”

B. Decisions concerning academic standing of all students not graduating from their academic programs in spring 2020, including questions concerning required academic supervision and mandatory dismissal, will be postponed until the student’s next semester in residence at the law school and will be based on a student’s grade point average after the inclusion of grades earned in that semester.

Notwithstanding the foregoing,

1. Any 1L student with a current cumulative grade point average below 2.50, or
2. Any 2L or 3L student with a current cumulative grade point average below 2.67

must receive an S grade in all courses completed during the spring semester in order to demonstrate satisfactory academic progress under § III.E.2.F of the GARP and to remain eligible to enroll in subsequent semesters.

C. For the Spring 2020 semester only, an S grade shall include all professionally qualified work that is within the range of performance expected of JD or LLM candidates, meaning all work that would qualify for a C grade or better.

D. Concerning students scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2020, the Vice Dean of Student Affairs, in consultation with the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, may waive:

1. Up to seven (7) hours of the 90-credit hour requirement of Section III.A.1. of the J.D. GARP for students scheduled to graduate during the spring of 2020 for good cause;
2. The minimum GPA requirement of Section III.E.1.A.iv of the J.D. GARP and Section III.E.1 of the LL.M GARP, provided that the student receives an S grade in all courses completed during the semester;
3. Any other provision of the GARP that will impose an undue hardship on a student given the circumstances.