

Even though it is the official policy of the Law School not to officially rank the students, the following system has been authorized by the faculty to calculate an "Estimated Class Rank" for the purposes of job searching. Students with a particularly strong academic performance may want to consider listing an "Estimated Class Rank."

There are no other formulas available. The method for computing follows:

TOP 1-15%

If the percentage of A or A- grade credit hours (less "D" or "F" credit hours) is 50% of the total graded credits to date or better, students may list an Estimated Class Rank of "Top 1-15%."

A sample calculation:

1. Add up the total earned and graded credit hours earned to date, minus any "S" grades. This number will be the denominator in the formula.
2. Add up all the credit hours for which the student earned an A or A-. From this number, subtract the number of credit hours for which the student earned a D or F.
3. Divide the result of step # 2 by the result of step #1.
4. If the result is 0.5 or larger, the student may estimate he or she is in the top 1-15% of the class.

The formula:

$$\frac{(\text{Credit hours of A/A-s}) - (\text{Credit hours of Ds or Fs})}{(\text{Total credit hours}) - (\text{Credit hours of Ss})} \\ = \text{at least } 0.50$$

TOP 15-25%

Similarly, use the same formula, but add As, A-s and B+s together, minus the Ds and Fs. If these equal $\frac{1}{2}$ of the earned and graded credit hours, students may estimate that they are in the top 15-25%.

A sample calculation:

1. Add up the total graded credit hours earned to date, minus any "S" grades. This number will be the denominator in the formula.
2. Add up all the credit hours for which the student earned an A, A- or a B+. From this number, subtract the number of credit hours for which you earned a D or F.
3. Divide the result of step # 2 by the result of step #1.
4. If the result is 0.5 or larger, you can consider yourself in the top 15-25% of the class.

The formula:

$$\frac{(\text{Credit hours of A, A-s \& B+s}) - (\text{Credit hours of Ds \& Fs})}{(\text{Total credit hours}) - (\text{Credit hours of Ss})} \\ = \text{at least } 0.50$$

"S" grades are not figured into the above calculation. Statistics from recently graduated classes indicate that it was not appropriate to consider a designation of "Top 10%" class rank for 50% credit hours of "A" grades

Note: In the old system of H and Q grades, the above formulations are still correct. H=A, Q+= B+.