



Canadian & American Dual JD Program – Grade Conversion Policy Effective September 2018

Students in the Canadian & American Dual JD Program receive course credit concurrently from the University of Windsor Faculty of Law and University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in order to earn two law degrees in three years. Effective September 2013, the University of Windsor moved from a letter/13-point scale to a percentage (100%-0) scale. Windsor Law maintained its policy of grading to a B average in all courses, which means scores in the 73 – 76.9% range.

At University of Detroit Mercy, a student’s academic performance is indicated by numerical grades on a 4.0 scale. Commencing Fall 2017, Detroit Mercy Law approved an amendment to its mandated course means. All required courses, whether first year or upper year, are graded to a mean of 2.8 – 3.0. All elective courses are graded to a mean of 3.0 – 3.4.

To accommodate student job seekers and to remove administrative hurdles in applying for financial aid opportunities, all courses taken at each institution appear on the partner school’s transcript. The Dual JD Grade Conversion Policy administers the conversion of Windsor percentage grades to the 4.0 scale for inclusion on the Detroit Mercy Law transcript, and Detroit Mercy Law numeric grades to the percentage scale for inclusion on the Windsor Law transcript. On October 3, 2018, the Dual JD Executive Committee approved a new Grade Conversion Policy, effective for all Fall 2018 classes. The new Grade Conversion Policy does not apply retroactively, and as a result all courses taken prior to Fall 2018 are subject to the previous Grade Conversion Policy.

Procedure

The new Grade Conversion Policy eliminates the prior practice of “bumping” grades according to the course mean. Grades are now directly converted by reference to two charts: one for required courses, and one for elective courses. For purposes of converting grades, “required courses” refers to those courses students must take with their cohort, specifically:

- **Comparative Legal Writing & Research, Parts 1 and 2** (LAW 1070);
- **Canadian & U.S. Contracts Law** (LAWG-5813);
- **Canadian & U.S. Property Law** (LAWG-5814);
- **Canadian & U.S. Criminal Law** (LAWG-5815);
- **Canadian Constitutional Law** (LAWG-5816);
- **U.S. Constitutional Law** (LAW 2060);
- **U.S. Civil Procedure** (LAW 2080);
- **Canadian Civil Procedure** (LAWG-5825);



- **U.S. & Canadian Torts** (LAW 2120);
- **U.S. & Canadian Evidence** (LAW 2230);
- **U.S. & Canadian Business Organizations** (LAW 2160);
- **U.S. & Canadian Professional Responsibility** (LAW 2480).

All courses not listed above will be converted by reference to the elective course chart. The Associate Deans (Academic) at Detroit Mercy Law and Windsor Law reserve the right to add or remove courses from the required course list from time to time.



Dual JD Grade Conversion Chart – Required Courses

Detroit Mercy	Windsor
4.0	93
3.9	91
3.8	89
3.7	88
3.6	86
3.5	85
3.4	83
3.3	81
3.2	80
3.1	78
3.0	76
2.9	75
2.8	74
2.7	73
2.6	71
2.5	69
2.4	67
2.3	65
2.2	64
2.1	62
2.0	60
1.9	58
1.8	56
1.7	55
1.6	53
1.5	51
1.4	49
1.3	47
1.2	43
1.1	39
1.0	35
0.9	32
0.8	28
0.7	25
0.6	21
0.5	18
0.4	14
0.3	11
0.2	7
0.1	4
0.0	0



Dual JD Grade Conversion Chart – Elective Courses

Detroit Mercy	Windsor
4.0	93
3.9	91
3.8	89
3.7	86
3.6	84
3.5	82
3.4	80
3.3	77
3.2	75
3.1	73
3.0	72
2.9	71
2.8	69
2.7	68
2.6	66
2.5	65
2.4	64
2.3	62
2.2	61
2.1	59
2.0	58
1.9	57
1.8	55
1.7	54
1.6	52
1.5	51
1.4	49
1.3	46
1.2	42
1.1	39
1.0	35
0.9	32
0.8	28
0.7	25
0.6	21
0.5	18
0.4	14
0.3	11
0.2	7
0.1	4
0.0	0