

# CLASS RANKS

Juris Doctor students are numerically ranked at the end of the fall and the spring semesters, after grades are posted. Students are placed in one of four ranking groups, based on the number of credit hours earned at the time rank is calculated.

- 1L Ranking Group:** 0 to 30 completed hours
- 2L Ranking Group:** 31 to 62 completed hours
- 3L Ranking Group:** 63 or more completed hours
- Graduate Ranking Group:** 90 or more completed hours and completion of all program requirements  
*Note: August and December graduates are ranked with students who graduated the preceding May.*

Texas A&M University School of Law only provides individual class ranks to all JD students at graduation. However, at the conclusion of each fall and spring semester, GPA cut-offs for the top 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, 33%, and 50% are posted on the law school website for the 1L, 2L, and 3L ranking groups, so that students may determine their general position within the ranking group. In addition, students in the top 15% of each ranking group are notified by email of their individual class rank.

Class rank is determined by the transcribed cumulative GPA, which is rounded to the hundredths place. Individual ranks are based on the numerical sequence of students' transcribed cumulative GPA's, from highest to lowest. If two or more students have the same cumulative GPA, each receives the same rank. The position of those students ranked below them is unaffected. (If two students are tied for the number one rank, for example, the next student will be ranked number three, because there are two students with a higher GPA.)

**After Fall 2020 Semester:**

	<b>1-L</b>	<b>2-L</b>	<b>3-L</b>	<b>Graduates</b>
	<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2020</b>
	162 Students	179 Students	173 Students	125 Students
<b>Top 5%</b>	3.84	3.71	3.67	3.66
<b>Top 10%</b>	3.74	3.57	3.57	3.52
<b>Top 15%</b>	3.67	3.52	3.51	3.46
<b>Top 20%</b>	3.58	3.46	3.42	3.39
<b>Top 25%</b>	3.50	3.42	3.36	3.31
<b>Top 33%</b>	3.45	3.32	3.30	3.26
<b>Top 50%</b>	3.29	3.14	3.15	3.16

## Class Rank Percentiles: Graduating Classes (2020, 2019, 2018)<sup>1</sup>

	<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2019</b>	<b>Class of 2018</b>
	(May, <sup>2</sup> Aug., Dec. 2020)	(May, Aug., Dec. 2019)	(May, Aug., Dec. 2018)
	125 Students	126 Students	118 Students
<b>Top 5%</b>	3.66	3.62	3.70
<b>Top 10%</b>	3.52	3.55	3.57
<b>Top 15%</b>	3.46	3.49	3.50
<b>Top 20%</b>	3.39	3.43	3.44
<b>Top 25%</b>	3.31	3.39	3.39
<b>Top 33%</b>	3.26	3.30	3.26
<b>Top 50%</b>	3.16	3.18	3.10

## LATIN HONORS

J.D. students may qualify to graduate Summa Cum Laude by holding a final cumulative grade point average of 3.80 or above, Magna Cum Laude with a final cumulative grade point average of 3.60 through 3.79 and Cum Laude with a final cumulative grade point average of 3.40 through 3.59. Prior to May 1, 2019, a J.D. student who graduates in the top 2% of the graduating class is designated as graduating Summa Cum Laude; a J.D. student who is not in the top 2% but graduates in the top 5% of the graduating class is designated as graduating Magna Cum Laude, and a J.D. student who is not in the top 5% but graduates in the top 10% of the graduating class is designated as graduating Cum Laude.

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<sup>1</sup> As students graduate in August or December each year, those students' class ranks will be determined based on how they compare to the preceding May graduating class, but the class rank already assigned to a May graduate will not change.

<sup>2</sup> Texas A&M University School of Law adjusted its grade policy for spring 2020 in response to COVID-19 pandemic. Courses completed after 3/16/2020 were graded exclusively on a pass/fail basis. Class ranks for May 2020 graduates are based on the students' cumulative GPA through fall 2019.