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## NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW EXPLANATION OF TRANSCRIPT (8/20/15)

**Accreditation:** North Carolina Central University School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association.

**Calendar:** North Carolina Central University School of Law operates on a semester system.

**Grading System:** North Carolina Central University School of Law follows a rigorous 4.00 scale and encourages its faculty to adhere to a “C” grade expectation curve in first-year and required upper-level courses. We take pride in remaining true to our historic mission and to the principles upon which we were founded. We provide an opportunity for a legal education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation. We also provide an opportunity for a select few who, based upon traditional criteria and guidelines, might not otherwise be afforded the opportunity for a legal education but in whom we see great potential. Because our student population includes those in whom we have taken a calculated risk, we must be rigorous in our assessment of our students’ academic achievement and have adopted a policy that critically assesses their skills and knowledge. While this policy results in a high attrition rate for our first-year class, it ensures that students who continue have performed at a level that we have identified as necessary for future success. Students who do not maintain a 2.0 grade point average at the end of their first, second, or third year are academically dismissed.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Grade Points</u>
A	4.00 (Highest)
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00 (Good)
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00 (Average)
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00 (Poor)
D-	.67
F	.00 (Failing)

**Class Rank:** North Carolina Central University School of Law ranks currently enrolled Day Program and Evening Program students separately among members of their respective class. Day and Evening students are not ranked together until May of their final year. We do not support and have chosen not to adopt grade inflation to make our students more attractive candidates for employment. Therefore, the student’s class rank, not grade point average, is one of the most effective ways to determine the strongest students under our rigorous grading system.

**Intensive Writing Program:** North Carolina Central University School of Law has an intensive writing program that requires students to take six credit hours of writing instruction during their first year and two additional writing courses prior to graduation. Performance in these classes is another effective way to determine the strongest students.

**Graduates:** Students are required to achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in 88 credit hours of course work to graduate.

**Good Standing:** A student will be deemed to be in good standing by having maintained academic eligibility to continue at the School of Law.