Elective Alternate Grading Policy

1) A J.D. student in the second or subsequent academic year of study at the College of Law may elect to be graded on a modified pass-fail scale (i.e., high pass, pass, low pass, fail) for coursework completed at the College of Law with limitations and exceptions as provided in the following sections.

2) A student’s election to be graded on the modified pass-fail scale shall be limited to:

   A) (1) three credits per academic year; and

   (2) no more than six total credits while a student at the College of Law.

   B) Some courses at the College of Law are normally graded using the modified pass-fail scale. Credits for these courses will not count against the limitations provided in this policy in 2)(A) herein.

3) A student may not elect grading on the modified pass-fail scale in any of the following courses:

   A) any required courses, including:

      1) any course required for first-year students;

      2) Client Counseling or any course taken to satisfy the client counseling requirement;

      3) Professional Responsibility or Legal Ethics;

      4) any course designated as satisfying the writing requirement for graduation;

      5) any course designated as satisfying the seminar requirement for graduation;

      6) any course required of a transfer student to complete graduation requirements;

      7) any newly adopted required courses;

   B) any clinic;

   C) any course for which the professor has elected not to participate in the elective alternate grading policy for that course. In their first semester of teaching at the College of Law, adjunct professors and visiting professors must participate in the elective alternate grading policy unless their course is not eligible for alternative grading in accordance with this Section 8.09.

4) A student must provide notice of her election to the Registrar in a form and manner as the Registrar shall provide. Such election must be made by the deadline set for the semester by the Registrar, and will normally be the last day of the next to last full week before the end of regular classes for the semester. The deadline for making the election for a short course (or other course that meets on a basis other than at least weekly during the semester) will be the day after the third meeting of the course. The election will not be deemed final until the student receives an email confirmation from the Registrar.

5) Upon proper notice to the Registrar of the student's election, the student shall not be permitted to rescind her election.

6) Electing to have a course graded using this alternate grading system does not relieve a student from the requirements of the course as set forth by the professor including, without limitation, attending class, participating in class, taking quizzes, turning in projects and papers, taking exams, and attending court or other events.

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Classes Ineligible for the Elective Alternate Grading Policy

Fall 2017

Updated 9/12/17

Classes ineligible for election under the alternate grading policy this semester:

- Crimmigration – Vazquez
- Employment Discrimination – Sperino
- Evidence - Moore
- Health Law - Malloy
- Law, Literature & Philosophy – Tomain
- Legal Drafting - Mangan
- Mental Health Law – Stephani
- Pretrial - Lenhart
- Secured Transactions – Kalsem

Classes eligible for election under the alternate grading policy this semester:

- Advertising Law - Krafte
- Business Basics – Mangan
- Computer & Internet Law - Armstrong
- Federal Courts – Solimine
- Federal Income Tax - McMahon
- Immigration Law & Policy – M.Schneider
- Int’l Commercial Arbitration – Pinney
- Intro to IP - Armstrong
- Real Estate Transactions – Flynn
- Wills - Chang
Fall 2017 Deadline for regular classes is Friday, November 17, 2017 by 2pm

Alternate Grading Election Form

By signing below, I elect to have the designated course graded under the Elective Alternate Grading Policy (set forth on the back of this hardcopy form or below in the online form).

ELECTING TO HAVE A COURSE GRADED USING THIS ALTERNATE GRADING SYSTEM DOES NOT RELIEVE ME FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE AS SET FORTH BY THE PROFESSOR INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ATTENDING AND PARTICIPATING IN CLASS, TAKING QUIZZES, TURNING IN PROJECTS AND PAPERS, TAKING EXAMS, AND ATTENDING COURT OR OTHER REQUIRED EVENTS.

An original signature must be present on this form. Therefore, it must be presented in person.

Name of Course     Name of Professor     Date

Student Name (printed)    M#     Student Signature

Received (date)     Approved (Signature)     Approved (Date)

(H: Academic/Elective Alternative Grade (Pass Fail) Rule and FORM 17SL)