

## **Temporary SIU School of Law Rule Changes Related to COVID-19**

### **Art. II, § 7(b). Admission to the Academic Honors Program.**

- For the 2019–2020 Academic Year only, 1L students who were not originally admitted to the Academic Honors Program but whose cumulative GPA is 3.500 or higher at the end of the Fall 2019 semester are eligible to join the Academic Honors Program. Students who were not in the Academic Honors Program during their first two semesters but whose cumulative GPA after completing their third full semester is 3.500 or higher are eligible to join the Academic Honors Program. Additionally, students may be invited to join the Academic Honors Program after referral by their professors and review of their performance in courses throughout the 2019–2020 academic year. The Associate Dean or designee will be responsible for communicating with students about their eligibility to join the program. [adopted on 4/17/20]

### **Art. III, § 1. Grades and Grading System.**

- For Spring 2020, courses that would have ordinarily awarded grades on a scale of 0.0 to 4.0 shall be officially recorded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis according to the following scale: 1.8 or greater = S, below 1.8 = U. [adopted on 4/3/20]

### **Art. III, § 1(c). Grade Distribution.**

- Suspended for Spring 2020 [adopted on 4/3/20]

### **Art. III, § 1(d). Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Grading.**

- No grades converted to S/U pursuant to the emergency pandemic grading policy adopted for Spring Semester 2020 will be counted toward the 22-credit hour graduation limit. However, all classes and sections that were coded for S/U grading at the beginning of Spring Semester 2020 will count towards the 22-credit hour graduation limit. [adopted on 4/3/20]

### **Art. III, §§ 2(a)–(d). Good Standing & Academic Probation.**

- Determinations ordinarily made at end of second full semester will be made at the end of the third full semester. [adopted on 4/3/20]
- Determinations ordinarily made at end of fourth full semester will be made at the end of the fifth full semester. [implied by faculty action of 4/3/20]

### **Art. III, § 5(c)(v). Senior GPA Graduation Requirement.**

- Waived for Spring 2020 graduates [adopted on 4/3/20]

### **Art. III, § 5(c)(ix). Pro Bono Graduation Requirement.**

- Waived for all 2020 graduates [adopted on 4/3/20]

### **Art. III, § 6(a). Class Ranking.**

- Suspended for Spring 2020 [adopted on 4/27/20]

### **Art. III, § 7. Dean's List.**

- Suspended for Spring 2020 [adopted on 4/27/20]

Art. IV, § 1(b)(iii)(B). Public Interest Externships.

- Authority granted to Associate Dean to waive GPA requirement for Summer and Fall 2020 on a case-by-case basis [adopted on 4/27/20]

Art. IV, § 4(b)(iv). Advanced Appellate Moot Court.

- Minimum Grade Point Average. Membership on the Appellate Board requires a cumulative GPA of at least 2.600, both at the time of assuming initial Board membership and at all times during Board membership. Any Appellate Board member whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.600 shall be dropped from Board membership. *For students who completed their second full semester under the emergency pandemic S/U grading system in spring 2020, the student's cumulative GPA may be below 2.600 at the time of assuming initial Board membership if, in the discretion of the faculty advisor, 1) the student's performance in spring 2020 as reflected in shadow grading and 2) the student's performance in Advanced Appellate Advocacy up to the date of initial Board membership show sufficient promise that the student's cumulative GPA will be above 2.600 after fall 2020 grades are determined. If any student selected under this temporary discretionary rule does not have at least a 2.600 cumulative GPA after fall 2020 grades are determined, that student will no longer be eligible to participate on moot court. The remainder of the rule will continue to apply.* [italicized amendment adopted 4/27/20]

Art. IV, § 4(c)(iv). Mock Trial.

- Minimum Grade Point Average. Membership on the Mock Trial Board requires a cumulative GPA of at least 2.600, both at the time of assuming initial Board membership and at all times during Board membership. Any Mock Trial Board member whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.600 shall be dropped from Board membership. *For students who completed their second full semester under the emergency pandemic S/U grading system in spring 2020, the student's cumulative GPA may be below 2.600 at the time of assuming initial Board membership if, in the discretion of the faculty advisor, the student's performance in spring 2020 as reflected in shadow grading shows sufficient promise that the student's cumulative GPA will be above 2.600 after fall 2020 grades are determined. If any student selected under this temporary discretionary rule does not have at least a 2.600 cumulative GPA after fall 2020 grades are determined, that student will no longer be eligible to participate in mock trial. The remainder of the rule will continue to apply.* [italicized amendment adopted 4/27/20]

Art. IV, § 14(a) Continuing Eligibility in the Academic Honors Program.

- Waived for the 2019–2020 academic year. [adopted on 4/17/20]