

The New England Law | Boston Grading System

(As of Spring 2011 grades)

*New England Law's grading system is based on a 4.0 scale. **There has been little grade inflation at New England Law:** the median grade-point average for the graduating class of 2011 was **3.14** in the full-time (Day) division and **3.07** in the part-time (Evening) division.*

Student Rankings

Students are ranked at the end of the first year and at the end of every semester thereafter. **Prior to Fall 2006**, only students in Group I (the top 10%) were individually ranked. The remaining students were ranked in the following groups: Group II (next 15%); Group III (next 15%); Group IV (next 20%); Group V (next 20%); Group VI (next 20%). **Beginning with the Fall semester of 2006**, all students are now ranked in direct, sequential numerical order. However, students who graduated prior to Fall 2006 remain ranked in groups as before – there is no change in those rankings.

Academic Honors and Awards

Trustee Academic Scholarship

Awarded automatically (not by application) to the highest ranking students (based on the previous year's average) in the day and evening divisions, with a minimum of 12 graded credits for day division students and 9 graded credits for evening division students. More information is available in the scholarship listings under Financial Assistance.

New England Scholar

Earned each year by students whose credit load meets the award requirement and who rank in the top ten percent of their class as determined by their academic performance for the given year alone [not cumulative].

Dean's List

Earned each semester by students attaining a 3.00 [or better] grade point average for a measurable number of graded hours [10 or more for day students, 8 for evening and part-time students].

CALI[®] Excellence for the Future Award

Given to the student with the highest exam/ paper grade in a specific course.