GEORGETOWN LAW

Grading Instructions for Fall 2024 Exam Courses

Grading Deadlines:

- Mini Course/Bookend Exam Courses(Take-Home Exams Friday, October 18, 2024 -Friday, October 25, 2024): Grades Due Friday, November 8, 2024 by 5:00 P.M. ET
- All Final Exams and Papers (Papers Due Friday, December 13, 2024): Grades Due Tuesday, January 14, 2024 by 12 NOON ET
- Paper Extension (Papers due Saturday, December 14, 2024 through Monday, January 27, 2025): Grades Due Friday, February 14, 2025 by 5:00 P.M. ET (Due Friday instead of Monday 2/17 due to Presidents Day)

Penalty for Late Grade Submission:

Several years ago, full-time faculty members voted to impose on themselves a stiff penalty for late submission of grades. For graduating students' grades, there is a penalty of \$100 per day for each day that grades are turned in after the deadline (no grace period). For non-graduating students, there is a three-day grace period following the deadline; the penalty on the fourth day would be \$400, and an additional \$100 penalty would be imposed for each additional day that the grades are submitted late. Please note that while the monetary penalty does not apply to visiting or adjunct faculty, the grading deadlines are the same for full-time, visiting, and adjunct faculty members. Please be sure to submit your grades by the deadline.

Please use the following instructions to assist you in entering raw scores and final grades using the online grading system.

DUO Enrollment/Installation:

You need to be enrolled in the Georgetown DUO Application and have the app installed on your smartphone in order to log into <u>GU Experience</u>. From <u>GU Experience</u>, you will be routed to the new grading platform where you will enter your grades. Below are instructions for enrolling in DUO and logging into <u>GU Experience</u> using the DUO app. You can enroll in, install, and set up DUO on your smartphone by accessing the link here.

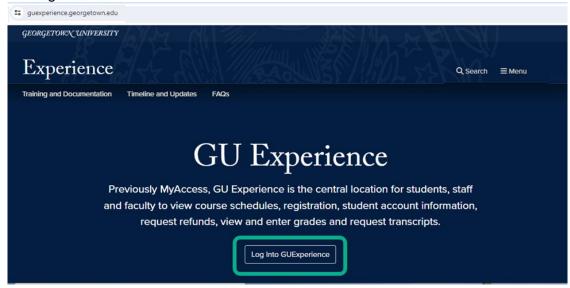
If you still experience difficulty, please contact the Capitol Campus Help Desk at 202-662-9284 or caphelp@georgetown.edu.

Grade Reporting Process

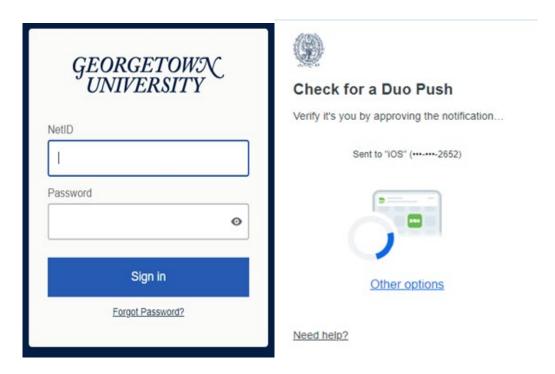
The online grading system requires faculty to enter and submit raw scores and final grades in GU Experience through the grading portal. All grades are due by the dates and times listed above.

Entering Grades:

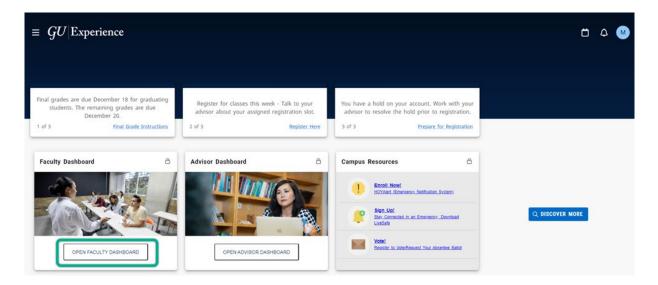
1. Log into GU Experience by navigating to <u>guexperience.georgetown.edu</u> and clicking the Login button.



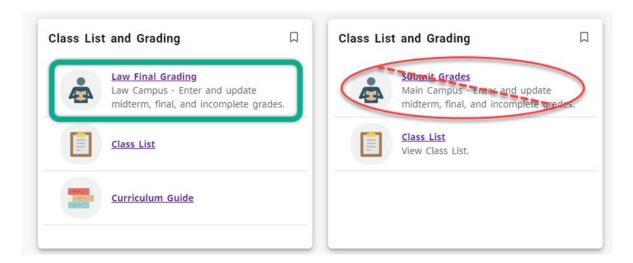
2. You will be asked to sign in with your NetID and password. Please remember to safeguard your password as you would your bank's PIN number. This password also accesses your employee information in GMS. If you have trouble logging in, please contact the Law Center Help Desk at caphelp@georgetown.edu or 202-662-9284. Two-Factor authentication is enabled so you will be required to approve access using your registered mobile device.



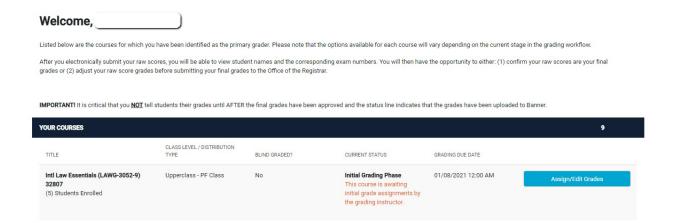
3. You will be directed to the GU Experience Homepage. From here, click Open Faculty Dashboard to view all cards within the faculty category.



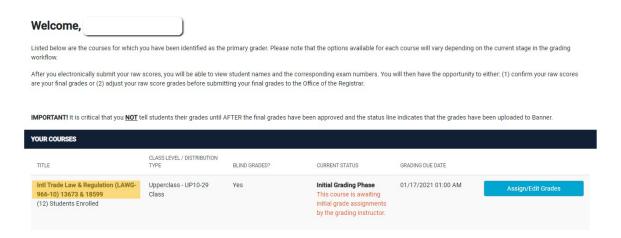
4. Find the card entitled "Class List and Grading," and click the first link (Law Final Grading) to enter students' raw scores. Note that you must enter raw scores before you are able to view their identities and finalize their grades. If you also teach courses on the main campus, you will see a card for Main Campus Grading with a link to Submit Grades. Do not select that card for Law Courses.



- 5. You will be directed to the grading platform and will be asked to sign in one more time with your Net ID and password.
- 6. On the welcome page, you will see all the courses that you are teaching in the current term.



7. Choose a course and click **Assign/Edit Grades**. If your course is cross-listed (e.g. has separate sections for JD students and LLM students), there will be one entry for the course and the CRNs for all the cross-listed sections will be displayed. Please enter the raw scores for all the sections.

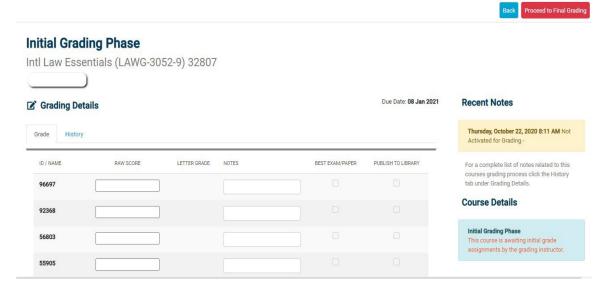


If your course has an exam section and a paper section (i.e., 3-credit and 2-credit sections of the same course), there will be two separate course numbers or CRNs. Please be sure to check that you see the CRN for each section. You should enter the scores or grades for one section, then come back and enter the scores or grades for the other section. Be advised that these sections, although part of the same course, will be curved separately for having different final assessments and or credit amounts. Note: You do not need to enter raw scores for paper courses. See Grading Instructions for Papers.

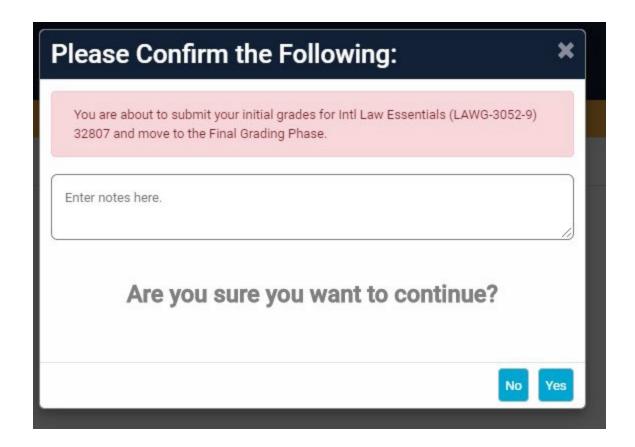
Entering raw scores

1. You will see a list of your students' anonymous Exam IDs, and a blank to enter each

score. You can enter numbers, letters (85, B+), or short phrases (ex: "Q1: 4/5, Q2: 7/10"), up to 15 characters. Note: You may print this page to use as a grading sheet. There is a notes column where you can add any notes that will help you with the grading process; these notes will not be added to the students' records.



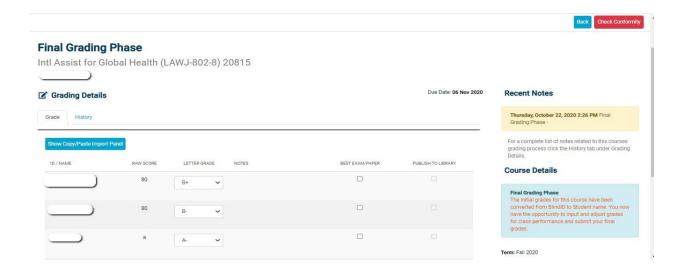
- 2. There is NO SAVE BUTTON on the screen; however, your work is saved automatically as you are entering it on the page. You may sign out if necessary and return later without losing your work. Please be aware that once you enter all of the raw scores and click the "Proceed to Final Grading" button, you will not be able to make changes to the raw scores.
- 3. Once you have entered all raw scores and you are ready to proceed to the final grade screen, please click on the "**Proceed to Final Grading**" button. You will then be asked to confirm that you wish to do so.



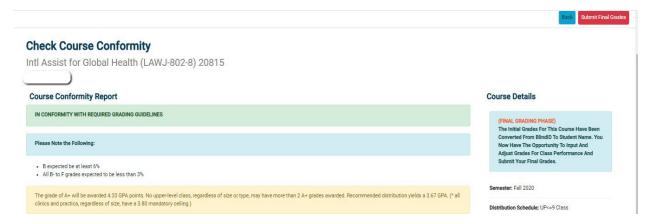
4. After submitting the raw scores you will be redirected to the welcome page; please click the "Assign/Edit Grades" button to access the final grading phase.

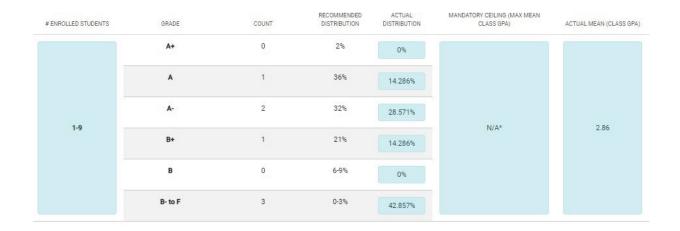
Enter Final Grades

1. After submitting all the raw scores, the students' names and their exam numbers will be displayed. To assign a final grade, choose a letter grade from the **letter grade** menu for each student.



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 are entering it on the page.
- 2. Once you have entered all final grades, click "Check Conformity" to make sure that your grades are following the current curve. If your grades meet conformity based on the curve associated with your course, you will receive a message stating that your grades are "In conformity with required grading guidelines". You will also see a breakdown of your grade distribution in comparison to the recommended distribution. The mandatory ceiling mean GPA (if applicable), along with the mean GPA for your class, will also be displayed.





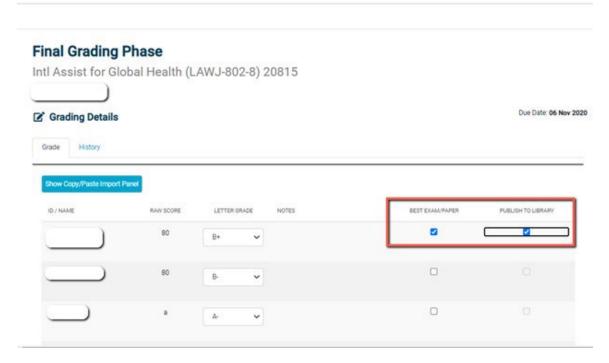
- 3. You may now click "Submit Final Grades".
- If your grades do not follow the approved curve guidelines, you will receive a notice that your grades are "not in conformity with required grading guidelines". The system will also display the reason why you are not in conformity.
- To make the necessary grade adjustments, click the "back" button and you will return to the final grading phase. Once you have completed the adjustments and confirmed grade curve conformity, you may click "Submit Final Grades".



Assign Best Exam/Paper Designation

- 1. Faculty members are encouraged to identify the best exam/paper for each course. There is no limit to the number of best exams or papers you can select. However, there is a limit on how many will be sent to the library for posting.
- 2. To make this selection, click on the "Best Exam/Paper" check box located to the right of each paper or exam.

3. If you would like the best exam to be published on the Law Library's website as a study tool for future students, please check the box located to the right of the best exam/paper check box.



Making Changes to your Final Grades

Prior to the Grades Deadline: You may make changes to your final grades yourself up until you submit your grades to the Office of the Registrar. Once you have submitted your grades, you will not be able to make any changes. Grades will be posted for students to view.

After Grade Posting: If you wish to make a change to a previously submitted grade, based on a demonstrable clerical error, you will not be able to make the change online via the grading platform. In order to request a grade change based on a demonstrable clerical error, you must contact the Office of the Registrar at lawreg@georgetown.edu, and provide details of the error in reporting the grade. Please do not communicate a grade change to the student unless the Registrar has approved the change.

Assistance Via Phone and Email

If you need assistance entering your grades, please contact us at 202-662-9220 during business hours or lawreg@georgetown.edu and we will respond as soon as we are able.

Please note that Office of the Registrar staff will not be able to submit grades for you online because we cannot impersonate you in GU Experience. You should not share your GU Experience password with others. Handle your online grading access the same way you would handle access to your personal information.

Grading Policy

In Spring 2020, the faculty voted to make changes to the grading policies and curves for 1L and upper-level courses, effective Summer 2020. The new policies are below.

Mandatory 1L Course Curve

Grade	Recommended Target (+ Mandatory Min-Max)
A+	1% (0-2%)
Α	17% (17-19%)
A-	20% (19-21%)
B+	39% (39-43%)
В	23% (15-25%)
B- to F	0-5%

Classes of fewer than 90 students may exceed or fall below the specified range for A and A- grades by one student. At least one A+ may be awarded per first-year class, regardless of class size. This Mandatory Curve applies to all first-year required courses, including the Evening Division sections of Criminal Justice and Property taken during the second year of the evening program.

Recommended Upper-Level Course Curve with Mandatory Ceilings

# Enrolled Students	Non-Mandatory (Recommended) Distribution	Mandatory Ceiling (Max Mean Class GPA)
1 – 9	A+ (2%) B+ (21%) A (36%) B (6-9%)	N/A*
10 – 29	A- (32%) B- or below (0-3%) Yields GPA: 3.67	3.80
30+	A+ (1%) B+ (33%) A (19%) B (14-19%) A- (28%) B- or below (0-5%) Yields GPA: 3.50	3.60

^{*}All clinics and practica, regardless of size, have a 3.80 mandatory ceiling.

Grade of A+

- The grade of A+ will be awarded 4.33 GPA points.
- For 1L courses, where the curve is mandatory, there is a target of 1% A+ and an allowable range of 0-2% A+. At least one A+ may be awarded per 1L class, regardless of class size.
- No upper-level class, regardless of size or type, may have more than 2 A+ grades awarded.