The CR/D/F Grading Option

The USC Gould School of Law offers no courses on a “Pass/Fail” basis. Courses which are not graded numerically are graded under the CR/D/F grading option. Some courses are graded exclusively on a CR/D/F basis, and some courses are offered to be taken on either basis at the student's option.

After the first-year curriculum students may take up to eight units on an optional CR/D/F basis from among courses otherwise graded numerically but for which the instructor has authorized the CR/D/F option. Each student may enroll in a maximum of four such units in one semester. Courses offered exclusively on a CR/D/F basis and directed research units do not count against these four and eight unit limits.

Grades under the CR/D/F option will be entered as CR (passing and satisfactory), 2.3 or D (passing but not satisfactory), or 1.9 or F (failing). Faculty may assign the grade of “D” to a student who does unsatisfactory work in the course or who does not complete the requirements of the course. Visiting students may not select the CR/D/F option.

The fall semester deadline for electing the CR/D/F grading option will be September 4, 2009.