

Class Rank for J.D. Students

A. Overview: A student's individual numerical rank is based on his or her expected graduation date. It is generally presumed that full-time entrants will graduate in three years, while part-time entrants will graduate in four years. Students may modify their expected graduation date in accordance with procedures developed by the Registrar.

B. Ranking System and Procedure:

- 1. Full-time first-year students are ranked with their full-time entering class after their first fall semester. After their first spring semester, the full-time students will be ranked with second-year part-time students, based on expected graduation date. Ranking information will be provided for this combined cohort every semester thereafter (excluding summers).
- 2. Part-time first-year students are ranked with their part-time entering class after their first spring semester and their second fall semester. After their second spring semester, the part-time students will be ranked with full-time first-year students, based on expected graduation date. Ranking information will be provided for this combined cohort every semester thereafter (excluding summers).
- 3. Ranking data for July graduates will be based on where they would have ranked had they graduated in the preceding May graduation class.
- 4. This policy does not affect the *Scholastic Honors* policy or the *Further Required Curriculum* policy.

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