



Overview of Grade Distribution for LL.B. and LL.M.

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Summary: This note presents the distribution of final grade point averages (GPAs) for students graduating from the Faculty of Law during the 2024/25 academic year. The information is intended for current students at the Faculty of Law who may need to document their academic standing—for example, when applying for scholarships or international exchange programs. The first section provides a brief introduction to the Danish grading system, which is absolute rather than relative.

1. The Danish Grading System

According to the University Act, assessments must be based solely on the academic requirements specified for the activity being evaluated. Consequently, the Danish grading scale is absolute; relative grading is not permitted, and no particular distribution of grades should be aimed for.

Table 1 outlines the Danish grading scale and its equivalence in the ECTS grading system. Further details are available on the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science's [webpage](#).

Table 1: The Danish Grading Scale

Danish Grade	Description of the Grade	ECTS Equivalence
12	For an excellent performance	A
10	For a very good performance	B
7	For a good performance	C
4	For a fair performance	D
02	For a minimally adequate performance	E
00	For an inadequate performance	Fx
-3	For an unacceptable performance	F

Source: *The Danish Ministry of Education, 2015.*

2. Grade Distribution for LL.B. Graduates

Sections 2.1 and 2.2 present the average values and quartile distribution of final GPAs and Bachelor's thesis grades for the 2025 cohort of LL.B. graduates. The 2025 cohort consists of students who completed the LL.B. between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

Section 2.3 ranks final GPAs into deciles, showing that the top 10 percent of LL.B. graduates achieved a GPA of 9.0 or higher, while the bottom 10 percent had a GPA of at least 4.8. Students may refer to these sections when documenting their academic rank. Section 2.4 provides GPA values for the highest-performing percentiles.

2.1: Average and Quartile Distribution of Final GPAs for LL.B. Graduates (2025)

- Average GPA: **6.8**
- Lower Quartile: **5.7**
- Median GPA: **6.8**
- Upper Quartile (Top 25%): **8.0**

2.2: Average and Quartile Distribution of Bachelor's Thesis Grades for LL.B. Graduates (2025)

- Average Grade: **9.2**
- Lower Quartile: **7.0**
- Median Grade: **10.0**
- Upper Quartile (Top 25%): **12.0**

2.3: Distribution by Deciles of Final GPAs for LL.B. Graduates (2025)

- Top 10%: **9.0**
- Top 20%: **8.3**
- Top 30%: **7.6**
- Top 40%: **7.2**
- Top 50%: **6.8**
- Top 60%: **6.4**
- Top 70%: **6.0**
- Top 80%: **5.4**
- Top 90%: **4.8**

2.4: GPA Distribution for Top Percentiles of LL.B. Graduates (2025)

- Top 1%: **10.1**
- Top 5%: **9.4**
- Top 10%: **9.0**

Source: STADS, University of Copenhagen

3. Grade Distribution for LL.M. Graduates

Section 3.1 and 3.2 present the average values and quartile distribution of final GPAs and Master's thesis grades for the 2025 cohort of LL.M. graduates. The 2025 cohort consists of students who completed the LL.M. between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

Section 3.3 ranks final GPAs into deciles, showing that the top 10 percent of LL.M. graduates achieved a GPA of 10.9 or higher, while the bottom 10 percent had a GPA of at least 6.1. Students may refer to these sections when documenting their academic rank. Section 3.4 provides GPA values for the highest-performing percentiles.

3.1: Average and Quartile Distribution of Final GPAs for LL.M. Graduates (2025)

- Average GPA: **8.7**
- Lower Quartile: **7.5**
- Median GPA: **8.8**
- Upper Quartile (Top 25%): **10.0**

3.2: Average and Quartile Distribution of Master's Thesis Grades for LL.M. Graduates (2025)

- Average Grade: **10.1**
- Lower Quartile: **10.0**
- Median Grade: **10.0**
- Upper Quartile (Top 25%): **12.0**

3.3: Distribution by Deciles of Final GPAs for LL.M. Graduates (2025)

- Top 10%: **10.9**
- Top 20%: **10.4**
- Top 30%: **9.8**
- Top 40%: **9.3**
- Top 50%: **8.8**
- Top 60%: **8.4**
- Top 70%: **7.9**
- Top 80%: **7.1**
- Top 90%: **6.1**

3.4: GPA Distribution for Top Percentiles of LL.M. Graduates (2025)

- Top 1%: **12.0**
- Top 5%: **11.3**
- Top 10%: **10.9**

Source: STADS, University of Copenhagen