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## Transcript Key Supplement

### Accreditation:

Purdue University Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). In addition, some programs are accredited by their individual accrediting agencies. When confirming accreditation, please note that Purdue University Global's main address is in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Purdue Global Law School is also accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California with its primary administrative office in Los Angeles, CA.

Additional programmatic and school accreditations and approvals can be found in the [University Catalog](#).

### Prior Names and Accreditation:

Purdue University Global was formed when Purdue acquired the institutional operations and assets of Kaplan University and, under the leadership of Purdue trustees, officially began operations as Purdue Global in 2018.

**Kaplan University:** Kaplan University had been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) with its main campus in Davenport, IA. All students graduating after the Purdue acquisition in April 2017 are considered alumni of Purdue University Global, including those graduating prior to the completion of the transition. Kaplan University campuses that closed prior to the Purdue transition are the following: Frederick (MD) closed in December 2010, Council Bluffs (IA) closed in February 2013, and South Portland (ME) closed in November 2017.

**Davenport (IA):** Founded in 1937 as American Institute of Commerce (AIC); renamed Quest College in April 2000, Kaplan College in November 2000, and Kaplan University in 2004. AIC was accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS); Kaplan College was accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). Davenport was the main campus for Kaplan University accreditation until March 2018.

**Hagerstown and Frederick (MD):** Originally Hagerstown Business College, renamed Kaplan College in July 2007 and merged with Kaplan University in July 2009. Prior to merging, Hagerstown Business College and its branch campus in Frederick were accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).

**Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Des Moines, Mason City (IA):** Originally Hamilton College, merged with Kaplan University in November 2007. Cedar Falls was also a branch campus of American Institute of Commerce prior to becoming part of the Hamilton College system in 2000. Prior to merging, Hamilton College was accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS) and by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

**Lincoln and Omaha (NE):** The Lincoln campus (originally Lincoln School of Commerce) and the Omaha campus (originally Nebraska Business College) merged with Hamilton College in February 2004 and Kaplan University in November 2007. Prior to merging, both were accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS).

**Portland and Lewiston (ME):** Originally Andover Institute/Andover Institute of Business, renamed Andover College in 1977 and merged with Kaplan University in May 2010. Prior to merging, Andover College was accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

**Purdue Global Law School (CA):** Purdue Global Law School began as Concord University School of Law, founded in 1998. In 2004, the name changed to Concord Law School. It was accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), formerly the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council (DETC, [www.detc.org](http://www.detc.org)), before it formally merged with Kaplan University in 2007 to become Concord Law School of Kaplan University. In 2018, following the acquisition of the institutional operations and assets of Kaplan University by Purdue, it became known as Concord Law School at Purdue University Global. Concord was registered with the State Bar of California as an unaccredited law school until August 2020 when it was accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California. In 2023, its name changed to Purdue Global Law School.

### Locations:

Purdue University Global is an online institution with a main address in West Lafayette, Indiana; support locations in Iowa and Maine; and Purdue Global Law School based in California. Historically there were additional locations in Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. All locations share courses and curriculum. The enrollment summary at the end of the transcript may indicate which location(s) the student enrolled through and will be displayed as the most current name of that location, even if the student's time of attendance occurred while the institution was under a different name.

## Credit System:

Purdue Global employs the quarter system, except for Purdue Global Law School which uses the semester system. Purdue Global courses taken while enrolled at Purdue Global Law School are expressed as semester credits. As of April 2017, one semester course credit at Purdue Global Law School represents 45 hours of law study. Prior to terms starting in April 2017, one semester course credit represented 40 hours of law study.

\*Andover College was on the semester system prior to February 2010, at which point all active students' credits were converted to quarter credits using standard conversion rates. Andover students who have not attended since that date have not been converted.

\*Hagerstown Business College changed from the quarter system to the semester system in 1982. In 2002, the credit system was transitioned back to the quarter system. Credits may have been administratively added to adjust the weight of semester courses for students returning on the quarter system.

## Calendar System:

Purdue Global academic calendars are year-round. For California state bar purposes, the administrative years for Purdue Global Law School are the following: Winter cohort (January 1–December 31), Spring cohort (April 1–March 31), Summer cohort (June 28–June 27), and Fall cohort (August 15–August 14).

## Course Numbering System:

000–099	Developmental Courses – No credit awarded
100–299	Undergraduate Lower-Division Courses
300–499	Undergraduate Upper-Division Courses
500–699	Graduate Courses
700 and above	Doctoral Courses
CL600 and above	Purdue Global Law School Courses

## Module Courses:

Select courses may be divided and offered as module courses. A student has completed the equivalent of the full-credit traditional course if credit is awarded for all modules adding up to the total credits of the course. Module courses are identified by course code format: traditional course's code+"M"+{module #}. Module courses may be individually transferred for credit at the discretion of the transferring institution.

## Grading System:

	GPA Points	Undergraduate	Undergraduate Nursing	Module Courses /Doctoral Nursing Courses	Graduate	Purdue Global Law School
A	4.00	93 - 100%	93 - 100%	90 - 100%	90 - 100%	83 - 100%
A-	3.70	90 - 92%	90 - 92%	--	-	80 - 82%
B+	3.30	87 - 89%	87 - 89%	--	--	78 - 79%
B	3.00	83 - 86%	83 - 86%	80 - 89%	80 - 89%	73 - 77%
B-	2.70	80 - 82%	80 - 82%	--	--	70 - 72%
C+	2.30	77 - 79%	77 - 79%	--	--	68 - 69%
C	2.00	73 - 76%	75 - 76%	--	70 - 79%	63 - 67%
C-	1.70	70 - 72%	--	--	--	60 - 62%
D+	1.30	67 - 69%	--	--	--	58 - 59%
D	1.00	60 - 66%	--	--	--	53 - 57%
D-	0.70	--	--	--	--	50 - 52%
F	0.00	0 - 59%	0 - 74%	0 - 79%	0 - 69%	0 - 49%

AC	Assessment Credit
AU	Audit
CC	Credit by Examination
EC	Experiential Learning Credit
IP	Grade In Progress
I	Incomplete
MW	Military Withdrawal
NR	Not Required
P	Pass
S	Satisfactory
TC	Transfer Credit
U	Unsatisfactory
W	Withdrawal

Discontinued Grades		Discontinuation Date
CE	Continuing Education	December 2005
DA	D. Attendance	January 2003
E/ES	Exempt/Passed Challenge Exam/Work Experience	January 2000
FD	Failed Development	January 2000
HA	High School Articulation Credit	January 2000
L	Lab Attended	January 2000
N	Audited, No credit	January 2000
NP	No Pass (Lincoln only)	January 2000
OS	Continuing – Skill-building courses only	January 2000
PD	Passed Developmental	January 2000
R	Repeated Course	February 2011
T/TS	Transfer Credit/Test Out	January 2000
WF	Withdrawal Failing	November 2007
WP	Withdrawal Passing	November 2007
X	Exempt/Audit	January 2000

### Grade Point Average (GPA):

A student's GPA is calculated by dividing the sum of the earned quality points by the sum of the attempted credits for all courses receiving a grade used in calculating the GPA. Only work completed at Purdue University Global is used in GPA calculations.

The grade received on the last repeat of a course becomes the final grade and will replace all other grades for that course in GPA calculations. Prior to 2019 at Purdue Global Law School, all grades received were used in GPA calculations. When a student changes program of study, only the courses applicable to the new program are included in the GPA calculations for that program.

Withdrawal, prior learning, pass, and incomplete grades generally do not affect the GPA. Current grade definitions can be found in the [University Catalog](#).

### Disqualified Credits:

Purdue Global Law School students who enrolled in the Juris Doctor program prior to Purdue Global Law School being granted accreditation by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California must complete a minimum number of credits/hours of qualifying law study to be certified to take the California Bar Exam. Students who do not complete the minimum requirements may have their credits disqualified. Prior to terms starting April 2017, Juris Doctor students who received

insufficient passing grades may have half of the course credits disqualified. Disqualified credits of law study are notated with a [DQ] in the grade.