



Policy Title
Grading Scale Policy

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1-005

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I. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to inform Southern University Law Center (SULC) faculty and students of the grading scale used in law school courses which are not designated pass/fail courses.

II. Policy Scope

This policy applies to faculty and students.

III. Policy Compliance

This policy informs individuals of the grading scale used in SULC courses which are not pass/fail.

IV. Policy Definitions

Not applicable.

V. Policy Development and Implementation Procedure

The policy was created by the SULC faculty to establish the grading scale to be used in all SULC courses which are not pass/fail courses. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs will be charged with implementing and enforcing this policy.

VI. Policy and Applicable Procedures

The following grading scale is to be used in all SULC courses that are not designated pass/fail courses. If a course is designated a pass/fail course, then a student can only earn either a letter grade of “P” for passing the course or “F” for failing the course. In all other courses, the following grading scale is to be used:

Grading Scale

A	4.00	96 - 100
A-	3.75	90 - 95
B+	3.50	87 - 89
B	3.00	83 - 86
B-	2.75	80 - 82
C+	2.50	77 - 79
C	2.00	73 - 76
C-	1.75	70 - 72
D+	1.50	67 - 69
D	1.00	63 - 66
D-	0.75	60 - 62
F	0.00	Below 60

Nonetheless, nothing in this policy should be read as preventing a professor from awarding grades based on a curve or a similarly accepted method of adjusting their grades based on the academic performance of their students. It is herein acknowledged that grades resulting from the application of a curve or similarly accepted method of adjusting grades may not conform to the above listed grade scale.

Additionally, a professor teaching a course that has not been designated a pass/fail course cannot issue a grade of pass (P) but must award a grade listed on the grade scale (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, or F).

VII. Policy History and Review

This policy was created and became effective prior to the implementation of the uniform policy format which was implemented in 2019. On May 28, 2021, the policy was reviewed and updated by placing it in the uniform policy format. On February 11, 2022, the policy was updated to include language allowing professors to use a curve or similar method of adjusting grades and clarifying the grades that can be awarded in a class that is not designated as a pass/fail course. The policy is subject to a five-year policy review cycle and shall be reviewed by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and any changes will be submitted to the faculty for consideration.

VIII. Publication of Policy

This policy is published on the Southern University Law Center website at www.sulc.edu.

IX. Policy Approval

This policy was approved by the faculty on February 11, 2022:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John K. Pierre". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

John K. Pierre
Chancellor, Southern University Law Center

February 11, 2022
Date