Grading Guidelines – Classes of 24 or more students

A. These grading guidelines apply to all 1L courses and to all other courses with an enrollment of 24 students or more. Enrollment is determined as of the last date for withdrawing from a course with a grade of “W.”

B. The targeted mean grade point average in 1L required courses other than Legal Analysis, Writing and Research 1 & 2 is 3.00. The actual mean in these courses shall be between 2.85 and 3.05.

C. The targeted mean grade point average in Legal Analysis, Writing and Research 1 & 2 and, except as provided for in part B above, in all other courses to which the guidelines apply, is 3.00. The actual mean in these courses shall be between 2.90 and 3.10.

D. Honors grades (A+, A, A- and B+) may be awarded to not more than 35% of students enrolled in courses governed by the grading guidelines.

E. When a partial set of grades is submitted because, for example, some members of the class are graduating and the grades for those students might be submitted before the grades of non-graduating students, the professor shall submit final grades for at least 24 students, including all graduating students. The partial set of grades must comply with the grading guidelines and the full set of grades must comply with the guidelines as well.

F. Any faculty member who teaches more than one section of the same course during the same semester may aggregate the grades of all students in all such sections for purposes of applying the grading guidelines.
Grading Guidelines – Classes of 23 or fewer students

A. These grading guidelines apply to all courses with an enrollment of 23 or fewer students, and to all seminars and workshops. Enrollment is determined as of the last date for withdrawing from a course with a grade of “W.”

B. The median grade shall be no higher than a B+. 

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