

GEORGETOWN LAW

Recommended Curve for Exam Courses

In Spring 2019, the faculty voted to make a change to the recommended grading curve for first-year and upper level examination courses – the new curve is below. If grades are significantly above or below the Recommended Curve, a dean will discuss the grades with the faculty member, who should be prepared to explain and justify that deviation. *Note: while the recommended curve should guide the approach to and expectations for grading in all exam courses, greater deviation from the curve is anticipated in upperclass courses with fewer than 30 students. For first-year exam courses with fewer than 30 students, professors should apply the recommended curve without significant deviation.*

A	12%
A-	19%
B+	28%
B	36-41%
B-	}
C+	}
C	}
C-	}0-5%
D	}
F	}

Historical Grade Distribution for Seminars

Because of the nature of seminars, grades in these courses tend to be somewhat higher and the recommended grading curve does not apply. If grades are significantly above or below the Historical Grade Distribution, a dean will discuss the grades with the faculty member.

A+	2%
A	36%
A-	32%
B+	21%
B	7%
B-	2%
C+	1%
C	0%
C-	0%
D	0%
F	0%

Grade of A+

The faculty also established a grade of A+ to be recorded on official law school transcripts in recognition of truly extraordinary academic performance in a law school class. Because of this high standard, the A+ is not to be routinely awarded – even the best exam or paper in a class might not receive an A+. Please carefully consider whether any A+ grades that you award meet the truly extraordinary academic performance standard.