



**Policy Title**  
**Grade Distribution Policy**

**Policy Number**  
**1-004**

<b>Responsible Unit:</b> Office of Academic Affairs	<b>Effective Date:</b> April 14, 2023
<b>Responsible Official:</b> Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	<b>Last Reviewed Date:</b> April 14, 2023
<b>Policy Classification:</b> Academic Affairs	<b>Last Revised Date:</b> April 14, 2023
	<b>Origination Date:</b> Before 2019

**I. Policy Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to inform SULC faculty and students of the expectation of how grades will be distributed in a course and when the grade distribution is mandatory or advisory.

**II. Policy Scope**

This policy applies to faculty and students.

**III. Policy Compliance**

This policy will impact how grades are distributed in certain courses.

**IV. Policy Definitions**

Not applicable.

**V. Policy Development and Implementation Procedure**

The policy was created by the SULC faculty in an effort to establish an equitable grade distribution in courses. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs will be charged with implementing and enforcing this policy.

**VI. Policy and Applicable Procedures**

The grade distribution listed below is mandatory for the following courses: Basic Civil Procedure,

Civil Law Property, Common Law Property, Contracts I, Contracts II, Criminal Law, Family Law, Obligations I, Obligations II, Torts I, and Torts II.

**Grade Distribution:**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>RANGE</b>
A, A-	0 – 10%
B, B+, B-	15 – 25%
C, C+, C-	25 – 50%
D, D+, D-	15 – 25%
F	0 – 15%

It is advisory for all other courses, to include clinical courses, practical courses, legal writing, legal research, independent research, workshops, seminars, and classes with less than 15 students (except for the doctrinal courses listed above).

The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs may also approve a departure from this for good reasons.

**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. 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. On April 14, 2023, the policy was updated to clear up a typographical error that omitted Criminal Law from the list of first-year courses that were subject to the mandatory grade distribution curve.

**VIII. Publication of Policy**

This policy is published on the Southern University Law Center website at [www.sulc.edu](http://www.sulc.edu).

**IX. Policy Approval**

This policy was approved by the Chancellor and Faculty on April 14, 2023:

  
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**John K. Pierre**  
**Chancellor, Southern University Law Center**

April 14, 2023  
**Date**