



Policy Title
Grade Distribution Policy

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1-004

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Responsible Official: Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Last Reviewed Date: May 28, 2021
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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, Family Law, Obligations I, Obligations II, Torts I, and Torts II.

Grade Distribution:

GRADE	RANGE
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 that are not clinical courses, practical courses, legal writing, legal research, independent research, workshops, seminars, and classes with less than 15 students.

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.

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 Chancellor and Faculty:



John K. Pierre
Chancellor, Southern University Law Center

May 28, 2021
Date