



**Policy Title**  
**Grading Scale Policy**

**Policy Number**  
**SULC-1-005**

<b>Responsible Unit:</b> Office of Academic Affairs	<b>Effective Date:</b> February 24, 2025
<b>Responsible Official:</b> Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	<b>Last Reviewed Date:</b> February 24, 2025
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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. The policy also identifies courses that are pass/fail at the Law Center.

**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**

- A. 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).

- B. The following courses are pass/fail courses:

424A	Legal Methods
429	Lawyering Process I
430	Lawyering Process II
435	Legal Process
459	Independent Research/Adv. Independent Research
625	Advanced Constitutional Law
643	Law Review Workshop
644	Moot Court Workshop
645	Journal of Race, Gender, & Poverty Workshop
658	Advanced Louisiana Torts Litigation (Advanced Torts)
824	Honors Board of Advocates Workshop
825	Journal of Intellectual Property, Technology & Law Workshop
826	Journal of International Law, Business & Policy Workshop
929	Trial Advocacy Board Workshop

- C. Any newly created co-curricular course or intervention course will be a pass/fail course, unless designated differently when the faculty approves the creation of the course.

#### **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 was updated, on February 24, 2025, to identify the pass/fail courses at the Law Center. 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](http://www.sulc.edu).

#### **IX. Policy Approval**

This policy was approved by the faculty on February 24, 2025:

  
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Alvin Washington  
Interim Chancellor

February 24, 2025  
Date