

## GRADING CURVE FOR FIRST-YEAR COURSES

The Law School Faculty approved the guidelines below for grading first-year courses. Instructors are asked to adhere to the ranges, especially for “family” grades (set forth in bold), in order to promote consistency in the grades across sections.

A+ A+ is a grade to be used sparingly and only for truly extraordinary performance. In general, there should be no more than one A+ in a class and the grade should not be used automatically for the top performance in the class if that performance is not extraordinary.

A 6-11%

A- 13-19%

**Range for all A family grades: 25-30%**

B+ 30-35%

**Range for all grades of B+ and above: 55-65%**

**Range for all grades of B and below: 35-45%**

NB: Grades available below B are B- (B minus), C, and F. Instructors are not required to award these grades.

**GRADING FOR 1L ELECTIVES:** 1L Electives can be graded in accordance with the Faculty guidelines for upper-year courses.