

ADVISORY GRADING GUIDELINES FOR UPPER CLASS COURSES

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All full-time and tenure-track faculty should aspire to historical rigor in grading. To this end, after looking at historical grading practices, the following policy was suggested by the Curriculum Committee and adopted by the Law Faculty:

These are advisory GPA guidelines for regular faculty, but are **required for adjunct faculty** beginning in the spring 2003 semester. Variations by an adjunct should only be available on a showing of good cause to the Dean's office.

For all upper level classes of 25 or more students – the mean gpa range is 2.7 to 3.1.

For courses with 10-24 students – the mean gpa range is 2.6 to 3.2.

In courses of fewer than 10 students or those classes in which a paper, or another assignment or assignments of equal rigor to a paper, is the sole means of assigning the grade, the mean will be in the sole discretion of the teacher.

These are advisory, aspirational means, and no enforcement mechanism is contemplated or sought other than circulation of class mean GPA's among the faculty. Should the faculty fail to conform to these guidelines, the faculty will revisit this issue in two years to decide whether the aspiration needs to become a required mean.