Johns Hopkins Carey Business School  
New Grading Policy – Effective Fall 2017  
Operational Details for Faculty

The following excerpt will appear on all 2017-18 standard syllabi beginning in Fall-1:

Grading
Effective Fall 2017: The grade of A is reserved for those who demonstrate extraordinarily excellent performance as determined by the instructor. The grade of A- is awarded only for excellent performance. The grades of B+, B, and B- are awarded for good performance. The grades of C+, C, and C- are awarded for adequate but substandard performance. The grades of D+, D, and D- are not awarded at the graduate level (undergraduate only). The grade of F indicates the student’s failure to satisfactorily complete the course work.

Please note that for Core and Foundation courses, a maximum of 25% of students may be awarded an A or A-; the grade point average of the class should not exceed 3.3. For Elective courses, a maximum of 35% of students may be awarded an A or A-; the grade point average of the class should not exceed 3.4. (For classes with 15 students or fewer, the class GPA cap is waived.)

If your syllabus does not have this wording, you can find the current standard syllabus template on our faculty website:  http://carey.jhu.edu/inside/teaching-learning-at-carey/standard-syllabi/

Additional background and process information for faculty:
- A class is considered “Foundation” or “Core” if the course is listed as such regardless of the percentage of students taking the course as an elective. (Faculty can only grade to one distribution, and thus we have to make a choice between core or elective for all students enrolled in a given class. For example, there could be a FlexMBA course which is required as part of that curriculum, but students in other programs choose to take it as an elective. The faculty member teaching that course would follow the Core/Foundation grade distribution.)
- If you are unsure if the course you are teaching is Foundation/Core or Elective, please consult the Program requirement posted on our website (http://carey.jhu.edu/academics/) or ask the Registrar.
- Grade Point Values: A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3.0, B- = 2.7, C+ = 2.3, C = 2.0, C- = 1.7, F = 0.
- The percentages and the grade point average of 3.3 or 3.4 may apply to combined sections if taught by the same instructor during the same 8-week term.
- Each instructor should calculate the GPA of each section (or pooled sections in a term) before submitting grades to understand whether they comply with the policy and make any necessary adjustments.
- The new policy will be monitored each term by the Vice Dean for Education.
- Faculty teaching courses with sections larger than 15 students with a unique format may request an exemption one term in advance of the course offering; please submit the request in writing to both Vice Deans (for Education and for Faculty & Research).