

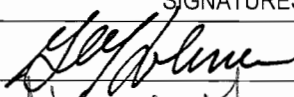
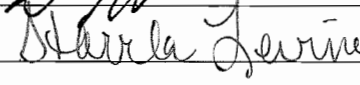
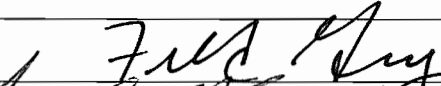
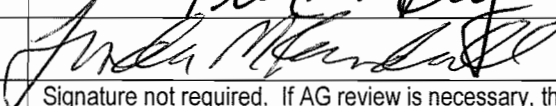
UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE
Academic Policy Cover Sheet

(See Process for Academic Policy Development, Revision or Discontinuance)

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CONTACT NAME: Cheryl Cudzilo PHONE: x4457
POLICY TITLE: Grade Point Average
APPLIES TO: LAW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MSB <input type="checkbox"/> YGCLA <input type="checkbox"/>
SPECIFIC PROGRAM (if applicable): JD
PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION DATE / SEMESTER: Fall 2007

Box 1: ACTION ITEM (check appropriate box)	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED (see box 2 below)	REVIEW / APPROVAL SEQUENCE (see box 3 below)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. New Policy	AB – others as appropriate	ABCDE – varies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Policy Revision	AB – others as appropriate	ABCDE – varies
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Discontinuance of Existing Policy	AB	ABCDE – varies

Box 2: DOCUMENTATION (check boxes of documents included) (may include documents in addition to required ones)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A. AP Cover Sheet (this document)	D. Additional Forms (as may be needed to support procedures)	F. Other (please list)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B. AP Proposal Summary	E. Samples of Similar Policies	
	C. Procedures (as appropriate)		

Box 3: REVIEW / APPROVAL SEQUENCE	SIGNATURES (as appropriate)	DATE
A. School / College Dean		5-21-07
B. Policy Coordinator		5-22-07
C. Academic Policy Review Committee Chair (UFS subcommittee--CRC)		
D. University Faculty Senate Chair (UFS option)		6-5-07
E. Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs		7/12/07
F. Attorney General's Office	Signature not required. If AG review is necessary, the date of approval may be received via e-mail and would be added by the Policy Coordinator.	
G. 10-Day Open Comment Period		
H. President		
I. USM / Board of Regents – approval	Signature not required. If USM review is necessary, the date of approval would be added by the Policy Coordinator.	

Academic Policy Proposal Summary

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I. Statement of Purpose: To allow all faculty, in any course, to award one A+ to the highest graded student in each course.

II. Policy (including authority for policy waiver, exclusions, or sanctions, if any) can be attached if too lengthy for this box.

Grade Point Average

The grade point average is determined by computing the ratio of grade points to semester hours of work attempted in courses in which letter grades are assigned. The student receives grade points according to the following scale:

Grades	Grade Points	Grades	Grade Points
A+	4.330	C-	1.670
A	4.000	D+	1.330
A-	3.670	D	1.000
B+	3.330	D-	0.670
B	3.000	F	0
B-	2.670	WF	0
C+	2.330	I	0
C	2.000	NR	0

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III. Reason(s) for Proposed Policy

To award truly outstanding and exceptional work and designate the highest grade in the class. This policy will put UB in line with the University of Maryland School of Law, who already awards grades of A+.

Academic Policy Proposal Summary (Page 2)

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IV. Current Policy (if proposal is a revision or discontinuance), including date of adoption if available, can be attached if too lengthy for this box.

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V. Other (who was consulted, definition of terms, etc.)

The new Mandatory Grading Range was developed and approved by the School of Law Academic Standards committee, chaired by Professor Michele Gilman. The membership included several tenured faculty members, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs as well as the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. On May 1, the School of Law Faculty Council approved the measure by an overwhelming majority.