

Grade Policy Change Act of 2014

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Senate Resolution 14-7

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A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE RECOMMENDING THE PROVOST OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND THE CHANCELLOR AMEND THE UNIVERSITY'S CURRENT GRADE POLICY, AS STATED IN POLICY CODE ACA.AR.200.003, WHICH READS:

Passing Grades		Failing Grades	Other Marks
A	Excellent	F Failure	I Incomplete
A-			IP In Progress
B+	Good		W Withdrawn
B			X Audit
B-			
C+	Satisfactory		
C			
C-			
D	Lowest passing grade		
P	Pass		
Z	Credit granted		

Grade Points and GPA • The grade-point average (GPA) is computed by dividing the number of A, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, F-graded hours attempted at The University of Mississippi into the total number of grade points earned at the university. Grade points per credit hour are assigned as follows: A = 4.0; A- = 3.7; B+ = 3.3; B = 3.0; B- = 2.7; C+ = 2.3; C = 2.0; C- = 1.7; D = 1.0; F = 0. For the purpose of certain prerequisites and degree requirements, a B average and C average are defined as a GPA of 3.00 and 2.00, respectively, unless a more specific requirement is indicated. Independent study courses are not included in the semester-based GPA calculation.

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TO READ:

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WHEREAS, this resolution shall be referred to as the Grade Policy Change Act of 2014;

WHEREAS, an A+, if added to the grading scale, as explained in The University of Mississippi's Policy Code ACA.AR.200.003, would average as a 4.3 GPA;

WHEREAS, a student's cumulative and semester GPA average cannot exceed 4.0, as explained in The University of Mississippi's Policy Code ACA.AR.200.003;

WHEREAS, The University of Mississippi School of Law, on 03/11/2010, adopted a similar grading policy that reflects the grading scale being proposed, in which an A+ is calculated to be a 4.3 GPA;

WHEREAS, faculty autonomy shall remain uninhibited, as grading is left to the discretion of the professor and/or academic school; AND

WHEREAS, it is strongly recommended that an A+ only be awarded to recognize a student for genuinely extraordinary work, not, necessarily, to a student receiving the highest grade.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED THAT THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE RECOMMENDS TO THE PROVOST OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND THE CHANCELLOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY'S CURRENT GRADING POLICY, AS STATED IN POLICY CODE ACA.AR.200.003, TO INCLUDE THE INFORMATION ABOVE.

Date of Introduction _____ Date of Consideration _____

Committee Jurisdiction _____

Action of the Campus Senate _____

Senate President _____ Senate Clerk _____

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Administrative Acknowledgement:

Dean of Students _____ Vice Chancellor _____

Chancellor _____