Discussion of University of Pennsylvania Law School Grading System

University of Pennsylvania Law School students are selected from the most competitive law school applicants in the country. Their academic excellence should be kept in mind when considering their grades, in comparison both with their classmates and with their peers at other law schools.

The Law School’s grading system consists of A, A-, B+, B, B-, C and F grades, with a rare A+ awarded for distinguished performance. Additionally, our 1L Legal Writing Course is graded on an honors/pass/fail basis.

University of Pennsylvania Law School students are not ranked in class. Employers should take care in comparing our system with those of other schools – our students are admitted under very competitive standards, yet our mandatory first year curve requires that some students fall into all grade categories.

If you have any additional questions, please call the Career Planning and Professionalism Office at 215-898-7493.