

**LEHMAN COLLEGE  
OF THE  
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

**OFFICE OF THE PROVOST**

**NEW POLICY**

1. **Type of Change**: Adoption of a Standard Grade Scheme on Brightspace

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**Background and Rationale**

As Lehman College continues the transition to the Brightspace learning management system (LMS), it is essential that we align our digital teaching tools with our academic policies to ensure clarity, consistency, and fairness for all students.

We currently do not have a codified standard grade scheme across all undergraduate classes. While the faculty member certainly retains autonomy in designing assessments and weighting, the letter grade scale used to calculate final grades often varies from course to course. This inconsistency creates confusion for students and undermines efforts to promote academic transparency.

**Proposed Grade Scheme (for Undergraduate Courses)**

<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Percentage Range</b>
A	92.5–100%
A–	89.5–92.49%
B+	86.5–89.49%
B	82.5–86.49%
B–	79.5–82.49%
C+	76.5–79.49%
C	72.5–76.49%
C–	69.5–72.49%
D+	66.5–69.49%
D	59.5–66.49%
F	0–59.49%

This scheme reflects common grading expectations across departments and aligns with existing academic policies.

These are a few CUNY examples of their grading scheme.

<https://www.gc.cuny.edu/aac/academic-and-grading-policies/>  
<https://hunter.cuny.edu/students/registration/records-and-transcripts/grading-structure/>  
<https://baruch-undergraduate.catalog.cuny.edu/policies-and-procedures/understanding-your-grades-and-transcript>  
<https://employees.brooklyn.edu/base/grade-glossary/>

### **Benefits**

- Clarity for Students: Students will better understand how grades are calculated and where they stand.
- Consistency Across Courses: Reduces confusion in multi-instructor or multi-section courses.
- Support for Advising and Appeals: Simplifies academic review, grade appeals, and progress assessments.

### **4. Rationale (Explain how this change will impact learning outcomes of the department and Major/Program):**

Implementing a **college-wide standard grade scheme in Brightspace**, preloaded into all course shells, aligned with Lehman's official grading policies, supports students and streamlines grading practices. It will also be less confusing to students if the same basic scheme is applied in each course.

### **5. Date of CAEAS approval: 09/29/2025**