

Proposal to Include an A+ Option to the Grading Scale

Proposed by:
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee

Endorsed by:
Wichita State University
Student Government Association

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this proposal is to encourage the Wichita State University Faculty Senate to consider a change to the Wichita State Grade Point System to add an A+ letter grade option with three different proposals to consider. With the three different proposals, they are put in numerical order with the first being the most recommended by the Student Government Association.

CURRENT STATUS:

The following table summarizes the current Wichita State Grade Point Scale.

Table II. Proposed Grade Point Scale

Letter Grade	Grade Points
A+	4.33 or 4.00
A	4
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1
D-	0.7
F	0

INEQUITY AND NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF CURRENT STATUS:

1. A grade of **B-** may be offset by earning a **B+** in another course, which allows an average of a 3.0 on our current GPA scale. This can be seen with other grades such as C and D.
2. The current system does not allow students the opportunity to earn an A+ but does include an A-. The result is an unequal treatment if compared to the B, C, and D grade categories. Thus, once a student receives an A- in at least one course, the student can no longer raise his/her/their GPA to a 4.0.

WORKS CITED:

www.lsac.org/applying-law-school/jd-application-process/jd-application-requirements/academic-