



University
of Windsor

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Policy Statement

Mandatory Average Policy

All courses, with the exceptions noted below, will be graded according to a mandatory average range of 73-76.9 per cent (namely, the 'B' range).

For courses of 25 or fewer students, and/or for courses that are primarily experiential or clinical, and/or for courses that are primarily assessed on the basis of a paper (i.e., a course in which the student submits a research paper worth at least 50% of the final grade in that course), as well as small group first year law courses (Indigenous Legal Orders and Access to Justice), the mandatory average will be 73-79.9 percent (namely, the B to B+ range).

The mandatory class average policy will not apply to classes of 10 or fewer students, as per existing policy.

Procedures

Instructors are to allocate raw grades to students' assignments or exams. The class average for the final grades (not each component of the course) is then calculated.

Where the class average is outside of the mandatory average range, each student in the class is adjusted up or down by an equivalent numeric factor (in other words, by adding or subtracting a number) to bring the class average within the mandatory average range.

Where in the mandatory range a class average should fall is a matter of discretion for the instructor, taking into account the overall performance of the class, the extent of the adjustment up or down, and the relative strength of the class vis-à-vis previous groups of students.

The mandatory average does not apply to mid-term grades in full-year courses; however, instructors should release a class average when providing those grades.

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Appendices: None

Cross References: [Senate Policy on Grading and Calculation of Averages](#)