

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
The Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee

**Minutes**  
240 SH  
April 6, 2023

*Attending:* Jill Beckman, Roxanna Curto, Jennifer Eimers (staff), Alan Huckleberry, Erin Irish, Cornelia Lang (chair), Cinda Coggins Mosher, Christine Shea, Jan Wessel, Jenna Yang

*Absent:* Melissa Bates, Asha Bhandary

*Guests:* Amira Qidwai

1. The minutes from March 30, 2023, were approved.
2. The committee had a lengthy discussion about grading and revising the [CLAS Grading Guidelines](#). The focus was on clarifying grading policies and procedures for undergraduate courses. They also discussed the ways to represent various approaches to grading on the CLAS webpage and what might be the most helpful for instructors, as well as represent the way in which instructors are grading in CLAS undergraduate courses. CLAS and UEPC would like to include language that supports a variety of grading strategies (with no preferential schemes called out) and discourages the use of norm-referenced (or curved) grading for undergraduate courses.

The meeting closed with a discussion about the use of A+ grades. CLAS encourages but does not require the use of plus/minus grading for all letter grades. Even for courses that use plus/minus grading, instructors may choose not to offer A+ grades. The committee agreed that A+ grades should be an option for students who demonstrate exceptional performance with the criteria for earning an A+ clearly outlined in the syllabus. This recommendation will be included in the revised grading guidelines.

3. Adjournment of meeting

Respectfully submitted,

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