

University of Houston Grading System: Inclusion of A+ Grade Recommendation

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*to not include  
A+ grade into UH  
Grading  
System.*

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**Comments:** Hello, I have a suggestion. Our current grading system awards A-'s, but not A+'s. Many other schools do award A+'s. The Law School Admissions Council counts A+'s as 4.33's. This leaves UH pre-law students like myself at a disadvantage when it come time to apply to law schools, since we will be competing with thousands of other students who do receive those coveted 4.33's and thus have higher GPA's than us. Even if UH did not award 4.33's, simply awarding A+'s valued at 4.0 would solve the problem, since the Law School Admissions Council would still count those A+'s as 4.33's, not 4.0's. I am a pre-law student, so I am knowledgeable about the pre-law process; I am sure, however, that the disadvantage I am addressing is also applicable to many UH students looking for other post-graduate opportunities. This is why I encourage you to consider amending our grading system to award A+'s. Secondly, I just don't think it's fair to high-performing students to always face the risk of A-, but never the possibility of an A+. The B-student faces both prospects, so does the C-student, but the A-student in this grading system is sold short. I hope you examine both of these points and consider my suggestion. Thanks, Ahamed Hossain

