

## UCC Analysis of MSU's Grading Scale – ONGOING

Should MSU revise its grading scale to provide faculty a wider range of grade options?

Does MSU lose anything by only having a 4.0, 3.5, etc with 0.5 increments?

- We have two options where most universities have 3 (4.0, 3.7, 3.3)
- Only three of the Big Ten/CIC use the 0.5 increments
- How does an A- student at MSU (3.5) compare to an A- student at Indiana University (3.7)?

Considerations:

- Some faculty will not want to change.
- Would adding more increments really help?

Next Steps:

- Faculty, advisor, and student survey
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## Proposal to Modify the MSU Grading Scale – BEING EVALUATED

Ask faculty for comment on an enhanced grading scale utilizing 0.25 increments in addition to current grades.

4.0, 3.75, 3.5, 3.25, 3.0, 2.75, 2.5, 2.25, 2.0, 1.75, 1.5, 1.25, 1.0, 0.0

What this allows:

- Increased fit with other universities' grading scales and traditional + and – nomenclature.
- Faculty who do not want to change **DO NOT HAVE TO!**
- MSU = different but **BETTER**

Would the addition of a 3.75 help combat the high number of 4.0 grades awarded across campus? Or would it end up inflating the 3.5 level?

### List of Universities utilizing the 4.0, 3.5, 3.0, etc. grading scale

- Michigan State University
- University of Wisconsin (Madison) A = 4.0, AB = 3.5, etc
- Rutgers University
  - Rutgers utilizes a standard grading scale across all of its classes, percentages below.

<b>A (4.0) = 89.5-100</b>	<b>C = (2.0) 69.5-74.49</b>
<b>B+ (3.5) = 84.5-89.49</b>	<b>D = (1.5) 59.5-69.49</b>
<b>B = (3.0) 79.5-84.49</b>	<b>F = (0) 0-59.49</b>
<b>C+ (2.5) = 74.5-79.49</b>	

### List of Universities utilizing the 4.0, 3.67, 3.33, etc. grading scale

- Penn State University
- University of Minnesota
- University of Iowa
  - \* A+ = 4.33 grade
- University of Texas (Austin)

<b>A/A+ = 4.0</b>	<b>C = 2.00</b>
<b>A- = 3.67</b>	<b>C- = 1.67</b>
<b>B+ = 3.33</b>	<b>D = 1.33</b>
<b>B = 3.00</b>	<b>D = 1.00</b>
<b>B- = 2.67</b>	<b>D = 0.67</b>
<b>C+ = 2.33</b>	<b>E = 0</b>

### List of Universities utilizing the 4.0, 3.7, 3.3, etc. grading scale

- Ohio State University
- University of Illinois
- University of Indiana (Bloomington)
- Purdue University
- Northwestern University
- University of Maryland

<b>A/A+ = 4.00</b>	<b>C = 2.00</b>
<b>A- = 3.7</b>	<b>C- = 1.7</b>
<b>B+ = 3.3</b>	<b>D = 1.3</b>
<b>B = 3.00</b>	<b>D = 1.00</b>
<b>B- = 2.7</b>	<b>D = 0.7</b>
<b>C+ = 2.3</b>	<b>E = 0</b>

### Other grading scale

- Oakland University (0.1 increments 4.0, 3.9, ... 1.1, 1.0, 0.0)
- University of Central Florida + and - are 0.25 (4.0, 3.75, 3.25, 3.0, ...) – but no 3.5