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To Whom It May Concern:

In recognition of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for all students and the likelihood that some suffered more severely because of illness, lack of resources or family circumstances, our faculty adjusted the grading curve for Spring 2020 within existing policy. The Spring 2020 policy seeks to limit the specific effect on grades, to enhance uniformity in grading practices, and to provide clear, consistent guidance. Accordingly, our law school made the following two changes of note:

1. Adjusted grading curve. The range of permissible average grades in Spring 2020 was changed to 3.70 – 3.90 for classes greater than 20 students (courses under 20 have never been subjected to the curve). This is higher than the usual average range of 2.90-3.20, but compresses the variation. This higher range allowed faculty to give higher grades overall and moderated the lower end of a grade distribution. Accordingly, cumulative GPAs include one semester with an adjusted grading curve.
2. Spring 2020 grades do not count towards class rank. Like many schools, we are not recalculating class rank at this time. Any class rank included on a resume corresponds to a student's class rank after the Fall 2019 semester.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 404.502.2793 or at krtatum@uga.edu.

Best Regards,

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