University of Houston Law Center Grading System and Course Curve

Grading System:
Letter grades will be given to students in all courses and seminars. The letter grades and their numerical equivalents on a four-point grading scale are as follows:

A = 4.00  B- = 2.67  D+ = 1.33
A-= 3.67  C+ = 2.33  D = 1.00
B+ = 3.33  C = 2.00  D- = 0.67
B = 3.00  C-= 1.67  F = -0-

Course Curve:
Effective for the 2010-2011 academic year the faculty approved the following grading policy, which began in the summer of 2000 for the part-time program:

1st-year courses   2.9-3.1  Mandatory
Large Classes (> 20) 2.9-3.1  Mandatory
Small Classes (11-20) 2.8-3.2  Mandatory
LR&W 2.8-3.2  Mandatory
Seminars 3.0-3.4  Mandatory

Very Small (10 or less) 2.8-3.2 Recommended and ordinarily applicable;
Associate Dean authorized to work with faculty member to try and achieve the recommended curve.

First Year Grade Distribution
The following grade distribution is mandatory for all first year classes:

A     0 – 10%
A-    5 – 15%
B+    15 – 25%
B     25 – 35%
B-    15 – 25%
C+    5 – 15%
C or below 0 – 10%

Class Standing Information:
The Law Center does not publish class standings. Instead, a percentile ranking is provided based on entering class year so individual students may determine their general position within the group of students with whom they entered the Law Center. It can be found at http://www.law.uh.edu/student/clstand.pdf