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Grade Inflation Uncurbed at Harvard? Dean Says Median Grade Is A-Minus

The dean of undergraduate education, Jay M. Harris, gave some brief information about grades during a meeting on Tuesday of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. His comments came in response to a question from Harvey C. Mansfield, a professor of government and a [longtime critic](#) of [lenient grading policies](#).

The median grade at Harvard College is an A-, and the most frequently awarded mark is an A, Dean of Undergraduate Education Jay M. Harris said on Tuesday afternoon, supporting suspicions that the College employs a softer grading standard than many of its peer institutions.