

# Augusta University

## Policy Library

**Effective July 1, 2021**

### Graduation with Honors

**Policy Manager: Office of the Vice Provost for Instruction**

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

To recognize exemplary performance of students, Augusta University (“AU”) awards undergraduate degrees with honors to candidates who meet specific campus residency requirements and standards of academic excellence as measured by the grade point average under the conditions set forth in this policy.

This distinction of high academic achievement is placed on the student’s diploma and is noted on the transcript.

#### **AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS**

*Indicate all entities and persons within the Enterprise that are affected by this policy:*

- Alumni     Faculty     Graduate Students     Health Professional Students  
 Staff     Undergraduate Students     Vendors/Contractors     Visitors  
 Other:

#### **DEFINITIONS**

*Residence Credit:* Number of hours taken for which tuition and fees are paid to AU.

*Regents GPA:* The average of every grade received at AU, including repeated courses.

#### **PROCESS & PROCEDURES**

AU awards honors to students graduating with an Associate’s Degree or Bachelor’s Degree who meet specific standards of academic excellence as measured by the grade point average. For an undergraduate degree to be awarded with honors, a student must have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours in residence for a bachelor’s degree or a minimum of 30 semester hours in residence for an associate’s degree. For students completing all coursework at AU, the Regents GPA is used for the calculation of honors. For students transferring coursework to AU, a grade point average including all transfer work and all work taken at AU will be used for calculation of honors. For transfer students, both the calculated GPA and the Regents GPA must meet the standards below. The honor will be determined by the lower of the two GPAs.

The standards for honors are as follows:

- Summa cum laude: 3.90-4.00
- Magna cum laude: 3.70-3.89
- Cum laude: 3.50-3.69

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**Executive Sponsor: Vice Provost for Instruction**

**Next Review: 12/2023**

The effective date of this Policy will be July 1, 2021.

**REFERENCES & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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**RELATED POLICIES**

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**APPROVED BY:**

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Augusta University

Date: 1/20/2021

President, Augusta University

Date: 1/20/2021