

Augusta University

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Graduation with Honors

Policy Owner: Office of Academic and Faculty Affairs

POLICY STATEMENT

To recognize exemplary performance of students, Augusta University (“AU”) awards undergraduate degrees with honors to candidates who meet specific 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: Include any other stakeholders not listed above.

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 course work 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

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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
- Magna cum laude: 3.70
- Cum laude: 3.50

REFERENCES & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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RELATED POLICIES

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APPROVED BY:

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