

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**AA-20: UNIVERSITY (LATIN) HONORS**

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I. **PURPOSE:** This policy provides guidelines for the awarding of Latin honors to deserving undergraduates.

**II. DEFINITIONS:**

**Latin honors** - Honors awarded in the form of summa cum laude, magna cum laude, or cum laude, based on a set of specific criteria determined by the institution.

**111. GENERAL POLICY GUIDELINES**

Latin honors are an institutional award and are determined by the schools and verified by the registrar's office at degree checkout based on the published GPA criteria:

Summa cum laude - 3.960 - 4.000

Magna cum laude - 3.860 - 3.959

Cum laude - 3.760 - 3.859

To determine University honors, two GPAs are computed for each student:

- (1) On all work completed and
- (2) on all work completed at LSU (all System campuses).

These GPAs are inclusive of all grades, including those previously excluded through any grade exclusion policy. All grades are used to determine University honors. The lower of the averages is used to determine eligibility for University honors.

All students earning bachelor's degrees who meet institutional residency requirements are eligible to receive Latin honors regardless of where transfer credit was earned.

Latin honors shall appear on transcripts upon degree conferral but will not appear on diplomas.

**IV. PROCEDURES**

1. Upon degree checkout, the schools will determine Latin honors for eligible students and notify the registrar for verification.
2. Upon degree conferral in the student information system, the registrar's office will record any Latin honors earned.