



Executive Memorandum 23-022

June 27, 2023

From: Gayle E. Hutchinson, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gayle E. Hutchinson".

Subject: Policy on GPA Honors at Graduation

Upon the recommendation of the Academic Senate and with the concurrence of the Provost, I approve the Policy on GPA Honors at Graduation, effective immediately.

Policy Title:	EM 23-022: Policy on GPA Honors at Graduation
Contact:	
Supersedes:	EM 81-5
Revision:	
Enabling Legislation or Executive Order:	

PURPOSE

This policy establishes that undergraduates earn GPA Honors at graduation (cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude) based upon cumulative grade point average. Specifically, this document replaces EM 81-5, dated June 25, 1981.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all undergraduate students who receive a baccalaureate degree with a cumulative grade point average at or higher than 3.5.

POLICY

Honors at graduation shall be granted to students who graduate with a baccalaureate degree within the following cumulative grade point average (GPA) ranges after final grades are posted.

- cum laude: 3.50-3.74
- magna cum laude: 3.75-3.89
- summa cum laude: 3.90-4.0

For Commencement, the Office of the Registrar will create rosters of provisional GPA Honors recipients, prior to the posting of final grades, and in time for Commencement program printing. The program will include a statement that information published in the Commencement program reflects students' tentative eligibility for graduation with honors. Official notation of cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude is reflected on the final transcript and diploma (including grades for the final semester's work).