



California University of Pennsylvania

POLICY: Honors at Graduation

A. Purpose & Scope:

To describe the process and procedure for academic honors at commencement for undergraduate students

B. Definition(s):

Associate degree program: A program of study leading to an Associate's degree.

Baccalaureate degree program: A program of study which leads to a Bachelor's degree.

GPA: Grade Point Average is determined by dividing the total number of quality points earned by regular courses at California University of PA by the total number of GPA hours.

C. Policy:

Commencement honors are awarded to students in the graduating class who have earned 60 credits at California University in a baccalaureate degree program and achieved the required GPA.

Highest Honors (*Summa Cum Laude*) 3.750 to 4.000

High Honors (*Magna Cum Laude*) 3.500 to 3.749

Honors (*Cum Laude*) 3.250 to 3.499

Credits, grades, and quality points earned as part of a previously completed associate or first degree are not used to calculate commencement honors designations except in the following circumstances: students that earn an associate degree from California University of Pennsylvania may count those credits earned at the University in meeting the 60 credit residency requirement and required GPA needed for commencement honors.

Academic honors are awarded to students in the graduating class who have earned 30 credits at California University in an associate degree program and achieved the required minimum GPA of 3.250. The honors designations of cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude do not apply to graduates with the associate degree. Associate degree commencement honors designation will be "with honors."

D. Procedure(s):

1. The list of graduate candidates with their California University of PA cumulative grade point average and any transfer cumulative grade point averages will be reviewed by the University Registrar or his/her designee to determine those students who qualify for graduation with honors.

2. The following will be used as the appropriate honors designation for baccalaureate degree programs:

Summa Cum Laude 3.750 to 4.000

Magna Cum Laude 3.500 to 3.749

Cum Laude 3.250 to 3.499

3. The following will be used as the appropriate designation for associate degree programs:

With Honors 3.250 to 4.000

4. The above procedure will be used to determine those students to be listed in the commencement program and who will receive honors recognition at the commencement ceremony. Final eligibility for or the level of graduation honors will be determined following the posting of grades for the final semester at California University of PA and will be reflected on the California University of PA transcript.

E. Effective date: 2011-2012 Undergraduate Catalog

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