



Policy: Academic Honors

Effective: June 1, 2019

Policy Type: Faculty

Responsible Department: Registrar Office

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**Policy:** Students are awarded academic honors based on GPA requirements specified for each academic program and if they have completed at least half their degree credits at Grace College and/or Theological Seminary.

- 1.0 Graduate and seminary programs are awarded honors with GPAs of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale are designated as *Honors Graduates*.
- 2.0 Students in the degree completion programs are awarded honors based on all of the required credit hours of course work completed at Grace College and any elective credits taken at Grace College after the student entered the program.
- 3.0 Seminary students in the Deploy competency-based programs are awarded honors when they complete their program with no more than one Proficiency Completion grade.
- 4.0 Students in all undergraduate programs receive honors using the following categories:  
*Cum laude* 3.650 – 3.799  
*Magna cum laude* 3.800 – 3.939  
*Summa cum laude* 3.940 – 4.000
- 5.0 Associate degree students are awarded honors with GPAs of 3.65 or higher on a scaled of 4.0 are designated *Honors Graduates*.
- 6.0 Upon receipt and posting of the final grades for the last term attended, the final GPA is recorded.
- 7.0 Any grade adjustments upward that may earn more advanced honors than were publicly announced or any grade adjustments downward that might officially remove honors from the student will be so noted on the permanent transcript.
- 8.0 Honors cords are distributed based on the student's GPA after Spring A, prior to Commencement. Honors cords are distributed only at Commencement, and are not provided to graduates not participating at Commencement.

See also [Graduation Policies](#) for more information.

#### Revision Process and History

- All revisions to the policy must be approved by Academic Affairs Committee, Non-traditional Academic Affairs Committee, and the faculty.

Date	Description of Revision
05-14-2019	Transferred policy to new policy template
04-01-2021	Updated 1.0, 2.0, 4.0 and 8.0. Updates to degree completion honors designations & review GPA for Honor cords after Spring A