*Academic Affairs*

LATIN HONORS CRITERIA at GRADUATION POLICY

Effective Date: mm/dd/yyyy

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| Rationale: |  | Update policy to reflect the current practice of awarding honors on this campus including the procedure of recognition of honors at Commencement. |
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| Definition: |  | This policy covers the criteria used for awarding Latin Honors |
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| Scope: |  | Undergraduate students receiving their first baccalaureate degree |
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| Responsible Division: |  | Academic Affairs |
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| Implementation Date: |  |  |
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1. Latin Honors

The following grade-point average (GPA) criteria are used to identify undergraduate students eligible for the honors earned with the first baccalaureate degree:

1. Cum Laude – at least 3.5, but less than 3.7
2. Magna Cum Laude – at least 3.7, but less than 3.9
3. Summa Cum Laude – at least 3.9

The GPA used to determine graduation with honors is the lower of the institutional (i.e., CSUSM) GPA and the Overall GPA (which includes baccalaureate-level transfer courses) when the degree is awarded. Second baccalaureate degree candidates are not eligible for Honors at Graduation.

1. Notification

Latin honors will be noted on the diploma and transcript.

1. Recognition at Commencement

Students who complete their graduation requirements in the fall semester prior to Commencement will have their GPAs determined before the Commencement program is printed and their designated honors will be identified in the program.

Students who complete their graduation requirements in the spring or summer will not have their final GPAs determined until after Commencement. In order to recognize these students at Commencement, honors will be based on coursework completed before the semester of the commencement ceremony. The final honor is determined when the degree is awarded.