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## Academic Distinction

### Purpose

To outline the standards for attaining academic distinction upon graduation.

### Policy

Academic distinction for graduation is based upon the following cumulative GPAs and is granted for both the associate and baccalaureate degrees.

- *Summa Cum Laude*: 3.90 to 4.00 cumulative GPA
- *Magna Cum Laude*: 3.50 to 3.89 cumulative GPA
- *Cum Laude*: 3.00 to 3.49 cumulative GPA

### Scope and Definitions

This applies to graduating students only.

### Procedure

The Registrar indicates academic distinction on the official transcript as part of the graduation processing.

### Sanctions and Notifications

Students are notified of their status on the transcript itself.

# Appeals and Deadlines

The Academic Distinction calculation is made upon graduation.

## Recordkeeping Authority and Designation

### Registrar

### Vetting Process and final Approval

- A. Faculty Senate - Academic Standards Committee
- B. Vice Presidents for Academics and Academic Deans
- C. President's Executive Council
- D. President

Approval Signatures

Step Description

Approver

Date

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