



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 3335-9-33 Standards for honors at graduation.

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(A) Degrees "cum laude," "magna cum laude," and "summa cum laude" may be granted for exceptional achievement in the curriculum of each enrollment unit. The designation "summa cum laude" may be granted only for those students who have achieved at least a 3.90 cumulative point-hour ratio as of the term penultimate to their graduation. The designation "magna cum laude" may be granted only for those students who have achieved at least a 3.70 cumulative point-hour ratio as of the term penultimate to their graduation. The designation "cum laude" may be granted only for those students who have achieved at least a 3.50 cumulative point-hour ratio as of the term penultimate to their graduation.

(1) Should a student not meet the criteria noted in paragraph (A) of this rule as of the term penultimate to their graduation, but meet the criteria based on their cumulative GPA at the time of graduation, they will be considered as having met the criteria to graduate with the appropriately revised recognition.

(2) Should a student meet the criteria noted in paragraph (A) of this rule as of the term penultimate to their graduation, but drop below the threshold with their final cumulative GPA, they will not be considered to lose their Latin honors recognition for graduation.

(B) Eligibility for these honors shall be based on a minimum of sixty credit hours of course enrollment at this university. The marks for all coursework at this university considered toward the degree will be included in calculating a student's eligibility for such honors. Credits in courses graded "S/U," as well as credits earned in repeatable coursework will be considered as counting toward the sixty credit hours. Credits in courses graded "PA/NP," as well as credits earned in coursework repeated in rule 3335-8-28 of the Administrative Code will not be considered as counting toward the sixty credit hours. For a student who has completed sixty credit hours subsequent to application of a fresh start, in accordance with rule 3335-8-26.1 of the Administrative Code, only those marks received for coursework subsequent to fresh start will be considered toward calculating a student's eligibility for such honors.



(C) Standards for graduation "with research distinction in [special subject(s)]," "with honors research distinction in [ ]," and "with honors in [ ]" shall be as adopted by the council on academic affairs. Eligibility for these honors shall be based on a minimum of sixty credit hours of course enrollment at this university. The marks for all coursework at this university considered toward the degree will be included in calculating a students eligibility for such honors. Credits in courses graded "S/U" and credits earned in repeatable coursework will be considered as counting toward the sixty credit hours. Credits in courses graded "PA/NP" and credits earned in coursework repeated in rule 3335-8-28 of the Administrative Code will not be considered as counting toward the sixty credit hours.

(D) Beyond these minimal requirements the enrollment units may establish additional stipulations for graduation "cum laude," "magna cum laude," and "summa cum laude."