

Policy History
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Graduation With Distinction Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this designation is to recognize the outstanding academic achievement of our graduates for course work completed towards a credential.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Grade Point Average (GPA)** is calculated by multiplying the grade points associated with the letter grade assigned for a course by the number of semester credit hours assigned to that course, adding those values for all courses taken, and dividing the result by the total number of semester credit hours taken. Withdrawals are not included in the calculations. For repeated courses, only the highest grade achieved is used in the calculations.
2. **Term Grade Point Average (TGPA)** is the GPA calculated for all courses taken in a specific term.
3. **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)** is the GPA calculated over all the terms in which the student has been enrolled. In calculating CGPA, only the highest achieved grade is used for repeated courses.
4. **Program Grade Point Average (PGPA)** is the cumulative grade point average calculated for those courses listed as program requirements for graduation.

POLICY

1. A student who graduates with a minimum PGPA of 3.75 from a program which utilizes letter grades will be considered to have *GRADUATED WITH DISTINCTION*.
2. A student who graduates with outstanding achievement (as determined by program faculty) from a program which does not utilize letter grades will be considered to have *GRADUATED WITH DISTINCTION*.

3. A student who graduates with Distinction will receive a Credential on which will appear the phrase *WITH DISTINCTION*.
4. The official transcript of a student who graduates with Distinction will include the phrase *WITH DISTINCTION*.
5. Each student who graduates with Distinction will receive a letter of commendation from the President. In addition, a list of the names of those honoured will be presented to the University Board of Governors and published in University publications and released to the local press.