

Graduating with Latin Honors

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Latin Honors are a distinction bestowed to undergraduate students earning associate or bachelor's degrees who have earned a minimum 3.50 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for coursework attempted at Wright State University (WSU) that is counting towards GPA hours.

The three levels of Latin Honors are:

- summa cum laude (Latin for "with highest honors") for a GPA of at least 3.90-4.00;
- magna cum laude (Latin for "with high honors") for a GPA between 3.70-3.89; and
- cum laude (Latin for "with honors") for a GPA between 3.50-3.69.

Academic honors are based on meeting the criteria listed above by the end of degree completion, including grades from the student's final term (calculated the week after the commencement ceremony occurs).

Latin Honors may be earned for a first associate/bachelor's degree and any subsequent associate/bachelor's degree and is based on the cumulative WSU GPA at the time of degree completion.

Transfer credit grades are not included in the calculation of Latin Honors. Classes previously removed from a student's GPA calculation for reasons such as the repeat policy, Fresh Start, or Second Start are not included in the GPA calculation for Latin Honors.

For inclusion in the printed commencement program and for recognition at the commencement ceremony, Latin Honors will be calculated based on the cumulative GPA of the prior semester, as final semester grades are not turned in by instructors of record until following the commencement ceremonies. Final determination of graduation with Latin Honors will be evaluated and reflected on the transcript and diploma after final grades are calculated and the degree is officially awarded.

Latin Honors are not awarded for certificate programs, microcredentials, or graduate-level programs. Undergraduate students with outstanding academic records are recognized at commencement. Three distinctions are made: summa cum laude (Latin for "with highest honors") recognizes a cumulative GPA of at least 3.9; magna cum laude (Latin for "with high honors") indicates a cumulative GPA of at least 3.7; and cum laude (Latin for "with honors") indicates a final cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.

Academic honors are based on meeting the minimum honors GPA requirement for work attempted at Wright State University, as well as for all transfer college work accepted, as of the end of the term in which the student graduates; (that is, by the day on which term grades are due). This recalculation of the GPA may result in the student's Wright State transcript GPA not matching the student's Latin Honors eligibility. To be eligible for academic honors at graduation, students must have earned at least 30 credit hours at Wright State University.

Students who hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, including Wright State, and who earn a second baccalaureate degree at Wright State per the academic policy requirements for second degrees, are eligible for Latin honors. Latin honors are based on all course work at Wright State University attempted for the second degree following and excluding the first degree course work.