Graduating with Latin Honors

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3640.1 Policy
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.