



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

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2.0120P	Latin Honors Distinction Upon Degree Completion	Fall 2001	01/07/2008
Responsible Unit/Division: Academic Affairs / Enrollment Services			
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I. OBJECTIVE & PURPOSE

To establish policy for recognition of honors at the commencement ceremony and on the graduates academic record when graduation is posted.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Effective Fall 2001, provided at least forty-eight (48) semester hours (30 semester hours for RN-BSN students) of course work have been completed at the University of North Florida, undergraduate students who graduate with a UNF grade point average of 3.5 or higher will qualify for degrees designated cum laude; those who graduate with UNF grade point averages of 3.65 or higher will qualify for degrees designated magna cum laude; and those who graduate with UNF grade point averages of 3.8 or higher will qualify for degrees designated summa cum laude. GPA calculations will be based on all credits earned at UNF. A minimum of thirty (30) hours are required for Latin honors distinction in a second baccalaureate degree.

III. STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES

Criteria Determination

Latin honors are electronically calculated based on the criteria stipulated in the University catalog under which a student is meeting degree requirements. Typically, the catalog year reflects the academic year in which the student was

admitted, however, this may change if the student broke continuous enrollment and is readmitted under a different catalog.

Exceptions

On occasion, a student may be pursuing a degree program that is being phased out or has been drastically altered (e.g., freshmen/sophomore student pursuing a graphic design track under the ART major.) The only alternative for the student is to switch to the degree requirements stipulated in the current catalog.

Because the change of degree requirements is beyond the student's control, the student would be allowed to petition to be covered by the catalog under which he/she was last admitted.

Recognition at the Commencement Ceremony

Candidates for graduation who have accumulated 48 hours and the appropriate grade point average prior to the term of graduation will have the Latin distinction indicated in the program and receive a gold cord prior to the commencement ceremony.

Candidates who will have earned Latin honors distinction after the current term grades are recorded will not have the distinction indicated in the program nor be recognized at the commencement ceremony. However, the appropriate Latin honors distinction earned after the grades have been posted to their academic record will be designated on their diploma and their transcript.