

**Office of the Registrar
Proposed Catalog Changes
Effective Summer 2020**

Note for Faculty Senate: There will be a chart added under K-1-a, K-1-b, and K-1-c that contains the actual calculated GPA requirements for each college, for each honor. That calculation will be updated each year by the Office of the Registrar and will be based off the average institutional GPA from each college of the preceding five years (i.e., not counting the year the student will graduate). So for the 2020-2021 catalog, that calculation will include 2015-2020.

K - Academic Honors

K-1. Graduation with Honors

Candidates for baccalaureate degrees are graduated with honors if they satisfy ~~ONE~~ of the following conditions. Note: Graduation with honors is determined at the point in time when the degree is posted to the student's academic record based upon the student's [institutional](#) grade point average at that time. Grade corrections subsequent to the posting of the degree will be processed by the Registrar's Office but will not impact the honors designation for the student.

- ~~1.~~ Their cumulative UI grade-point averages are as specified in K-1-a, K-1-b, or K-1-c and they have earned at least 56 credits in UI courses ~~OR~~
- ~~2.~~ ~~Both their cumulative UI grade-point averages AND their grade-point average from all sources (the overall GPA on Banner) are as specified in K-1-a, K-1-b, or K-1-c, and they have earned at least 32 credits in UI courses.~~

No credits earned through ~~correspondence study~~, bypassed courses, credit by examination, ~~College Level Examination Program~~, experiential learning, or technical competence may be counted among these 56 ~~or 32~~ credits. Candidates for the degree of Juris Doctor are graduated with honors under the same conditions, except the grade-point average considered is based exclusively on the student's record in the College of Law. Honors are not awarded with degrees earned through the College of Graduate Studies.

K-1-a

Candidates whose grade-point averages would place them within the top 3 percent of graduates from their respective colleges over the preceding five years are graduated summa cum laude (with highest distinction). [See chart below for qualifying grade-point averages for 2021 graduates.](#)

K-1-b

Candidates whose grade-point averages would place them within the top 6 percent (but below the top 3 percent) of graduates from their respective colleges over the preceding five years are graduated **magna cum laude** (with great distinction). [See chart below for qualifying grade-point averages for 2021 graduates.](#)

K-1-c

Candidates whose grade-point averages would place them within the top 10 percent (but below the top 6 percent) of graduates from their respective colleges over the preceding five years are graduated **cum laude** (with distinction). [See chart below for qualifying grade-point averages for 2021 graduates.](#)

K-2. Dean's List

Undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 credits (10 in the College of Law) and attain a grade-point average of 3.50 (3.00 in the College of Law) for a given semester are placed on lists prepared for the college deans. [Note: The 3.50 GPA is based on 12 graded credit hours (GPA hours) and does not include courses graded pass/fail.] These lists are publicized within UI and are distributed to news agencies.