

Current University of Idaho Catalog Language for 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 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.

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

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).

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).

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).

University of Idaho's Peer Institutions - Graduating with Honors

	Cum Laude	Magna Cum Laude	Summa Cum Laude
Clemson University	3.70 - 3.84	3.85 - 3.94	3.95 - 4.00
Colorado State University	Varies by College		
Iowa State University	3.50 - 3.69	3.70 - 3.89	3.90 - 4.00
Kansas State University	3.750 - 3.849	3.850 - 3.949	3.950 or above
Michigan State University	Information on printout		
Montana State University - Bozeman	3.50 - 3.74	3.75 - 3.99	4.00
New Mexico State University - Las Cruces	Information on printout		
North Dakota State University - Fargo	3.50 - 3.69	3.70 - 3.89	3.90 - 4.00
Oregon State University	3.50 - 3.69	3.70 - 3.84	3.85 - 4.00
University of Arkansas*	3.50 - 3.74	3.75 - 3.89	3.9 - 4.00
University of Nebraska - Lincoln	3.50 - 3.74	3.75 - 3.99	4.00
University of New Hampshire - Main Campus, Durham	3.50 - 3.64	3.65 - 3.84	3.85 - 4.00
University of Wyoming	Next 5%	Next 4%	Top 1%
Utah State University	3.500 - 3.799	3.800 - 3.949	3.950 - 4.00
Virginia Tech	3.40 - 3.59	3.60 - 3.79	3.80 -4.00
Washington State University	3.50 - 3.69	3.70 - 3.89	3.90 or better

*Students must be members of the Honors College to earn the distinction of graduating cum laude, magna cum laude. The honors program in the college or school of major sets specific requirements for graduating with honors including a minimum of 12 honors credit hours and the completion of an undergraduate thesis.

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Graduation with Honors

To be eligible for a four-year degree with honors, a student must have earned at least 60 semester credits in computable grades while in residence at New Mexico State. Courses taken in the Honors College and graded S will be counted as a part of the minimum of 60 credits. The number of students at graduation, by college, receiving degrees with honors in any one year shall not exceed 15 percent. To receive high honors, a student must be in the top 1.5 percent of the graduating class by college. One person from each college will receive highest honors. In case of a tie, the student with the greatest numbers of credits earned at NMSU with computable grades will be awarded highest honors for each college. Of the students receiving highest honors from the fall and spring commencements, the student with the highest grade-point average and the greatest number of credits earned at NMSU with computable grades will be awarded the Class of 1919 Scholarship Plaque.



Michigan State University Office of the Registrar

Graduation Honors

Students in the Honors College, Academic Scholars, and students who graduate with honor or high honor are recognized in the commencement program.

The policy for granting graduation with honor as established by the University Council provides for honoring at each graduation approximately 20 percent of the students who have earned the highest grade-point averages. Approximately 6 percent receive the degree With High Honor and the following 14 percent receive the degree With Honor.

However, the specific minimum grade-point averages required are determined by the Office of the Provost following a review of the standards by the University Committee on Undergraduate Studies. The grade-point distributions of each year's graduates are used as a base for establishing new grade-point average standards to maintain the percentage of students to be honored at 18 to 20 percent.

In order to maintain the specified percentages, the GPA thresholds are adjusted following each Spring semester for the following calendar year.

The minimum grade-point averages required for graduation honors per semester are:

Semester	With High Honor (Top 6%)	With Honor (Top 7-20%)
Spring 2014	3.87	3.69
Summer 2014	3.87	3.69
Fall 2014	3.87	3.69
Spring 2015	3.89	3.69
Summer 2015	3.89	3.69
Fall 2015	3.89	3.69
Spring 2016	3.89	3.71
Summer 2016	3.89	3.71
Fall 2016	3.89	3.71
Spring 2017	3.89	3.71

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Summer 2017	3.89	3.71
Fall 2017	3.89	3.71
Spring 2018	3.91	3.73
Summer 2018	3.91	3.73
Fall 2018	3.91	3.73
Spring 2019	3.92	3.77
Summer 2019	3.92	3.77
Fall 2019	3.92	3.77

Future Terms To Be Determined.

Graduation with honor is based on the entire academic performance at Michigan State. However, recognition of graduation with honor in the commencement program is based on grade-point average of all work at MSU completed prior to the opening of the semester of graduation. Transfer students must earn a minimum of 50 semester credits at MSU to be eligible for graduation with honor or with high honor for recognition in the commencement program.

Graduation with honor or with high honor as well as Honors College or Academic Scholar is indicated on the student's permanent academic record and on the diploma. This information is made available to the press via University Relations and includes all applicable honors designations.

Students who achieve graduation honors in their final semester will receive that recognition on their permanent record. Likewise, students who fall below the honors threshold in their final semester will not receive honors recognition. However, commencement programs will not be re-printed.

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