



Graduation Honors Procedure

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Responsible Office: Academic Affairs

Forms: N/A

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1. Purpose

To explain the processes associated with graduation honors.

2. Definitions

Graduation Honors: are based on scholastic achievements and recorded on the degree or certificate as follows:

Cumulative Grade Point Average	Honor
3.20	Cum Laude (with honor)
3.50	Magna Cum Laude (with high honor)
3.80	Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor)

3. Procedure

Students attending NOVA for a minimum of 30 credit hours in degree programs are eligible for graduation honors. Since Career Studies Certificate are shorter than 30 credits, they are not eligible for graduation honors. Those attending NOVA for a minimum of 50 percent of the credit hours in longer certificate programs are eligible for graduation honors.

Graduation honors are determined by the student's cumulative grade point average at the completion of the semester for which he/she is certified for graduation by the College Registrar. Students must meet all [graduation requirements](#) and apply for graduation to be eligible for graduation honors.