



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA®
Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

February 28, 2024

Dear OU Community,

I am excited to announce that this coming May, the university is implementing a change that broadens the eligibility criteria for students to graduate with Latin honorifics – Summa cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or cum Laude – signifying distinct levels of academic excellence.

Under the previous process, only students who are part of the Honors College can receive Latin honorifics upon graduation. Non-Honors College students with outstanding grade point averages have been acknowledged as graduating “With Distinction” or “With Special Distinction.”

Effective Spring 2024 for Norman campus-based academic programs, undergraduate degrees will be conferred with Latin honorifics based on the following revised GPA requirements, irrespective of a student’s participation in the Honors College. The degree designations of “With Distinction” or “With Special Distinction” will be discontinued. This adjustment will align OU with the prevailing standards seen across academia.

Previous GPA Requirements for Latin Honorifics: <i>(available only to Honors College graduates)</i>	Previous GPA Requirements for Academic Distinction:
cum Laude (3.40 to 3.59)	With Distinction (3.60 to 3.89)
Magna cum Laude (3.60 to 3.79)	With Special Distinction (3.90 or above)
Summa cum Laude (3.80 to 4.00)	4.0 Medallion (4.00)
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New GPA Requirements for Latin Honorifics, Effective Spring 2024 (Norman Campus-Based Academic Programs):
cum Laude (3.60 to 3.74)
Magna cum Laude (3.75 to 3.89)
Summa cum Laude (3.90 to 4.00)
4.0 Medallion (4.00)

Both the final transcript and the diploma will carry the designation of Summa cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or cum Laude. Details on official eligibility requirements for Latin Honorifics are available [here](#).

Honors College Graduation Candidates

Current Honors College students who are on track to graduate in Spring or Summer 2024 will adhere to the previous GPA requirements for Latin honorifics. Students who complete all Honors College requirements for graduation will now have the Honors College designation listed on their final transcript.

Academic Regalia

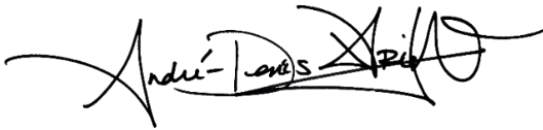
Graduation regalia includes the cap and gown, as well as other distinguishing hoods, stoles, and cords that denote traditions of academic achievement or involvement in organizations.

- **Latin Honorifics:** Students graduating with Latin honorifics wear a hood with their gown.
 - cum Laude - Gold Hood
 - Magna cum Laude - Cream Hood
 - Summa cum Laude - Crimson Hood
- **Honors College:** Honors College graduation candidates wear an additional regalia item signifying their academic work.
- **4.0 Medallion:** Undergraduate students with an overall 4.0 GPA are eligible to receive a 4.0 University Medallion on a crimson ribbon, which may be worn during Commencement exercises. Details on official eligibility requirements are available [here](#).

For more information about OU's academic regalia traditions, [click here](#).

Thank you for your continued dedication to academic excellence, and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of all our graduating students under this new practice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "André-Denis Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

André-Denis G. Wright
Senior Vice President and Provost