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Latin Honors

Policy Statement

Eastern Kentucky University recognizes graduating baccalaureate degree students who have achieved distinguished academic records by awarding their degree with Latin Honors. There are three levels of Latin Honors: Cum laude (“with praise”), Magna Cum laude (“with great praise”), and Summa Cum laude (“with highest praise”). All students earning Latin honors must take at least 25% (30 GPA credit hours) of their degree applicable course work at Eastern Kentucky University. GPA credit hours are courses graded using standard grades of A-F. These grades have a numerical value and can be used to calculate a student’s GPA. A course with a grade of CR or S has no numerical value and supplies no GPA hours, and cannot count toward the minimum required 30 GPA credit hours. All GPA credit hours attempted at Eastern Kentucky University (including those which are subsequently repeated or bankrupted) will be used in calculating each Latin Honor grade point average (GPA). Latin honors GPA calculation—for purposes of designating which students may wear a Latin Honors sash at the graduation commencement ceremony—does not include the final semester’s course work as these calculations occur weeks before the term has finished. Once a student’s final semester has concluded and final grades are available, these grades will be included in the calculations to award the permanent designation of Latin Honors on a student’s diploma and transcript.

Entities Affected

- Students
- Office of the Registrar

Criteria

Cum Laude

Students earning Cum Laude must attain an institutional GPA of at least 3.5, but less than a 3.7, on all GPA credit hours attempted at Eastern Kentucky University. Additionally, a minimum of 30 GPA credit hours, with standard grading, must be taken at Eastern Kentucky University.

Magna Cum Laude

Students earning Magna Cum Laude must attain an institutional GPA of at least 3.7, but less than a 3.9, on all GPA credit hours attempted at Eastern Kentucky University. Additionally, a minimum of 30 credit hours, with standard grading, must be taken at Eastern Kentucky University

Summa Cum Laude

Students earning Summa Cum laude must attain an institutional GPA of at least 3.9, or higher, on all GPA credit hours attempted at Eastern Kentucky University. Additionally, a minimum of 30 credit hours, with standard grading, must be taken at Eastern Kentucky University

Interpreting Authority

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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