

II-20: Graduation With Honors

Summary of Key Changes

The Policy has been updated as follows:

- Updated language;
- Aligned policy with bulletin

STOCKTON UNIVERSITY



POLICY

Graduation With Honors

Policy Administrator: Provost

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POLICY:

A. Honors at Graduation

As part of a comprehensive educational program to promote and recognize outstanding academic achievement, Stockton University will grant qualified baccalaureate degree recipients with Latin honors, and both undergraduate and graduate qualified degree recipients with Program Distinction.

B. Latin Honors

The undergraduate student who meets the following eligibility requirements upon completion of all degree requirements will be awarded the degree *cum laude*, *magna cum laude* or *summa cum laude*. At least 64 credits must have been completed satisfactorily at Stockton prior to graduation for a student's academic record to qualify for an honors designation. All courses attempted at Stockton will be included in the following calculations, except courses with P/NC or W (or equivalent) grades.

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.950-4.000 will be designated *summa cum laude*; students with a cumulative GPA of 3.850-3.949 will be designated *magna cum laude*; students with a cumulative GPA of 3.750-3.849 will be designated *cum laude*. The calculation of GPA will be truncated to three decimal places. GPA calculations are not rounded up. Although students graduate under the academic requirements at their time of admission to the University, students graduate under the graduation policies that are in effect at the time of their graduation.

C. Program Distinction

Undergraduate programs may convey recognition of superior performance in program work to students graduating, in general, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 in program-cognate credits. Additional criteria may be required by the program. For such awards, the phrase Program Distinction will be added to the degree and noted on the transcript. Programs that choose to convey this recognition will include all criteria in the relevant section of the *Bulletin*.

Graduate programs may convey recognition of superior performance in the program based on criteria that are printed in their *Program Handbook*. Program Distinction for graduate students will be noted on the student's transcript.

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