

# STOCKTON UNIVERSITY



## POLICY

### Graduation With Honors

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#### 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 honors, and both undergraduate and graduate qualified degree recipients with Program Distinction.

#### B. Honors

The 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 in order 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 taken to three decimal places.

Students graduate under the policies that are in effect at the time of their graduation, rather than the time of their initial matriculation.

C. Program Distinction

Programs may convey recognition of superior performance in program work to students graduating with a *minimum* cumulative GPA of 3.5 in program-cognate credits. Specific requirements differ among programs. Additional criteria may be required.

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