

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA – ACADEMIC PROCEDURE P020

AWARDING OF ACADEMIC HONORS

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this procedure is to establish criteria to award Honors for baccalaureate degree students and recognition for associate degree students for their academic excellence.

PROCESS

Baccalaureate Degree Students:

The University grants honors recognition at its Commencement ceremonies, the annual University Academic Honors Convocation, and on diplomas and official transcripts to those individuals who have been awarded the baccalaureate degree and have achieved excellence.

The University does not grant honors for work toward the associate or master's degree. The determination of honors at the Commencement ceremonies and the University Academic Honors Convocation is based upon a student's academic record at the conclusion of the previous semester (or summer or winter session), since these events are held prior to issuance of final grades for the semester in which the events are held. The determination of honors for posting on diplomas and transcripts will be based upon a student's complete academic record, including final grades issued for the semester in which the Commencement ceremony is held.

1. To be eligible for honors recognition at graduation, a student must have attempted and earned at least 45 semester hours of credit upon graduation from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and have earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.40 (4.00 scale) for all credits graded on the A through F scale earned at Edinboro University.
2. An Edinboro University student who has earned his/her first baccalaureate degree at Edinboro University and who is awarded a second baccalaureate degree at Edinboro University will be eligible for honors recognition if the earned cumulative GPA is at least 3.40 (4.00 scale) for all credits graded on the A through F scale and earned at Edinboro University. This GPA will be calculated utilizing all credits earned at Edinboro University after the conferral of the first baccalaureate degree.
3. The University does not consider grades of S (satisfactory) or AU (audit) in the determination of the cumulative GPA.
4. Credit earned through the following mechanisms are not used in the calculation of the cumulative GPA: transfer credit, competency examination satisfactorily completed, life experience, military service experiences, and CLEP examinations.
5. This procedure applies to all students: indigenous students, external transfer students, students who earn their first baccalaureate degree at an institution other than Edinboro University, and students seeking their second or multiple baccalaureate degree from Edinboro University.
6. Special exceptions may be granted for unique programs at the discretion of the President or designee.

Students meeting the qualifications for honors at graduation receive *Cum Laude* recognition if their cumulative GPA is between 3.40 and 3.59, *Magna Cum Laude* if their cumulative GPA is between 3.60 and 3.79, or *Summa Cum Laude* if their cumulative GPA is between 3.80 and 4.00.

Associate Degree Students:

To be eligible for recognition, an associate degree student must have attempted and earned at least 15 of their last 30 credits at Edinboro University. The determination for the “Associate Degree with Distinction” designation will be based upon a student’s academic record at the conclusion of the semester (or summer or winter session) prior to graduation. The minimum cumulative GPA required to receive this recognition will be a 3.40 and must be based on a minimum of 15 credits earned at Edinboro University. Credit earned through the following mechanisms are not used in the calculation of the cumulative GPA: transfer credit, competency examination satisfactorily completed, life experience, military service experiences, and CLEP examinations. Students receiving the designation of “Associate Degree with Distinction” will be invited to attend the Academic Honors Convocation.

Approved by: 
Dr. Guiyou Huang, President

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Reference:

SA-047 Graduation Residency Requirements, PASSHE, BOG System Academic and Financial Procedures