

# LATIN HONORS

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## Purpose

This policy establishes Latin honors at the university for recognizing distinguished performance by students earning a bachelor's degree at graduation.

## Statements

Latin honors is a universally recognized distinction that is based on an Empire State University (SUNY Empire) graduate's cumulative grade point average (GPA).

Latin honors is reserved for students earning a bachelor's degree.

The cumulative GPA needed to achieve Latin honors at the university is based on the 70th/80th/90th percentiles of baccalaureate graduate GPAs over a five-year period: Cum Laude (3.81), Magna Cum Laude (3.88), and Summa Cum Laude (3.96). The cumulative GPA totals used to establish thresholds for this policy are based on a breakdown of baccalaureate graduates from 2014-15 to 2018-19.

Only graded credits at SUNY Empire will be counted. Students at the bachelor's level must earn at least 27 graded credits to qualify.

Ungraded credits (e.g. pass/no pass) do not count toward Latin honors.

Grade changes that take effect before graduation and affect a student's qualifications for Latin honors will be applied to the student's cumulative average at graduation.

## Related References, Policies, Procedures, Forms and Appendices

Dean's List Policy (<http://catalog.sunyempire.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/deans-list-policy/>)

Grading and Evaluation Policy for Undergraduate Programs (<http://catalog.sunyempire.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/grading-evaluation-policy-undergraduate-programs/>)