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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to change the Academic Affairs General Policy No. 4.04-2, Graduation with Honors, was approved by the Educational Affairs Committee on March 24, 2014. We request that it be placed on the April 10, 2014, Executive Committee agenda in order to be considered for inclusion on the agenda for the April 23, 2014, meeting of University Council.

Sincerely,

Rodney Mauricio, Ph.D., Chair
Educational Affairs Committee
Proposal to Change Graduation Honors

The current standards for graduation honors are as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Summa Cum Laude</td>
<td>3.90</td>
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<td>Magna Cum Laude</td>
<td>3.70</td>
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<td>Cum Laude</td>
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The proposed standards for graduation honors are as follows:

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<td>Cum Laude</td>
<td>3.60</td>
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The Registrar will implement these changes for all students in December 2018.
Report of the Graduation Honors Subcommittee

Dr. Roxanne Eberle (Franklin College)
Dr. Joan Fisher (Family and Consumer Sciences)
Dr. Elena Karahanna (Terry College)
Dr. Rodney Mauricio (Franklin College)

The current GPA standards for graduation honors have resulted in a significant increase in students receiving Latin honors at graduation, particularly for students graduating *magna cum laude* and *cum laude*.
Number of degrees conferred with honors, 1999-2012

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FY</th>
<th>cum laude magna cum laude</th>
<th>magna cum laude</th>
<th>summa cum laude</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>% Honors</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1999</td>
<td>553</td>
<td>374</td>
<td>141</td>
<td>1,068</td>
<td>20.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2000</td>
<td>607</td>
<td>380</td>
<td>173</td>
<td>1,160</td>
<td>23.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2001</td>
<td>597</td>
<td>445</td>
<td>197</td>
<td>1,239</td>
<td>25.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2002</td>
<td>754</td>
<td>565</td>
<td>187</td>
<td>1,506</td>
<td>27.7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2003</td>
<td>810</td>
<td>560</td>
<td>261</td>
<td>1,631</td>
<td>28.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>843</td>
<td>689</td>
<td>285</td>
<td>1,817</td>
<td>31.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>970</td>
<td>747</td>
<td>303</td>
<td>2,020</td>
<td>32.7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2006</td>
<td>918</td>
<td>806</td>
<td>375</td>
<td>2,099</td>
<td>34.8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>1,037</td>
<td>838</td>
<td>401</td>
<td>2,276</td>
<td>36.9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2008</td>
<td>1,139</td>
<td>851</td>
<td>369</td>
<td>2,359</td>
<td>37.1%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2009</td>
<td>1,139</td>
<td>807</td>
<td>361</td>
<td>2,307</td>
<td>36.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>1,189</td>
<td>899</td>
<td>323</td>
<td>2,411</td>
<td>37.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>1,178</td>
<td>949</td>
<td>273</td>
<td>2,400</td>
<td>35.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>1,354</td>
<td>1,003</td>
<td>326</td>
<td>2,683</td>
<td>39.5%</td>
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<tr>
<th>14-yr total</th>
<th>13,088</th>
<th>9,913</th>
<th>3,975</th>
<th>26,976</th>
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<td>48.5%</td>
<td>36.7%</td>
<td>14.7%</td>
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We acknowledge that the increase in graduation honors is likely the result of an increase in the academic quality of the students. However, we argue that increases in quality should be reflected by increases in standards in order for graduation with honors to be a meaningful distinction.

In order to assess the effects of a change in the GPA cutoffs for graduation honors, the Registrar’s office ran the following scenarios for the 7048 degrees conferred in 2012-2013.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>GPA cutoffs</th>
<th>Summa</th>
<th>Magna</th>
<th>Cum</th>
<th>TOTAL</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
<th>Summa</th>
<th>Magna</th>
<th>Cum</th>
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<tr>
<td>(1) 3.9, 3.7, 3.5 (current)</td>
<td>363</td>
<td>1087</td>
<td>1341</td>
<td>2791</td>
<td>39.6%</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
<td>15.4%</td>
<td>19.0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(2) 3.9, 3.8, 3.65</td>
<td>363</td>
<td>458</td>
<td>931</td>
<td>1752</td>
<td>24.9%</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
<td>6.5%</td>
<td>13.2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(3) 3.9, 3.8, 3.6</td>
<td>363</td>
<td>458</td>
<td>1245</td>
<td>2066</td>
<td>29.3%</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
<td>6.5%</td>
<td>17.7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(4) 3.9, 3.75, 3.65</td>
<td>363</td>
<td>760</td>
<td>629</td>
<td>1752</td>
<td>24.9%</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
<td>10.8%</td>
<td>8.9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(5) 3.9, 3.75, 3.6</td>
<td>363</td>
<td>760</td>
<td>943</td>
<td>2066</td>
<td>29.3%</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
<td>10.8%</td>
<td>13.4%</td>
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<tr>
<td>(6) 3.9, 3.75, 3.55</td>
<td>363</td>
<td>760</td>
<td>1304</td>
<td>2427</td>
<td>34.4%</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
<td>10.8%</td>
<td>18.5%</td>
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The subcommittee reported that scenarios 2, 3 and 5 were all viable options, but recommended that scenario 5 represented the best option, reflecting a balance between the percentage of students graduating with honors in 1999 (20%) and now (40%). Scenario 4 was not favored as the percentage graduating magna cum laude exceeds the number of students graduating cum laude and scenario 6 decreases the percentage of students graduating magna cum laude but leaves unchanged the percentage of students graduating cum laude.
Good morning Jan,

For University of California-Berkeley they use a term called Distinction, which is equivalent to Latin honors. On their website, they do not say if the GPA requirement is cumulative or overall. For 2011-2012 the levels are provided below.

Distinction 3.715  
High Distinction 3.831  
Highest Distinction 3.934

For UCLA the Latin honors are determined by a rank in class. So to graduate summa cum laude is the top 5%, magna cum laude is the top 10% and cum laude is the top 20%. For degrees conferred in 2012-2013 academic year the GPA cutoffs are as follows.

Cum Laude 3.610  
Magna Cum Laude 3.747  
Summa Cum Laude 3.869

For the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign the determination of Latin honors is made by each school. I had a difficult time finding the Latin honors standards for each school. I did find that information for the Arts and Sciences and Social Work schools. They are below.

Arts and Sciences (Both cumulative and transfer work)  
Top 3% Summa Cum Laude 3.94  
Top 7% Magna Cum Laude 3.88  
Top 12% Cum Laude 3.81

Social Work (Cumulative GPA)  
Top 1% Summa Cum Laude  
Top 5% Magna Cum Laude  
Top 10% Cum Laude

For the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor the honors are determined by the individual college or school. I also had a difficult time finding the information for the schools, but I was able to locate the criteria for the College of Engineering. The do not make a distinction if the GPA cumulative or overall. It is listed below.

3.20-3.49 Cum Laude  
3.50-3.74 Magna Cum Laude  
3.75-4.00 Summa Cum Laude

For University of Minnesota the Latin honors are determined by work done after 60 hours. They do not notate if it is cumulative or overall GPA.

Cum Laude 3.500
Magna Cum Laude 3.666
Summa Cum Laude 3.750

For University of North Carolina Chapel Hill they use the Distinction term. It is based on overall GPA.

Distinction 3.500
Highest Distinction 3.800

For University of Texas-Austin, they use the Honors term. Honors are determined for students who have completed the 60 hours in-residence. They only look at cumulative GPA

For 2012
Honors 3.70
High Honors 3.83
Highest Honors 3.91

For University of Virginia they use overall GPA to determine Latin Honors.

Cum Laude 3.50-3.699
Magna Cum Laude 3.70-3.899
Summa Cum Laude 3.90-4.00

The University of Washington requires 90 hours in residence to be taken in order to receive Latin honors. They use a percentage system to determine Latin honors with the top .5% being Summa Cum Laude, top 3% being Magna Cum Laude and the top 6.5% is Cum Laude. Below is a list by school.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>College or School</th>
<th>Cum</th>
<th>Magna</th>
<th>Summa</th>
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<tr>
<td>ARTS &amp; SCIENCES</td>
<td>3.76</td>
<td>3.87</td>
<td>3.96</td>
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<td>BUILT ENVIRONMENTS</td>
<td>3.66</td>
<td>3.75</td>
<td>3.89</td>
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<td>BUSINESS SCHOOL</td>
<td>3.71</td>
<td>3.82</td>
<td>3.93</td>
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<tr>
<td>EDUCATION (Same criteria as Arts &amp; Sciences)</td>
<td>3.76</td>
<td>3.87</td>
<td>3.96</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENGINEERING</td>
<td>3.72</td>
<td>3.83</td>
<td>3.94</td>
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<td>3.71</td>
<td>3.83</td>
<td>3.94</td>
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<td>INFORMATION SCHOOL</td>
<td>3.65</td>
<td>3.73</td>
<td>3.79</td>
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<td>MEDICINE</td>
<td>3.73</td>
<td>3.79</td>
<td>3.84</td>
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<td>NURSING</td>
<td>3.82</td>
<td>3.91</td>
<td>3.95</td>
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<td>PUBLIC HEALTH (Same as Medicine)</td>
<td>3.73</td>
<td>3.79</td>
<td>3.84</td>
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<tr>
<td>SOCIAL WORK</td>
<td>3.81</td>
<td>3.89</td>
<td>3.94</td>
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<th>Cum Laude</th>
<th>Magna</th>
<th>Summa</th>
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<td>3.7</td>
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<td>3.7</td>
<td>3.8</td>
<td>3.9</td>
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<td>3.25</td>
<td>3.5</td>
<td>3.75</td>
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<td>University of Florida</td>
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<td>University of Iowa</td>
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<td>3.9</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>University of Kentucky</td>
<td>3.4</td>
<td>3.6</td>
<td>3.8</td>
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<td>University of Maryland - College Park</td>
<td>3.83</td>
<td>3.92</td>
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<td>University of Missouri - Columbia</td>
<td>3.5</td>
<td>3.7</td>
<td>3.9</td>
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Honors and Prizes

Deans' Honors Lists

According to UC Davis campus regulations, the quarterly Dean's Honors List includes names of students who have completed, for a letter grade, a minimum of 12 units in a specific quarter with a grade point average equal to or higher than the minimum grade point average attained by the upper 16 percent of those registered in the same class level and college during that quarter. Honors lists will be posted quarterly on deans' office websites or made available by other means and a notation of these honors will be placed on each student's permanent record by the Office of the University Registrar.

Graduation Honors

Honors at graduation are awarded to students who have a grade point average in the top percent of their college as shown in the table below. The College of Letters and Science requires that additional criteria be met for high and highest honors; see the sections below for more information.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total Quarter Units at UC</th>
<th>Highest Honors</th>
<th>High Honors</th>
<th>Honors Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>45-89</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>next 2%</td>
<td>next 4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>90-134</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>next 3%</td>
<td>next 6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>135+</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>next 4%</td>
<td>next 8%</td>
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Grade point averages from the winter quarter prior to graduation are used to determine the averages that will earn an honors designation. Following are the averages for winter quarter 2012. These averages will be used through winter quarter 2013.

Grade Point Average by College

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Percent Determining Cut-Off Point</th>
<th>Agricultural &amp; Environmental Sciences</th>
<th>Biological Sciences</th>
<th>Engineering Sciences</th>
<th>Letters and Sciences</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2%</td>
<td>3.906</td>
<td>3.926</td>
<td>3.898</td>
<td>3.921</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3%</td>
<td>3.877</td>
<td>3.891</td>
<td>3.878</td>
<td>3.885</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4%</td>
<td>3.839</td>
<td>3.854</td>
<td>3.844</td>
<td>3.846</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6%</td>
<td>3.766</td>
<td>3.815</td>
<td>3.808</td>
<td>3.780</td>
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<tr>
<td>8%</td>
<td>3.693</td>
<td>3.770</td>
<td>3.739</td>
<td>3.723</td>
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<tr>
<td>12%</td>
<td>3.599</td>
<td>3.681</td>
<td>3.637</td>
<td>3.614</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16%</td>
<td>3.513</td>
<td>3.593</td>
<td>3.520</td>
<td>3.540</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

An honors notation is made on students' diplomas and on their permanent records in the Office of the University Registrar.

College of Letters and Science. Graduation with "honors" requires that a student meet the appropriate grade point requirement described in the above table for all UC courses completed. Students who meet
Graduating With Honors

The university offers three levels of honors at graduation: *cum laude*, *magna cum laude* and *summa cum laude*. The information provided is brief, and students should check with an academic adviser for complete details.

Please be aware that:

- GPA value is determined to the hundredths place and cannot be rounded up (e.g., 3.495 = 3.49)
- Transfer credits and S-U option credits are excluded.
- Postbaccalaureate students are not eligible for honors recognition.
- Honors recognition is printed on the university diploma.

### Honors GPA Requirements, by College

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<th>Cum Laude</th>
<th>Magna Cum Laude</th>
<th>Summa Cum Laude</th>
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<tr>
<td>Accounting</td>
<td>3.2 GPA in all upper-division accounting course work and a 3.2 GPA in upper-division courses.</td>
<td>3.6 GPA in all upper-division accounting course work and a 3.6 GPA in upper-division courses. Completion of ACG 4970 Honors Thesis, with thesis and abstract.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Agricultural and Life Sciences**

Required for all CALS majors except Microbiology and Cell Science:

- 3.5 or higher GPA on all courses taken at UF beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits.
- 3.75 GPA on all courses taken at UF beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits. Completion of an approved research project or creative work and submission of an honors thesis based on that work.
- 3.85 GPA on all courses taken at UF beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits. Completion of an approved research project or creative work and submission of an honors thesis based on that work.

**Microbiology and Cell Science**

- 3.75 GPA. Student must have grade of B or better in at least four credits of MCB 4905 or MCB 4909 and in one of the following: PCB 5235, MCB 5303L, MCB 5505 or PCB 5136L. A thesis is required.
- 3.85 GPA. Student must have grade of B or better in at least four credits of MCB 4905 or MCB 4909 and in one of the following: PCB 5235, MCB 5303L, MCB 5505 or PCB 5136L. A thesis is required.

**Building Construction**

- 3.3 GPA in all upper-division courses.
- 3.6 GPA in all upper-division courses. Completion of an approved research project and formal presentation.
- 3.75 GPA in all upper-division courses. Completion of an approved research project and formal presentation.

**Business Administration**
3.5 GPA in all UF, core and major courses.  
3.7 GPA in all UF, core and major courses. Completion of 90 hours prior to enrolling in honors thesis course and completion of an approved thesis.  
3.9 GPA in all UF, core and major courses. Completion of 90 hours prior to enrolling in honors thesis course and completion of an approved thesis.

Design, Construction and Planning - Architecture

3.3 GPA in all upper-division courses.  
3.6 GPA in all upper-division courses. Completion of an approved fourth-year design project.  
3.8 GPA in all upper-division courses. Completion of an approved fourth-year design project.

Design, Construction and Planning - Interior Design

3.3 GPA in all upper-division courses.  
3.6 GPA in all upper-division courses. Completion of an approved fourth-year design project.  
3.8 GPA in all upper-division courses. Completion of an approved fourth-year design project.

Design, Construction and Planning - Landscape Architecture

3.2 GPA in all upper-division courses.  
3.5 GPA in all upper-division courses. Completion of an approved fifth-year design project.  
3.75 GPA in all upper-division courses. Completion of an approved fifth-year design project.

Design, Construction and Planning - Sustainability and the Built Environment

3.5 GPA in all upper-division courses.  
3.65 GPA in all upper-division courses. Completion of an approved fourth-year project.  
3.8 GPA in all upper-division courses. Completion of an approved fourth-year project.

Education

3.75 GPA on all courses taken at UF classified in the college beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits.  
3.75 GPA on first 18 hours of junior year in PROTEACH; 3.75 or more at the completion of BAE; submission of an approved scholarly project.  
Not Available

Engineering

3.3 GPA on all courses taken at UF beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits.  
3.5 GPA on all courses taken at UF beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits. Completion of an approved research project or creative work.  
3.8 GPA on all courses taken at UF beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits. Completion of an approved research project or creative work.

Fine Arts

Art and Art History: 3.5 GPA on all courses taken at UF classified in the college beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits. Music and Music Education: 3.4 GPA on all courses taken at UF classified in the college beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits.  
Art and Art History  
3.75 GPA on all courses taken at UF classified in the college beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits. Completion of a creative project or thesis. Department recommends the distinction awarded.  
3.90 GPA on all courses taken at UF classified in the college beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits. Completion of a creative project or thesis. Department recommends the distinction awarded.
Theatre and Dance: 3.4 GPA on all courses taken at UF classified in the college beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits.

Art: Studio, graphic design and art education candidates are required to submit a portfolio of 10-15 35mm slides of their work in the major. Art history candidates must submit a research paper. Art education candidates must submit their teaching portfolio.

Music and Music Education

3.75 GPA on all courses taken at UF classified in the college beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits. Completion of a creative project or thesis. Department recommends the distinction awarded.

3.90 GPA on all courses taken at UF classified in the college beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits. Completion of a creative project or thesis. Department recommends the distinction awarded.

Music: Music majors must submit a creative or research project under the guidance of a music faculty member. Music education majors must complete the project prior to student teaching.

Theatre and Dance

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Theatre/Dance: Completion of a performance/production project. General theatre candidates must submit an independent creative or research project.

Health and Human Performance

3.4 GPA on all courses taken at UF beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits, excluding internship, correspondence courses and extension courses.

3.7 GPA on all courses taken at UF beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits, excluding internship, correspondence courses and extension courses. Completion of a senior paper or creative project. Department recommends the distinction awarded.

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Journalism and Communications

3.5 GPA on all courses taken at UF classified in the college beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits (excluding internship) and professional courses.

3.6 GPA on all courses taken at UF classified in the college beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits (excluding internship) and professional courses. Submit evidence of professional competency based on student's area of study.

3.8 GPA on all courses taken at UF classified in the college beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits (excluding internship) and professional courses. Submit evidence of professional competency based on student's area of study.

Liberal Arts and Sciences
Required for all CLAS majors except where noted otherwise:

Cum Laude: 3.50 or higher GPA on all courses taken at UF beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits. Magna and Summa Cum Laude: Eligible students must have a 3.50 or higher GPA on all courses taken at UF beginning the semester after accumulating 60 credits and completion of, and faculty evaluation of, a thesis, research project or other creative work. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude may be granted based on faculty evaluation of the thesis, and the department will make the determination whether and what level of distinction will be awarded.

Anthropology

Student must register for three hours of ANT 4914 in their final semester and successfully complete and defend an honors thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Astronomy

In addition, student must complete six credits of AST 4905 and write a thesis. A committee of at least three faculty members evaluates the thesis and makes a recommendation to the astronomy adviser regarding the level of honors awarded.

Biology

Student must complete at least six credits of ZOO 4905, complete a thesis research project and submit an honors thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Botany

Student must complete one semester (3-4 credits) of BOT 4905 and write a thesis. Student must complete two semesters (6-8 credits) of BOT 4095 and write a thesis.

Chemistry

Student must complete six hours of CHM 4910 and write a thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Classical Studies

Student must also write an honors thesis under supervision of a faculty mentor. Contact the Classics undergraduate adviser for more information.

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Computer Science

Requires two additional approved CISE courses. 3.80 GPA. Requires two additional approved CISE courses.
Criminology, Sociology and Law

Student must complete CCJ 4970 and defend a thesis or pass two graduate seminars and defend a research paper. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

East Asian Languages and Literature: Chinese and Japanese

Student must complete a senior honors thesis under CHI 4935 or JPN 4935. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Economics

Student must earn a 3.30 GPA for all UF economics classes, complete ECO 4935 or ECO 4905 and submit an acceptable thesis.

Student must earn a 3.70 GPA on all courses taken at UF the semester after accumulating 60 credits and a 3.50 GPA for all UF economics classes. Must also complete ECO 4935 or ECO 4905 and submit an acceptable thesis.

English

Student must earn an A or B grade in at least one semester of ENG 4936 Honors Seminar and a minimum grade of B+ in ENG 4970 Honors Thesis.

Student must earn a minimum grade of B and at least one A in no fewer than two semesters of ENG 4936 Honors Seminar and an A in ENG 4970 Honors Thesis.

French and Francophone Studies

Student must take one semester of FRE 4906 Honors Thesis.

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Geography

Student must earn an A in GEO 4970 Honors Thesis or GEO 4905 Individual Work and submit an honors thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Geology

Students must complete two semesters of GLY 4905 with grades of B or higher and submit an honors thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

German

Student should consult the department honors coordinator.
History

In the fall semester, student must pass the History Honors Seminar: Thesis Workshop while completing thesis research. Then, in the spring semester, student must enroll in HIS 4970: Senior Thesis and write an acceptable thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis. Contact the undergraduate coordinator or history honors coordinator for information.

Interdisciplinary Studies

Student must be recommended by two members of the student's supervisory committee, including the principal supervisor, who will affirm that the student conducted an individual project in IDS 4906 (or equivalent). Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the project.

Jewish Studies

Student must enroll in JST 4970 and complete an honors project. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the project.

Linguistics

Student must complete at least three credits of LIN 4905 Individual Study, followed by LIN 4970 Senior Thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Mathematics

Student must write a thesis that fulfills the department's honors standards. Student must satisfy the B.S. degree requirements and write a thesis that fulfills the department's honors standards.

Microbiology and Cell Science

3.75 GPA. Student must have grade of B or better in at least four credits of MCB 4905 or MCB 4909 and in one of the following: PCB 5235, MCB 5303L, MCB 5505 or PCB 5136L. A thesis is required.

3.85 GPA. Student must have grade of B or better in at least four credits of MCB 4905 or MCB 4909 and in one of the following: PCB 5235, MCB 5303L, MCB 5505 or PCB 5136L. A thesis is required.

Philosophy

Student must complete a senior honors thesis while enrolled in PHI 4912. A formal proposal must be submitted the semester prior to that during which the student writes the thesis. Upon completion, the thesis is reviewed by the department's Undergraduate Committee, which then subjects the student to an oral examination. The undergraduate coordinator, in consultation with that committee, will determine the distinction awarded.

Physics

Student must complete and defend a thesis to graduate magna or summa cum laude. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.
Political Science

Student must complete POS 4734, POS 4934 and POS 4970 in order to complete an honors thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Portuguese

Refer to the general CLAS honors information.

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Psychology

Student must complete and defend a thesis while taking PSY 4970 Senior Thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Religion

Student must complete REL 4932 Honors Thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Russian

3.50 GPA in Russian studies courses with the following prefixes: RUS, RUT or RUW. Student must complete and honors project and receive approval of the completed project by two faculty members, at least one of whom must be affiliated with Russian Studies.

Sociology

Student must complete a senior honors thesis while taking SYA 4931. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Spanish

Student must complete and defend a thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Statistics

Refer to the general CLAS honors information.

Sustainability Studies

Student must complete a thesis, which may be written for independent study credit in the primary supervisor's department (but not for cluster credit). The student, in consultation with the director, must secure primary and secondary faculty supervisors associated with the major (one from CLAS). Distinction of magna cum laude will be given upon
recommendation of both supervisors after evaluation of the thesis. Distinction of summa cum laude will be given upon recommendation of both supervisors and an oversight board reader, designated by the director, after evaluation of the thesis.

Women's Studies

Student must enroll in WST 4970 and complete an honors thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

Zoology

Student must complete at least six credits of ZOO 4905, complete a thesis research project and submit an honors thesis. Distinction of magna or summa cum laude is based on faculty evaluation of the thesis.

School of Natural Resources and Environment

Refer to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Nursing

3.2 GPA in all upper-division courses. Students in all honors distinctions must participate in an honors seminar, make an oral presentation on an honors project and submit an approved thesis.

3.6 GPA in all upper-division courses.

3.8 GPA in all upper-division courses.

Pharmacy

3.50 or higher GPA in required pharmacy courses and completion of all pharmacy coursework in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum.

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3.80 or higher GPA in required pharmacy courses and completion of all pharmacy coursework in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum. In addition, student must complete a project, submit a report and make a presentation via adherence to College of Pharmacy guidelines. Student must also be approved by the supervisor, the supervisor's department chair and the Graduate Studies Council.

Public Health and Health Professions

3.5 GPA in all 3000+ level courses after admission to junior-level limited-access program.

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