

California State University, Long Beach

**Policy Statement
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October 26, 1998**

**Policy on Undergraduate Honors
(This policy supersedes PS 77-19 and PS 81-03.)**

This policy was recommended by the Academic Senate on October 8, 1998 and approved by the President on October 15, 1998.

Graduation with Honors

The following grade-point average criteria are used to identify undergraduate students eligible for the honors specified:

1. 3.95 to 4.00 graduated Summa Cum Laude
2. 3.80 through 3.94 graduated Magna Cum Laude
3. 3.50 through 3.79 graduated Cum Laude

An undergraduate student may be considered eligible for honors at graduation provided that a minimum of 45 units are earned at California State University, Long Beach. For the first baccalaureate degree, the GPA shall be determined from units earned at CSULB plus transferred units. For the second baccalaureate degree, the GPA shall be determined only by courses taken after the first degree was awarded that are also required by the second major.

With the approval of the Dean of the College, departments may elect to award departmental honors to their graduates based on GPA and/or other criteria determined by the department. The number of honors awarded by a department shall be limited to three students or five percent of graduates, whichever is larger.

University honors will be noted on the diploma and transcript. Departmental honors will be noted on the transcript only.

Honor Lists

Undergraduate students exhibiting outstanding scholastic achievement are honored by being included on the President's or Dean's List. A certificate will be issued for each semester in which the student receives this honor.

President's List

Students will be placed on the President's List to honor them for academic achievement each semester in which they complete 12 or more graded course units with a semester GPA of 3.75 - 4.0. Students earning less than 12 graded course units per semester will be placed on the President's List in the Spring semester of the academic year in which they accumulate 12 or more graded course units with an academic year GPA of 3.75 - 4.0.

Dean's List

Students will be placed on the Dean's List to honor them for academic achievement each semester in which they complete 12 or more graded course units with a semester GPA of 3.5 - 3.74. Students earning less than 12 graded course units per semester will be placed on the Dean's List in the Spring semester of the academic year in which they accumulate 12 or more graded course units with an academic year GPA of 3.5 - 3.74.

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