

College Operating Procedures (COP)



Procedure Title: Baccalaureate Commencement Honors
Procedure Number: 03-1704
Originating Department: Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs

Specific Authority:

Board Policy
Florida Statute
Florida Administrative Code

Procedure Actions: Adopted: 7/24/09

Purpose Statement: Because the College's intent is to encourage academic excellence, the administration wishes to recognize achievement when students meet specific criteria.

Guidelines:

Because the College's intent is to encourage academic excellence, the administration wishes to recognize achievement when students meet specific criteria. This policy describes the conditions under which the College provides baccalaureate students with academic recognition at commencement.

Latin Honors Graduation Distinction for Baccalaureate Students

Baccalaureate students with a record of academic achievement may be considered for Latin honors upon graduation. To graduate with a Latin honors distinction, baccalaureate degree candidates must have completed a minimum of 39 credit hours of upper division graded coursework at Florida SouthWestern State College and must have earned an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher. Latin honors designations are conferred according to following scale and are noted on a student's official academic transcripts and diploma:

Cum Laude (with honors): an overall GPA of 3.50, but below 3.70
Magna Cum Laude (with high honors): an overall GPA of 3.70, but below 3.90
Summa Cum Laude (with highest honors): an overall GPA of 3.90 or higher

When determining Latin honors for graduation, the GPA is not rounded up (e.g., 3.49 is not rounded up to 3.50 for graduation with an honors designation).