

ACADEMIC HONORS

PURPOSE

To define the academic parameters to achieve Dean's List and Graduation Honors.

POLICY

A. DEAN'S LIST CALCULATION

The Dean's List represents both a qualitative and quantitative evaluation of a student's semester performance (minimum GPA during the prescribed length of the semester).

In order to be cited by the Registrar for academic honors known as the Dean's List, a student must have:

1. A semester GPA "B+" (3.3) or above,
2. No grade below "C" (2.0),
3. A semester of at least 12 graded semester hours (not including Pass/Fail courses), and
4. No grade of Incomplete.

Dean's List will be calculated once at the end of each semester after all grades have been received and calculated by the Registrar's Office (typically one to two weeks after final exams). Dean's List will also be awarded for enrolled students studying outside of Westfield State's campus through University approved domestic and/or international exchange programs. Future grade changes after the initial production of the Dean's List will not allow students to become eligible unless the faculty member can certify the grade change is a result of a miscalculation of the final grade and that no additional work was received and/or additional time granted to complete work. This policy also applies to the converting of Incomplete grades to passing grades. Special consideration will be given to the late delivery of grades due to travel requirements of a University sponsored course and/or exchange program.

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B. GRADUATION HONORS

1. Cum Laude 3.30 to 3.59.
2. Magna Cum Laude 3.60 to 3.79.
3. Summa Cum Laude 3.80 or better.
4. Students must have completed a minimum of 45 credit hours at Westfield State University, to be eligible for graduation honors.
5. For purposes of determining honors eligibility, only the institutional GPA is used for determining graduation honors.
6. Appropriate Latin Honors will be announced at graduation for all students qualified to walk (min. 114 credits) with appropriate disclosure noted in the program.

C. VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN / DEAN'S AWARD

1. Valedictorian/Salutatorian: Highest and second highest grade point average in the Day Division with all coursework completed at Westfield (exclusive of AP credits).
2. Dean's Award for Academic Excellence: Highest institutional grade point average in the Evening Division (DGCE) with a minimum of 60 credits completed at Westfield.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Vice President for Academic Affairs.