



**Policy Chapter:** Chapter 6 Faculty Affairs

**Policy Number and Title:** 06.028 Graduation with Honors

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**I. Policy Statement**

Students meeting specific grade point averages (GPA) upon graduation from the University of North Texas (UNT) with a bachelor's degree are eligible to graduate with one of three special honors: cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude.

**II. Application of Policy**

All undergraduate students.

**III. Policy Definitions**

**A. Cum Laude**

"Cum Laude," in this policy, means the third highest honor earned for grades above average.

**B. Magna Cum Laude**

"Magna Cum Laude," in this policy, means the second highest honor earned for grades above average.

**C. Summa Cum Laude**

"Summa Cum Laude," in this policy, means the highest honor earned for grades above average.

**IV. Policy Responsibilities**

**A. Grade Point Average Requirements**

Candidates for graduation with a bachelor's degree from UNT are eligible to receive one of three special designations based on their cumulative GPA earned at UNT:

1. *Cum Laude*: GPA of 3.5 through 3.69.
2. *Magna Cum Laude*: GPA of 3.7 through 3.89.
3. *Summa Cum Laude*: GPA of 3.9 through 4.0.

**B. Eligible Courses**

Only resident credit courses taken at UNT and transferred resident credit courses count in calculating the GPA for determining eligibility for graduation with honors. Hours earned through correspondence and extension courses, or pass/no pass courses, may not be counted in calculating the GPA for graduation with honors.

**C. Eligible Degrees**

Candidates for a second bachelor's degree are not eligible for graduation with honors.

**V. Revision History**

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