



**Name of Policy:** Academic Honors Policy  
**Responsible Department:** Office of the Registrar  
**Responsible Administrator:** Registrar  
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## **POLICY**

Elms College is pleased to recognize and reward undergraduate students whose scholastic performance merits special attention. Academic Honors are bestowed to encourage the pursuit of excellence and to reward academic achievement through public recognition by inclusion on the official transcript and on the diploma. In addition, students who have earned academic honors are entitled to wear honor cords with their cap and gown regalia at Commencement to signify their achievement.

### Graduation with Honors

For undergraduate students who complete between 42 and 59 credits, two categories are awarded for superior scholarship. This honor, based on cumulative Grade Point Average, is awarded upon graduation and becomes part of the official record.

1. High Honors – awarded to candidates with a cumulative GPA of 3.8 and above
2. Honors – awarded to candidates with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.79

### Graduation with Latin Honors

For undergraduate students who complete 60 credits and above, three categories are awarded for superior scholarship. This honor, based on cumulative Grade Point Average, is awarded upon graduation and becomes part of the official record.

1. Summa Cum Laude – awarded to candidates with a cumulative GPA of 3.9 or higher
2. Magna Cum Laude – awarded to candidates with a cumulative GPA of 3.7 to 3.899
3. Cum Laude – awarded to candidates with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.699