University of St. Thomas Policies

ACADEMIC HONORS

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SCOPE

All Undergraduate Students

PURPOSE

To outline policies pertaining to academic honors.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

Students qualify for graduation honors based on their overall undergraduate cumulative grade-point average (GPA) in the semester their degree is conferred. The GPA used to determine honors is based on undergraduate courses completed at the University of St. Thomas. Honors printed for the Commencement ceremony and program will be based on the overall GPA earned in the term prior to the graduation term. Honors for the permanent record and diploma are based on the final grades in the term in which the student graduates. Grade point averages are not rounded up to meet the honors standards noted below.

01. Graduation Honors

Graduation honors are recorded on the student’s permanent academic record following graduation processing. Honors will not be changed or updated for courses taken after the degree is conferred. To be eligible for summa cum laude, magna cum laude, or cum laude, a student must have completed at least 60 credit hours at the University of St. Thomas with an appropriate honors average. Levels of honors for all bachelor’s degrees awarded by the University are 3.75, summa cum laude; 3.50, magna cum laude; 3.25, cum laude.

02. Academic Distinction

Undergraduate transfer students who have completed 36 through 59 credit hours at the University of St. Thomas with a GPA of 3.30 or above will receive the honor of Academic Distinction.

03. Senior Honors Convocation

In the spring semester each year, a Senior Honors Convocation recognizes those graduates who have been elected to Delta Epsilon Sigma or Alpha Sigma Lambda or who are to receive Aquinas Honor Society keys.

04. Dean’s List

The Dean’s List is published for each semester to recognize those students who, with a minimum credit hour load of 12 credit hours and a minimum of 12 credit hours earned, have achieved a GPA of at least
3.30.

Part-time students are evaluated on an annual basis (January – December) for inclusion on the Dean’s List. They must be categorized as “part-time” at the time of each registration, must have accumulated at least 12 credit hours during this annual period, and must have a current term GPA of at least 3.30.

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