

TO: University Curriculum Committee
FROM: College of Graduate Studies
RE: Proposed Changes to Regulation K
DATE: October 27, 2003

K – Academic Honors

K-1. Graduation with Honors. Candidates for baccalaureate degrees are graduated with honors if they satisfy ONE of the following conditions. Note: Graduation with honors is determined at the point in time when the degree is posted to the student's academic record based upon the student's grade point average at that time. Grade corrections subsequent to the posting of the degree will be processed by the Registrar's Office but will not impact the honors designation for the student.

- (1) Their cumulative UI grade-point averages are as specified in K-1-a, K-1-b, or K-1-c and they have earned at least 56 credits in UI courses OR
- (2) Both their cumulative UI grade-point averages AND their grade-point average from all sources (the overall GPA on Banner) are as specified in K-1-a, K-1-b, or K-1-c, and they have earned at least 32 credits in UI courses.

No credits earned through correspondence study, bypassed courses, credit by examination, College Level Examination Program, experiential learning, or technical competence may be counted among these 56 or 32 credits. Candidates for the degree of Juris Doctor are graduated with honors under the same conditions, except the grade-point average considered is based exclusively on the student's record in the College of Law. Honors are not awarded with graduate degrees earned through the College of Graduate Studies.

K-1-a. Candidates whose grade-point averages would place them within the top 3 percent of graduates from their respective colleges over the preceding five years are graduated ***summa cum laude*** (with highest distinction).

K-1-b. Candidates whose grade-point averages would place them within the top 6 percent (but below the top 3 percent) of graduates from their respective colleges over the preceding five years are graduated ***magna cum laude*** (with great distinction).

K-1-c. Candidates whose grade-point averages would place them within the top 10 percent (but below the top 6 percent) of graduates from their respective colleges over the preceding five years are graduated ***cum laude*** (with distinction).

K-2. Dean's List. Undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 credits (10 in the College of Law) and attain a grade-point average of 3.50 (3.00 in the College of Law) for a given semester are placed on lists prepared for the college deans. [Note: The 3.50 GPA is based on 12 graded credit hours (GPA hours) and does not include courses graded pass/fail.] These lists are publicized within UI and are distributed to news agencies.