

## Proposed Changes to Catalog Regulation K

The Faculty Council passed the following motion at its meeting of February 18, 2003.

*“by using the current regulation, but removing all references to five-year averages in calculating college honor levels, and replacing that language with language that would call for the use of only the previous year’s grade point averages that would place candidates in the top 3, 6, and 10 percent of the graduates in each college as the base number for each honor category.”*

The motion was in response to a faculty petition asking that earlier changes approved by the Faculty Council on November 5, 2002 be reconsidered.

The Faculty Council also directed the Office of the Registrar to “approve the minimum requirements from the existing (new) college structure and apply them to December 2002 and May 2003, ensuring that no student would be denied honors expected under the former college structure.” at the same council meeting.

Changes are noted in the ~~strike-through~~ and added language below.

### 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.

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 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~~ honors).

**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~~ high honors).

**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~~ honors).

Note: Students graduating with Latin Honors as listed in K-1-a., K-1-b., and K-1-c. receive honor cords to wear at commencement. Their transcripts and diplomas reflect the final honors designation when degrees are posted.

**K-2. Graduation with Honors in the College of Law.** Candidates for the degree of Juris Doctor are graduated with honors based exclusively upon their grade-point on the student's record in the College of Law. The GPA cut-offs are posted each year (after spring semester grades are posted) to the graduation web site.

**K-2-a.** Candidates whose grade-point averages in the College of Law would place them within the top 3 percent of graduates over the preceding five years are graduated *summa cum laude* (with highest distinction).

**K-2-b.** Candidates whose grade-point averages in the College of Law would place them within the top 6 percent (but below the top 3 percent) of graduates over the preceding five years are graduated *magna cum laude* (with great distinction).

**K-2-c.** Candidates whose grade-point averages in the College of Law would place them within the top 10 percent (but below the top 6 percent) of graduates over the preceding five years are graduated *cum laude* (with distinction).

Honors are not awarded with degrees earned through the College of Graduate Studies.

**K-23. Dean's List.** Undergraduate students who are registered for at least ~~12~~ 14 credits (10 in the College of Law) and attain a grade-point-average of ~~3.50~~ 3.30 (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 (GPS hours) and does not include courses graded pass/fail]~~ (Except for grades of P earned in English 101, credits for which a student was graded P are not computed in the specified minimums.) These lists are publicized within UI and are distributed to news agencies.