

Policy Statement

Graduation honors are awarded to students with exceptional academic achievement at Terra State Community College.

Policy Details

Honors are awarded to degree-seeking students who achieve the following cumulative grade point average (GPA):

Honor Classification	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
summa cum laude	3.90-4.00
magna cum laude	3.75-3.89
cum laude	3.50-3.74

Honors are not awarded to certificate-seeking students and cumulative GPAs are not rounded up.

For students intending to graduate at the end of Spring semester, and participate in commencement activities, honors recognition is based on the cumulative GPA through the previous Fall term.

Procedures

The Student Records Office updates graduation honors during the end-of-semester process. Designated honors are displayed on the student's academic transcript and diploma.

Please contact recordsdept@terra.edu with any questions

Resources

NA

Documentation

NA

Definitions

Term Definition

<i>Degree-seeking</i>	A student who pursues an associate degree and must complete 60 or more semester credit hours.
<i>Graduation</i>	Completion of a credential (degree or certificate).
<i>Commencement</i>	A ceremony in which degrees or diplomas are conferred on graduating students.

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