

Attachment #1

To: Faculty Senate
From: Lillie West, Chair of Academic Policies
Date: February 20, 2007

DRAFT: Revision of Graduation Honors Policy
2/15/07

Revised text:

GRADUATION HONORS for a baccalaureate degree

Students who have earned consistently superior grades in their course work at Millersville University are recognized for their achievements at graduation with the designation of graduation honors. The student's diploma and University record carry the appropriate honors designation:

Cum laude for a cumulative GPA between 3.50 and 3.74

Magna cum laude for a cumulative GPA between 3.75 and 3.94

Summa cum laude for a cumulative GPA between 3.95 and 4.00

Graduation Honors for Students with Transfer Credits. Millersville credits and grade points are combined with accepted transfer credits and grade points when determining graduation honors.

Eligibility for graduation with honors is calculated determined based on the combined Millersville grade point average (CGPA) of all MU and transfer grades posted to the academic record. Neither transfer work nor in-progress courses are not used included in the calculation of the honors CGPA. For students who have been awarded academic amnesty, the pre-amnesty work is not included in calculating the honors GPA.

Changes in the eligibility for, or the level of, honors following the posting of grades for the final semester at MU will be reflected on the student's diploma and MU transcript.

To qualify for graduation honors, students must:

1. Earn an honors average (minimum 3.35) a GPA of 3.50 or higher in work done at Millersville, and;
2. Complete at least 30 60 credits with grades A through D- at of Millersville course work., and;
3. Earn a combined honors average of at least 3.35 in all work done at Millersville and in accepted transfer credit courses.

Graduation Honors for Candidates for a Second Baccalaureate Degree. To qualify for graduation honors, second-degree students must earn an honors average in work in the second-degree program. The entire previous academic record is combined with second-degree credits and grade points when determining graduation honors.

Students who are completing a second baccalaureate degree program at Millersville are not eligible for graduation honors.

Graduation Honors for Associate's Degree Candidates. To qualify for the designation "with honors" on their diploma and University record, associate degree candidates must:

1. Earn a GPA of 3.50 or higher in work done at Millersville, and;
2. Complete at least 30 credits with grades A through D- at of Millersville course work.

Proposed Policy:

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Eligibility for graduation with honors is determined based on the Millersville grade point average. Neither transfer work nor in-progress courses are included in the honors GPA. For students who have been awarded academic amnesty, the pre-amnesty work is not included in calculating the honors GPA.

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The General Amnesty policy will need to be changed to reflect the changes in the Latin Honors policy.

Revised text:

Academic Amnesty

Former Millersville University students applying for readmission following a minimum absence of five years since the end of their last semester are eligible to petition for academic amnesty if their cumulative grade point average (CGPA) was below 2.0 at departure. The petition must be in the form of a letter of appeal to the Academic Standards Committee, sent in care of the registrar's office.

In order to be eligible to petition for academic amnesty, the former student must complete an application for readmission to undergraduate degree status. If academic amnesty is granted, the calculation of the CGPA is restarted with the new matriculation semester.

Under academic amnesty, all previous course work and grades remain on the permanent record but are not included in the calculation of the MU CGPA after amnesty is granted. Students may use courses taken in the preamnesty period to fulfill general education requirements, only if a grade of C- or higher was earned in the course. ~~Graduation with honors will be determined on the basis of a minimum post amnesty CGPA of 3.35, after which all transfer work and preamnesty MU course work with grades of C- or better will be included to determine honors eligibility.~~
~~Preamnesty course work is not included in determining eligibility for graduation honors.~~