

**Proposed Changes to University Handbook, Section F110, Scholastic Honors**  
**Proposal Submitted by: CAPP**  
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Rationale for Modification:

1. Clearly define graduation honors at the commencement ceremony as unofficial. Graduation honors recognized are unofficial because grades have not posted nor degree conferred.
  2. Reduce the amount of graded hours from 50 to 42 hours. This is in response to the credit hour reduction for degree completion to 120 hours. Bachelor of Education students enroll CR/NC in a semester of student teaching. This modification will ensure transfer students into the College of Education may still earn scholastic honors without having to take additional coursework.
  3. Clearly define courses included in the GPA calculations as more students are beginning to challenge the calculation method.
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**F110 Scholastic honors.**

Graduation Honors

- Bachelor's degree candidates who will have completed a minimum of 60 undergraduate hours at Kansas State University ~~and~~ with at least 50-42 credit hours in graded undergraduate courses at Kansas State University, in residence, are considered for graduation with ~~scholastic~~ honors as follows:

Students with a 3.950 or above K-State academic-cumulative grade point average are designated as Summa Cum Laude.

Students with a 3.850-3.949 K-State academic-cumulative grade point average are designated as Magna Cum Laude.

Students with a 3.750-3.849 K-State academic-cumulative grade point average are designated as Cum Laude.

- Graduation honors for undergraduate students are based on undergraduate coursework. Any concurrent graduate or professional credit earned is excluded from the calculation of bachelor degree graduation honors.
- Students seeking a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree are eligible to receive graduation honors based on courses completed in the professional program.
- For the purpose of the commencement ceremony, unofficial graduation honors are recognized for Bachelor degree candidates who possess the required K-State cumulative grade point average prior to the start of the semester in which they plan to participate in the

commencement ceremony, and have completed or are currently enrolled in enough credit hours to satisfy the credit hour requirements.

### Semester Honors

- ~~— Students seeking a Doctor of veterinary medicine degree are eligible to receive these honors based on courses completed in the professional program.~~
- Students with at least 12 graded hours whose semester grade point average for a given semester is 3.75 or above will be awarded semester ~~scholastic~~ honors.
- Graduate School and Veterinary Medicine students are ineligible for ~~these semester~~ honors.