

**Graduation.****(A) Graduation with honors.**

- (1) For a student who is being awarded a baccalaureate degree and who has completed sixty or more credits at the university of Akron, the degree:

Will be designated	If the overall grade-point average is
cum laude	between 3.40 and 3.59
magna cum laude	between 3.60 and 3.79
summa cum laude	3.80 or higher

The grade-point average will be rounded to the nearest hundredth for the purposes of determining graduation with honors.

The number of credit hours used to determine graduation with honors for the commencement ceremony includes the total number of credit hours completed at the university of Akron plus the number of credit hours in progress at the university of Akron.

A student who holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, including the university of Akron, and who earns a subsequent baccalaureate degree at the university of Akron per the academic policy requirements for second degrees, is eligible to graduate with honors.

- (2) For a student who is being awarded an associate degree and who has completed thirty or more credits at the university, and for a student who is being awarded a baccalaureate degree and who has completed fewer than sixty credits at the university, the degree:

Will be designated	If the overall grade-point average is
with distinction	between 3.40 and 3.59
with high distinction	between 3.60 and 3.79
with highest distinction	3.80 and higher

The grade-point average will be rounded to the nearest hundredth for the purposes of determining graduation with honors.

A student who holds an associate degree from an accredited institution, including the university of Akron, and who earns a subsequent associate degree at the university of Akron per the academic policy requirements for second degrees, is eligible to graduate with honors.

- (3) Where deemed necessary, the chief academic officer may waive these requirements for rare and unique circumstances and report such waivers to the board of trustees for its information.
- (B) Requirements for baccalaureate and associate degrees. A candidate for the baccalaureate or the associate degree must:
- (1) File an application for graduation with the office of the university registrar.
    - (a) If the undergraduate or law candidate plans to complete degree requirements at the end of fall semester, submit an application by or before May fifteenth.
    - (b) If the undergraduate or law candidate plans to complete degree

program, the requirements shall be those in effect upon entrance into the program.

- (4) For purposes of meeting foreign language requirements, all foreign languages and "American Sign Language" can fulfill the foreign language requirement for those programs that have a non-specific foreign language requirement. However, for those majors or programs that specify specific language requirements, the applicable specific language requirement must be met to satisfy graduation requirements for that major or program.
- (5) Be approved for graduation by the appropriate college faculty, faculty senate, and board of trustees.
- (6) Complete the requirements for a degree in not more than five calendar years from the date of transfer, as defined below. In the event the student fails to complete the degree requirements within five calendar years from the date of transfer, the university reserves the right to make changes in the number of credits and/or courses required for a degree.

(8) Discharge of all other obligations to the university of Akron.

- (4) The dean of the college, in consultation with the department or division head of the student's major field of study, may grant waivers in writing if a change in rules affecting degree requirements is unduly hard upon a student enrolled