

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA
ACADEMIC SENATE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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Revision of University Honors Policy for Semester Conversion

Academic Affairs Committee

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Executive Committee
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Academic Senate

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Second Reading

Background

The existing policy has been revised to be consistent with semester terminology.

Resources Consulted

University Manual Policy 1446 Honors Policy

Recommendation:

The Academic Affairs Committee recommends adoption by the Academic Senate and recommendation to the President to approve the following revision to Policy No. 1446 and to accordingly update it in the online University Manual.

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA POLICY NO: 1446*

HONORS POLICY

1.0 Honors at Entrance

First time freshmen shall be awarded "Honors at Entrance" if during their tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades they earned a GPA of at least 3.5 in all subjects excluding physical education and military science, and have received a commendation from their high school principals for having contributed in the areas of citizenship and leadership.

2.0 Dean's List

The Dean's List, announced at the end of each ~~quarter~~semester, honors undergraduate students who have completed at the University 12 or more letter grade units during the ~~quarter~~semester with a 3.5 or better grade point average for Cal Poly coursework. Students taking preparatory coursework must obtain C (2.0) letter grades or better in their preparatory courses and make satisfactory progress toward completion of remediation requirements to remain on the Dean's List.

Each student on the Dean's List should be celebrated by the University with a minimum of a letter from the appropriate Dean and any further honors the College wishes to bestow.

3.0 President's List

The "President's Honor List," announced at the end of the spring ~~quarter~~semester, honors undergraduate students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or better for completion at the University of ~~12-8~~ or more units during any ~~three~~two of the four ~~quarters~~semesters of a university year.

* Revised AY 2016-2017

4.0 Honors at Graduation

The University grants honors at graduation to students who have demonstrated academic excellence during their career in higher education. The grade point average for the determination of honors is calculated on all grades earned at this institution as well as any other institution of higher education attended. The honors designations with the grade point averages required are summa cum laude—3.80-4.00; magna cum laude—3.65-3.79; cum laude—3.50-3.64.

Students who complete their graduation requirements ~~in the summer, fall or winter quarters~~prior to the beginning of spring semester will have their GPAs determined before the commencement program is printed and their designated honors will be identified in the program. Students who complete their graduation requirements in the spring ~~quarter~~semester will not have their final GPAs determined until after the commencement program printing. In order to identify these students in the commencement program, their GPA as of the ~~last winter quarter~~beginning of spring semester should be used as the determining GPA for graduation honors recognition. If the GPA status (as to Graduation Honors) changes for spring ~~quarter~~semester graduates as a result of grades earned during the spring ~~quarters~~semester, this will be recorded on their transcripts and on their diplomas. This status change will not occur in the commencement program. The number of status changes is expected to be minimal.

Only students who have completed all of their graduation requirements before spring ~~quarter~~semester or students who are registered and complete the balance of their graduation requirements in the spring ~~quarter~~semester (as of the census day) will be eligible for honors at graduation.

The label “Graduation Honors” is printed next to the student’s name in the commencement program and announced at the college convocations.