

Graduation with Distinction	
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Current Policy	Proposed Policy
<p>3. Graduation with Distinction. Undergraduates who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher at the beginning of their final term are eligible to graduate "with distinction" provided they have completed 60 semester credits of coursework at Iowa State University at the time they graduate, including a minimum of 50 graded credits.</p> <p>4. Cumulative grade point recognition. Students who graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher are recognized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summa Cum Laude: cumulative grade point average of 3.90 or higher. • Magna Cum Laude: cumulative grade point average of 3.70 to 3.89. • Cum Laude: cumulative grade point average of 3.50 to 3.69. <p>This recognition appears on the student's official transcript and diploma and in the commencement program.</p> <p>5. Candidates for the bachelor of liberal studies degree may be graduated with distinction providing that they (a) have completed 45 semester credits of coursework at the three Iowa Regent universities at the time of graduation, (b) have earned at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average at ISU, and (c) their combined grade point average for coursework taken at the three Iowa Regent universities meets the honors cutoff specified above.</p>	<p>3. Graduation with Distinction. Undergraduates who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher <u>(based on a 4.0 scale) at the beginning of their final term</u> are eligible to graduate "with distinction" provided they have completed <u>the following criteria for their degree. The student's distinction will be based upon their cumulative grade point average after all degree requirements have been satisfied. 60 semester credits of coursework at Iowa State University at the time they graduate, including a minimum of 50 graded credits.</u></p> <p>4. Cumulative grade point recognition. These students <u>who graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher</u> are recognized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summa Cum Laude: cumulative grade point average of 3.90 or higher. • Magna Cum Laude: cumulative grade point average of 3.70 to 3.89. • Cum Laude: cumulative grade point average of 3.50 to 3.69. <p>This recognition appears on the student's official transcript and diploma. and in the commencement program.</p> <p><u>Candidates for a bachelor's degree may graduate "with distinction" provided they have completed 60 semester credits of coursework at Iowa State University at the time of graduation, including a minimum of 50 graded credits.</u></p> <p>5. Candidates for the bachelor of liberal studies degree may be graduated "with distinction" provided that they (a) have completed 45 semester credits of coursework at the three Iowa Regent universities at the time of graduation, and (b) have earned at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average at ISU, and (c) their combined grade point average for coursework taken at the three Iowa Regent universities meets the honors cutoff specified above.</p> <p><u>Candidates for the bachelor of science in nursing degree may graduate "with distinction" provided that they have completed 32 semester credits of coursework at ISU at the time of graduation.</u></p>

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