

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 (based on a 4.0 scale) are eligible to graduate "with distinction" provided they have completed 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. These students 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Candidates for the bachelor of liberal studies degree may graduate 'with distinction' provided that they have (a) completed 45 semester credits of coursework at the three Iowa Regent universities at the time of graduation and (b) earned at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average at ISU. The graduation with distinction recognition will be based on their combined grade point average for coursework taken at the three Iowa Regent universities.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>3. Graduation with Distinction. Undergraduates who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher (based on a 4.0 scale) are eligible to graduate 'with distinction' provided they have completed 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. These students 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.</p> <p>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 or Satisfactory-Fail course credits.</p> <p>Candidates for the bachelor of liberal studies degree may graduate 'with distinction' provided that they have (a) completed 45 semester credits of coursework at the three Iowa Regent universities at the time of graduation and (b) earned at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average at ISU. The graduation with distinction recognition will be based on their combined grade point average for coursework taken at the three Iowa Regent universities.</p> <p>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.</p>

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