

3359-60-03.6 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
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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 senior vice president and provost and chief operating officer~~ [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 requirements at the end of spring semester, submit an application by or before September fifteenth.
 - (c) If the undergraduate candidate plans to complete degree requirements at the end of summer semester, submit an applica

university reserves the right to make changes in the number of credits and/or courses required for a degree.

If a student who has transferred from another institution wishes to present for the student's major fewer than fourteen credits earned at the university of Akron written permission of both the dean and head of the department concerned is required.

The date of transfer for a student into a baccalaureate program will be the date that the student is accepted by the degree-granting college. For a student enrolled in an associate degree program, the date of transfer refers to the date of entrance into the program.

(7) Credit hour minimums.

- (a) Earn at least one hundred twenty credits in the baccalaureate degree or sixty credits in the associate degree.
- (b) Earn the last thirty credits in the baccalaureate degree total or fifteen credits in the associate degree total in residence at the university of Akron unless excused in writing by the dean of the college in which the student is enrolled.
- (c) Earn a minimum of thirty credits in the baccalaureate degree total or fifteen credits in the associate degree total in residence at the university of Akron.

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

(C) Requirements for additional baccalaureate and associate degrees.

- (1) Meet all the requirements listed in paragraph (B) of this rule.
- (2) Earn a minimum of:
 - (a) Thirty credits which have not counted toward a baccalaureate degree, for an additional baccalaureate degree, or
 - (b) Fifteen credits which have not counted toward an associate degree, for an additional associate degree.
- (3) These credits shall be earned in residence at the university of Akron.

(D) Change of requirements.

- (1) To better accomplish its objectives, the university reserves the right to alter, amend or revoke any rule or regulation. The policy of

regulations, the university reserves the right to make changes in degree requirements of the student enrolled prior to the change by:

- (a) Altering the number of credits and/or courses required in a major field of study.
 - (b) Deleting courses.
 - (c) Amending courses by increasing or decreasing the credits of specific courses, or by varying the content of specific courses.
 - (d) Offering substitute courses in the same or in cognate fields.
- (4) The dean of the college, in consultation with the department or division head of the

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