

Latin Honors GPA Policy beginning Spring 2023

To be designated an honor graduate, an undergraduate member of the graduating class must:

1. Have completed at least 60 hours at Lamar University.
2. Have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50 for all undergraduate course work attempted at Lamar University.

These students are recognized at commencement by wearing red and white honor cords and will have their honor announced as they cross the stage.

Only course work attempted at Lamar University will be included in the GPA calculation for honors. Transfer course work will not be included in the calculation of GPAs for honors. All grades earned at the undergraduate level at Lamar University will be considered for graduation honors – excluding those exempted by Academic Fresh Start, Academic Appeals or Grade Replacement¹.

Cum laude – 3.5 to 3.64

Magna cum laude – 3.65 to 3.79

Summa cum laude – 3.8 to 4.0

The honor recognized at the commencement ceremony is based on the grade point average as of the 12th class day of the current term (4th class day of the summer term for summer graduates). Because the degrees are not conferred until after commencement, the current term grades are not taken into consideration when recognizing Latin Honors at commencement. Transcript and diplomas after graduation, however, will reflect the final GPA after all grades are in.

Eligible students will be contacted, by email, prior to commencement and will be allowed to pick up their honor cords during a designated timeframe indicated in the eligibility email. Students who do not pick up their cord during the timeframe given before the ceremony can pick their cord up at commencement. All students will be required to provide their ID to pick up their honor cord.

Graduate students, obtaining a master or doctorate degree, will not be eligible for Latin honors. Graduate students are required, by Graduate Studies, to maintain a 3.0 or higher to graduate. If you are a part of an honor society you may wear the cord they provide.

If you have questions regarding this policy, please contact uggraduation@lamar.edu.

¹ Eligibility for the Otho Plummer Award, however, will still be determined using all completed coursework, regardless of exemption that ignores previous grades.