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Honors Policy

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Policy Statement

The Medical College of Georgia awards undergraduate degrees with honors to candidates who meet specific standards of academic excellence as measured by the grade point average under the conditions set forth in this policy.

The Medical College of Georgia awards honors to students who successfully complete a program of study in a one-year-certificate program in the School of Allied Health Sciences under the conditions set forth in this policy.

This distinction of high academic achievement is placed on the student's diploma or certificate and is noted on the permanent record.

Reason For Policy

To recognize exemplary progress in residence credit of students enrolled in undergraduate and one-year-certificate programs at the Medical College of Georgia.

Entities Affected By This Policy

All undergraduate and one-year-certificate students who are enrolled in a minimum of 60 in-residence semester hours or 30 in-residence semester hours, respectively, at the Medical College of Georgia are affected by this policy.

Who Should Read This Policy

Baccalaureate degree and one-year-certificate seeking students at the Medical College of Georgia and the faculty who teach them should be aware of this policy.

Contacts

Contact	Phone	e-mail/URL
Registrar	706-721-2201	http://www.mcg.edu/students/Registrar/registrar@mcg.edu

Website Address For This Policy

<http://www.mcg.edu/aaffairs/policies/pdfs/p410.pdf>

Related Documents

Medical College of Georgia Catalog:

<http://www.mcg.edu/students/Registrar/regulations/graduation-honors.html>

Definitions

These definitions apply to these terms as they are used in this policy:

Residence credit/ course in residence Course taken for which matriculation/tuition fees are paid to the Medical College

Overview

The Medical College of Georgia awards undergraduate degrees with honors to candidates who meet specific standards of academic excellence as measured by the grade point average under the conditions set forth in this policy. Honor degrees are awarded Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude.

The Medical College of Georgia awards honors to students who successfully complete a program of study in a one-year certificate program in the School of Allied Health Sciences under the conditions set forth in this policy. Honor certificates are awarded with Highest Honors, High Honors, and Honors.

Process/Procedures

Baccalaureate Degrees:

The Medical College of Georgia awards undergraduate degrees with honors to candidates who meet specific standards of academic excellence as measured by the grade point average. A student must have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours in residence for a baccalaureate degree to be awarded with honors. Only work taken in residence will be considered when calculating the honors grade point average. The honors grade point average is computed beginning with the semester of initial enrollment in the current program. Grade point averages will be truncated to the nearest hundredth to determine eligibility. The standards for honors are as follows:

Summa cum laude	3.90 grade point average
Magna cum laude	3.70 grade point average
Cum laude	3.50 grade point average

One-Year Certificate Programs:

The Medical College of Georgia awards honors to students who successfully complete a program of study in a one-year-certificate program and who meet specific standards of academic excellence as measured by the grade point average. For a certificate to be awarded with honors, a student must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours in residence. Only work taken in residence will be considered when calculating the honors grade point average. The honors grade point average is computed beginning with the semester of initial enrollment or, for students in the School of Allied Health Sciences, with enrollment in the current program. Grade point averages will be truncated to the nearest hundredth to determine eligibility. The standards for honors are as follows:

Highest honors	3.90 grade point average
High honors	3.70 grade point average
Honors	3.50 grade point average

A congratulatory letter is sent to the student from the Registrar along with the applicable honor seal and instructions for placement on diploma/certificate.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities each party has in connection with Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Policy 4.10, Graduation with Honors Policy, are:

Registrar's Office	Identify recipients according to policy guidelines. Award seals to recipients with instructions for placement on diploma/certificate.
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