

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13, 2018

TO: Julie Harlin  
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Anne Reber  
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

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Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. These changes are for the following section:

Change to **Rule 15 Graduation with (Latin) Honors**

Approved by the Student Rules & Regulations Committee on July 13, 2018.

Approved by the Faculty Senate on August 13, 2018.

Approved by the President on August 28, 2018.



## **PROPOSAL**

Please see attached rule for extensive changes

## **JUSTIFICATION**

This change will help clarify the distinction between Latin Honors and other Honors transcript distinctions earned at the university, college, or departmental level.

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## 15. Graduation with **Latin** Honors

(Revised: ~~2013~~ **2018**)

Effective for December 2005 degree candidates. To be eligible for graduation with **Latin** honors, a student seeking a baccalaureate degree must enroll in and complete a minimum of 60 semester hours at Texas A&M University preceding graduation and have a grade point ratio at this institution equal to or greater than that required for the appropriate category of honors. Course credit received by examination, and courses reserved for graduate credit only, are excluded from the calculation of the number of hours and the grade point ratio for graduation with **Latin** ~~h~~**H**onors.

**No Upper Division student found responsible for **academic** misconduct may receive Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude honors at graduation. Upper Division status is defined as having earned 60 or more credit hours (including transfer hours and advanced placement credits) on the date of the violation. This sanction is automatic upon a finding of academic misconduct, and is imposed without regard to the severity of other sanctions imposed by either the instructor or the Honor Council.**

Categories for **Latin** honors shall be designated as follows:

- Summa Cum Laude: A student may be graduated “Summa Cum Laude” with a grade point ratio of 3.90 or above.
- Magna Cum Laude: A student may be graduated “Magna Cum Laude” with a grade point ratio range of 3.70 through 3.899.
- Cum Laude: A student may be graduated “Cum Laude” with a grade point ratio range of 3.50 through 3.699.

**Grade point averages used to determine Latin ~~h~~**H**onors designations are calculated during the final degree audit the day before the graduation ceremonies and include hours and final grades in courses taken during the graduation semester. Latin honors designations will not be changed after the final graduation clearance deadline.**