

Name: Academic Recognition

Category: Academic Policies

Subject: Academic Recognition Policy Revision and Approval

Owner: Vice President for Academic Affairs

Related Procedures: N/A

Related Forms: N/A

I. SCOPE

This policy updates the Academic Policy regarding Academic Recognition to (i) remove "S" grade information, (ii) revise the procedures for part-time students to obtain recognition letters, and (iii) declare when the College will recognize academically deserving students. The update could impact all full- and part-time students.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

Delaware Tech recognizes the importance of congratulating students who have achieved academic success throughout the academic year. Revising the Academic Recognition Policy (https://dtcc.smartcatalogiq.com/current/catalog/academics/academic-recognition/) will more consistently recognize all students (part-time and full-time) who have exemplified academic excellence at the College. The revision also removes "S" grade information, which unnecessarily excluded some students from being recognized. The College interprets an "S" grade as continuing Satisfactory (used only in courses with numbers under 100).

III. POLICY

Academic Recognition

President's List - Full-Time Students

To be eligible for the President's List, a student must:

- 1. Earn 12 or more credit hours in courses at the 100 level or above in one term.
- 2. Have a term GPA of at least 3.8.

- 3. Have no "I" grades. If "I" grades are later changed to passing grades, thereby affecting President's List eligibility, the student may request a letter noting President's List recognition. This letter may be used for employment, college transfer or other personal purposes.
- 4. Receive an "A," "B," "C," or "W" in all courses of enrollment below the 100 level.

Dean's List - Full-Time Students

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must:

- 1. Earn 12 or more credit hours in courses at the 100 level or above in one term.
- 2. Have a term GPA of at least 3.25.
- 3. Have no "I" grades. If "I" grades are later changed to passing grades, thereby affecting Dean's List eligibility, the student may request a letter noting Dean's List recognition. This letter may be used for employment, college transfer, or other personal purposes.
- 4. Receive an "A," "B," "C," or "W" in all courses of enrollment below the 100 level.

Part-Time Students

A part-time student can be recognized if the student has earned at least 6 credit hours but less than 12 credit hours in courses in one term at the 100 level or above, has a term GPA of at least 3.25, and meets requirement 3 and 4 of the Dean's List criteria.

Recognition Schedule

President's List, Dean's List, and part-time students earning honors will be recognized after the semester in which the recognition is received. A letter noting their recognition may be requested from the Registrar. The letter may be used for employment, college transfer, or other personal purposes.

Graduation Honors

Graduation honors are calculated for diplomas, associate degrees, and bachelor's degrees. Certificates are not eligible for graduation honors. Diploma and associate degree honors are based on all coursework that is included in the cumulative grade point average (CUM GPA) at the time the diploma or degree is awarded. Bachelor's degree honors are calculated based on all 300- and 400-level program coursework that is included in the CUM GPA at the time the degree is awarded; general education coursework is not included in bachelor's degree honors.

Students earning a CUM GPA between 3.25 and 3.49 will graduate cum laude. Those earning a CUM GPA between 3.5 and 3.79 will graduate magna cum laude. Those earning a CUM GPA between 3.8 and 4.0 will graduate summa cum laude. Graduation honors are printed on the student's transcript.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE(S)

This policy will be effective on January 1, 2024.

V. FREQUENCY OF REVIEW AND UPDATE

This policy will be reviewed and updated annually.

VI. SIGNATURE AND DATE OF APPROVAL

Approved by the President on the date below:

Mark T. Brainard, J.D.

President

12-14-2023

Date