



University Policy Impact Statement

Date Sept. 30, 2008 Check One: Revision of Existing Policy New Policy

Policy Number _____ (If known) Policy Name Latin Honors

Originator(s) Enrollment Management

Justification for Proposed Changes or for New Policy (Attach additional sheet if necessary)

Occasionally, some transfer students do not meet the Latin Honors requirements of "64 credit hours earned at Eastern Kentucky University" and are disappointed they will not receive Latin Honors. A revision of the Latin Honors requirements policy and the Catalog language is needed to allow transferring students to apply credits earned at other regionally-accredited institutions toward earning of Latin Honors designations.

Consistency with EKU's Mission and Strategic Plan, Other Policies, and Related External Documents

Cite relevant official statements from EKU or external sources.

The proposed revision allowing transfer of credits from other regionally-accredited institutions is consistent with EKU's policies regarding transfer of credits toward cumulative GPA and degree requirements.

Impact on the University

(1) Identify resources (human, financial, physical, operational, technological, other) needed to implement and maintain compliance; (2) Identify changes to EKU's culture and/or behaviors that may be involved.

No significant resources are needed to implement the policy change and maintain compliance.

List Key Stakeholders who have been consulted. Indicate action taken and the date it was taken. Attach additional page if necessary.

<u>Council on Academic Affairs</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date <u>10/16/08 approved</u>
<u>Faculty Senate</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date _____
<u>Provost Council</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date _____
<u>President</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date _____
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Executive Policy Group Only

Board Approval Required

The current *Undergraduate Catalog* language states:

“All students earning Latin honors must earn at least 64 credit hours at Eastern Kentucky University...” Pg. 49, *Eastern Kentucky University Undergraduate Catalog*.

Revise *Catalog* language as follows (Pg. 49-50, *Eastern Kentucky University Undergraduate Catalog*):

Latin Honors

Eastern Kentucky University recognizes graduating baccalaureate degree students who have achieved distinguished academic records by awarding their degree with Latin honors. There are three levels of Latin honors: Cum Laude (“with praise”), Magna Cum Laude (“with great praise”), and Summa Cum Laude (“with highest praise”). All students earning Latin honors must ~~earn at least 64 credit hours~~ take at least 25% of course work at Eastern Kentucky University. ~~and All semester hours transferred to and attempted at Eastern Kentucky University (including those which are subsequently repeated or bankrupted) will be used in calculating each Latin honor grade point average (GPA). Latin honors GPA calculation—for recognition at the graduation commencement ceremony—does not include the final semester’s course work as these calculations occur weeks before the term has finished. However, course work hours in progress at the time commencement honors calculations are made will be counted toward the required minimum. of 64 hours earned at Eastern Kentucky University.~~ Once a student’s final semester has concluded and final grades are available, these grades will be considered when determining Latin honors notations for the diploma and transcript.

Cum Laude

Students earning Cum Laude must attain at least a cumulative GPA of 3.5 but less than a 3.7 on all semester hours transferred to and attempted at Eastern Kentucky University. Additionally, ~~they must earn a minimum of 64 credit hours~~ a minimum of 25% of the course work must be taken at Eastern Kentucky University.

Magna Cum Laude

Students earning Magna Cum Laude must attain at least a cumulative GPA of 3.75 but less than a 3.9 on all semester hours transferred to and attempted at Eastern Kentucky University. Additionally, ~~they must earn a minimum of 64 credit hours~~ a minimum of 25% of the course work must be taken at Eastern Kentucky University.

Summa Cum Laude

Students earning Summa Cum Laude must attain at least a cumulative GPA of 3.9 or higher on all semester hours transferred to and attempted at Eastern Kentucky University. Additionally, ~~they must earn a minimum of 64 credit hours~~ a minimum of 25% of the course work must be taken at Eastern Kentucky University.

BENCHMARK INSTITUTIONS	Latin Honors			Comments
	Summa Cum Laude	Magna Cum Laude	Cum Laude	
Arkansas State University- Main Campus	4	3.80-3.99	3.60-3.79	Cumulative GPA including transfer and ASU credits.
California State University-Chico	Top 1%	Top 3%	Top 5%	Percentages based upon the graduating class of each college within the university and shall not exceed these percentages.
University of Central Missouri	3.85-4	3.75-3.84	3.50-3.74	Student must have earned both cumulative and Central Missouri grade averages of 3.50 and a minimum of 30 credit hours at UCM.
Eastern Michigan University	3.90-4	3.70-3.89	3.50-3.69	Cumulative GPA including transfer and EMU credits.
Indiana State University	3.95-4	3.80-3.94	3.60-3.79	Transfer students must complete 62 semester hours of resident credit and have earned a 3.60 cumulative grade point average at Indiana State University before honors consideration. All academic courses from all accredited institutions are converted to a 4.00 scale and incorporated in the honors grade point average when determining honors. Only point based grade letters count towards honors calculations.
Kennesaw State University	3.90-4	3.7-3.89	3.5-3.69	Cumulative GPA including transfer and KSU credits.
Minnesota State University- Mankato	3.80-4*	3.50-3.79*	3.30-3.49*	*School does not recognize latin honors. Each honors category is recognized with a medallion and colored strap. 3.80-30/Gold, 3.50-3.79/Purple, 3.30-3.49/Purple and Gold.
Northern Michigan University	3.80-4	3.60-3.79	3.30-3.59	Cumulative GPA including transfer and NMU credits.
Sam Houston State University	3.86-4	3.67-3.85	3.50-3.66	These figures represent the overall GPA of the student (transfer and SHSU combined).
Sonoma State University	3.90-4	3.75-3.89	3.50-3.74	These figures represent the overall GPA of the student (transfer and SSU combined).
University of Massachusetts- Boston	3.75-4	3.50-3.74	3.30-3.49	Cumulative GPA including transfer and UMB credits.
University of Michigan- Flint	N/A	N/A	N/A	School does not recognize latin honors. They offer a High Honors Award/3.75-4, Honors Award/3.50-3.74. For their Management Program honors include the High Distinction Award/3.60-4, and Distinction Award/3.20-3.59. Honors in the Management Program are based upon the last 58 completed credit hours.

University of North Carolina- Greensboro	3.90-4	3.70-3.89	3.50-3.69	These figures represent the overall GPA of the student (transfer and UNC-G combined) including their last semester. Must have taken no less than 45 hours at UNC-G to qualify for Latin Honors.
University of Northern Iowa	Top 3%	Top 4%	Top 9%	To receive an honor rating, the student must earn no less than 55 semester hours of credit at this university (effective Spring 2008). Only credit earned in residence at this university is considered in making honor awards, except for students graduating with the Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree in which case both residence and non-residence credit taken at this university is considered. Percentages are based upon the cumulative GPA of a Student in their Academic Department graduating class.
University of Southern Indiana	N/A*	3.80 +	3.60-3.79	* The Student(s) with the highest cumulative GPA will be graduated with Summa cum Laude. The requirements to graduate with honors are as follows: Complete a minimum of 30 semester hours at the University in which letter grades of computable point value were received, Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.6 on all courses attempted at the University, Have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.6 on all academic work attempted from all institutions attended.
University of Tennessee- Chattanooga	3.90-4	3.75-3.89	3.50-3.74	Honor awards reflect both the cumulative and the UTC grade point average at the end of the final semester.
University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh	3.90-4	3.75-3.89	3.50-3.74	All units (crs.) attempted at all institutions are used to determine a student's grade point average and whether graduation is cum laude, magna cum laude, or summa cum laude. Students whose grade point average qualifies them for graduation with honors the term before they graduate will be recognized at the Commencement Ceremony. Honors designation on transcripts will be based upon the student's completed academic record.
Western Carolina University	3.90-4	3.70-3.89	3.50-3.69	Honor awards are to be distributed based upon the cumulative GPA of the student ending the semester prior to their last term.
Wichita State University	3.90-4	3.55-3.89	3.25-3.54	Honors awards based upon students cumulative GPA.