

POLICY NAME:	<b>716.02: Academic Honors: Upon Graduation</b>
EFFECTIVE:	04-24-08
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CROSS REFERENCE:	713.01

1. System colleges, including Athens State University, shall provide selected academic honors to recognize and promote notable student achievement.

2. Graduation Honors for Degrees

Superior academic achievement by graduating students shall be recognized by the following designations on transcripts:

Graduation with Honors (or Cum Laude) 3.50 to 3.69 GPA

Graduation with High Honors  
(or Magna Cum Laude) 3.70 to 3.89 GPA

Graduation with Highest Honors  
(or Summa Cum Laude) 3.90 to 4.00 GPA

3. Graduation Honors for Other Formal Awards

Graduation with Distinction 3.50 to 4.00 GPA

4. Calculation of the grade point average (GPA) for graduation honors shall be identical to that method used to calculate the GPA to fulfill graduation requirements for the degree, diploma, or certificate being earned. In addition, in order to be eligible for a graduation honor, the student must have completed a minimum of 24 semester credit hours at the institution conferring the degree or other formal award.

5. The effective date of this policy is January 1, 2009.