

**Mid-Atlantic Christian University**  
**Academic Affairs Policy #46**

SUBJECT: Academic Honors

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Policy for: Academic Affairs

Procedure for: Registrar's Office

Authorized by: Vice President for Academic Affairs

Issued by: Board of Trustees

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I. Purpose

In order to encourage academic excellence, MACU will honor academic achievement.

II. Policy

A. Dean's List: The Dean's List is comprised of students who took 12 credit hours in an academic term and earned at least a 3.5 GPA. The names of students who comprise the semester Dean's List will be published in alphabetic order, in locations such as bulletin boards, *The Messenger*, electronic media, etc. Students who earned a 4.0 GPA will be designated by an asterisk.

B. Graduation Honors:

1. Associate Degree: The university will recognize those candidates for associate degrees whose cumulative grade point average is 3.5 or above at the time of graduation. The phrase "Honors" will appear in the printed program as well as on the diplomas.

2. Baccalaureate Degree:

a. Any student who qualifies for graduation with any baccalaureate degree is eligible for the academic honors of Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Cum Laude.

- b. To qualify for honors, a student's minimum cumulative grade point average, must be:
  - 3.900 - 4.000 *Summa Cum Laude* (with highest honor)
  - 3.700 – 3.899 *Magna Cum Laude* (with great honor)
  - 3.500 – 3.699 *Cum Laude* (with honor)
- c. In addition to the criteria cited above, the following are considered in determining the valedictorian and salutatorian for the School of Undergraduate Studies:
  - 1) A minimum of 60 hours must have been successfully completed in MACU courses.
  - 2) All MACU hours must be counted in the average.
  - 3) A student who has been judged guilty of academic dishonesty (see *Catalog*) will not be eligible for the honor of valedictorian or salutatorian in the same academic year.
  - 4) The student must participate in the May commencement service.

3. Marshals:

- a. To be eligible to serve as marshal, a student must have a minimum of junior standing, with enough credit hours that it would be feasible for him to graduate with the baccalaureate degree in the following academic year.
- b. The student must have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours at Mid-Atlantic
- c. The two eligible students with the highest averages at midterm of the spring semester will be asked to serve as first and second head marshals for the Commencement services.

Those students with the next highest averages will be asked to serve as additional marshals.

- d. A student who has served once as first or second head marshal may not serve as head again.
- e. A student who has been judged guilty of academic dishonesty (see *Catalog*) will not be eligible for the honor of marshal in the same academic year.

III. Procedure

The Registrar's office will make appropriate calculations and communicate data to the vice president for academic affairs who will make appropriate announcements. Prior to any public announcements of honors the non-disclosure list will be consulted to ensure compliance with FERPA regulations.

IV. Published: MACU Catalog

V. Reason for Revision

VI. Appendices