

3359-60-036 Graduation.

(A) Graduation with honors.

- (1) For a student ~~who entered the university after December 1981~~ who is being awarded ~~an initial~~ a baccalaureate degree and who has completed ~~sixty~~ sixty-four or more credits at the university of Akron, the degree

will be designated if the overall grade-point average is

cum laude between 3.40 and 3.59

magna cum laude between 3.60 and 3.79

summa cum laud 3.80 or higher

The number of credit hours used to determine graduation with honors includes the total number of credit hours completed at the university of Akron plus the number of credit hours in progress at the university of Akron.

- (2) For a student ~~who entered the university after December 1981~~ who is being awarded an ~~initial~~ associate degree and who has completed ~~thirty~~ thirty-two or more credits at the university, the degree

will be designated if the overall grade-point average is

with distinction between 3.40 and 3.59

with high distinction between 3.60 and 3.79

with highest distinction 3.80 and higher

- (3) ~~For a student who entered the university prior to January 1982 and is being awarded an initial baccalaureate degree and who has completed sixty or more credits at the university, the degree~~

~~will be designated if the overall grade-point average is~~

~~cum laude between 3.25 and 3.49~~

~~magna cum laude between 3.50 and 3.74~~

~~summa cum laude 3.75 or higher~~

- (4) ~~For the student who entered the university prior to January 1982 and is being awarded an initial associate degree and who has completed thirty or more credits at the university, the degree~~

~~will be designated if the overall grade-point average is~~

~~with distinction~~      ~~3.25 or higher~~

(B) Requirements for baccalaureate and associate degrees. A candidate for the baccalaureate or the associate degree must:

- (1) File an application for graduation with the registrar.
  - (a) If the candidate plans to complete degree requirements at the end of fall semester, submit an application by or before May fifteenth.
  - (b) If the candidate plans to complete degree requirements at the end of spring semester, submit an application by or before September fifteenth.
- (2) Earn a minimum 2.00 grade-point average as computed by the office of the registrar for work attempted at the university of Akron consistent with the repeating courses policy. Some of the colleges may have by action of their faculties, adopted a higher grade-point average for graduation with a degree from that college. The grade-point average achieved at the time of completion of requirements for a degree will be used to calculate rank in class and honors.
- (3) Meet all degree requirements including grade-point requirements which are in force at the time a transfer is made to a degree-granting college. If the student should transfer to another major, then the requirements should be those in effect at the time of the transfer. For a student enrolled in an associate degree program in the community and technical college, the requirements shall be those in effect upon entrance into the program.
- (4) Be approved for graduation by the appropriate college faculty, university council, and board of trustees.
- (5) Complete the requirements for a degree in not more than five calendar years from the date of transfer, as defined below. In the event the student fails to complete the degree requirements within five calendar years from the date of transfer, the university reserves the right to make changes in the number of credits and/or courses required for a degree.

If a student who has transferred from another institution wishes to present for the student's major fewer than fourteen credits earned at the university of Akron written permission of both the dean and head of the department concerned is required.

The date of transfer for a student into a baccalaureate program will be the date that the student is accepted by the degree-granting college. For a

student enrolled in an associate degree program in the community and technical college, the date of transfer refers to the date of entrance into the program.

- (6) Earn the last thirty-two credits in the baccalaureate degree total or sixteen credits in the associate degree total in residence at the university of Akron unless excused in writing by the dean of the college in which the student is enrolled.
  - (7) Discharge of all other obligations to the university of Akron.
- (C) Requirements for additional baccalaureate and associate degrees.
- (1) Meet all the requirements listed in paragraph (B) of this rule.
  - (2) Earn a minimum of:
    - (a) Thirty-two credits which have not counted toward the first baccalaureate degree, or
    - (b) Sixteen credits which have not counted toward the first associate degree.
  - (3) Earn the above credits in residence at the university.
- (D) Change of requirements.
- (1) To better accomplish its objectives, the university reserves the right to alter, amend or revoke any rule or regulation. The policy of the university is to give advance notice of such change, whenever feasible.
  - (2) Unless the change in a rule or regulation specifies otherwise, it shall become effective immediately with respect to the student who subsequently enters the university, whatever the date of matriculation.
  - (3) Without limiting the generality of its power to alter, amend or revoke rules and regulations, the university reserves the right to make changes in degree requirements of the student enrolled prior to the change by:
    - (a) Altering the number of credits and/or courses required in a major field of study.
    - (b) Deleting courses.

- (c) Amending courses by increasing or decreasing the credits of specific courses, or by varying the content of specific courses.
- (d) Offering substitute courses in the same or in cognate fields.
- (4) The dean of the college, in consultation with the department or division head of the student's major field of study, may grant waivers in writing if a change in rules affecting degree requirements is unduly hard upon a student enrolled before the change was effective. The action of the dean of the college in the granting or refusing a waiver must be reviewed by the senior vice president and provost on motion by the dean concerned, or at the request of the dean of the college of the student affected or at the request of the student affected.
- (E) Credit and grade-point requirements for graduation as adopted by the college faculties are listed in the university's general bulletin.

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