1. PURPOSE

    The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria necessary for students to qualify to graduate with Latin honors from SHSU.

2. CRITERIA

    2.01 To qualify to graduate with the recognition of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude students must:

    a. Have attained a minimum grade point average of 3.50 computed on all SHSU courses.

    b. Have achieved not less than a 3.50 cumulative grade point average computed on all accepted transfer courses and SHSU courses.

    c. Have completed not fewer than thirty semester credit hours in residence at Sam Houston State University; not fewer than twenty-four of these hours must be advanced.

    d. Have completed all other requirements for graduation at SHSU.

    2.02 The distinction and corresponding grade point averages are:

    a   *Cum Laude*   both the SHSU grade point average and the cumulative grade point average must be 3.50 to 3.66.

    b. *Magna Cum Laude*   both the SHSU grade point average and the cumulative grade point average must be 3.67 to 3.85.

    c. *Summa Cum Laude* - both the SHSU grade point average and the cumulative grade point average must be 3.86 to 4.00.

    2.03.   If the SHSU grade point average and cumulative grade point average both meet the minimum 3.50 requirement to graduate with Latin honors, but do not qualify for the same distinction as described in 2.02, then the lower of the two grade point averages shall be used to determine the Latin honors distinction awarded.

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