

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™

Policy and Procedure

ACADEMIC OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

MEMORANDUM TO: All Holders of Mississippi State University Academic
Operating Policy and Procedure Manual

DATE: April 17, 1989

SUBJECT: AOP 12.10 – Recognition of Undergraduate Academic Achievement

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (AOP) is to promote an understanding of the criteria used to recognize undergraduate academic achievement at Mississippi State University.

REVIEW

This Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (AOP) will be reviewed every four years or whenever circumstances require an earlier review by the [Associate Provost for Academic Affairs \(APAA\)](#) with recommendations for revision to the [Provost and Executive Vice President](#).

POLICY/PROCEDURE

Recognition for outstanding academic achievement is accorded to full-time undergraduate students each regular semester. For these purposes, a student must complete at least twelve (12) semester hours of coursework with no incomplete grades nor grades lower than C. The levels of recognition are:

1. **President's Scholars:** Students who earned a GPA of 3.80 – 4.00.
2. **Deans' Scholars:** Students who earned a GPA of 3.50 – 3.79.

Long-term outstanding academic achievement is recognized at graduation. Students who have completed at least 60 of the total hours for their degrees at MSU and earned high grade point averages both on their cumulative and MSU coursework will receive the following recognition.

1. **Summa Cum Laude:** Students whose averages are 3.80 – 4.00.
2. **Magna Cum Laude:** Students whose averages are 3.60 – 3.79.
3. **Cum Laude:** Students whose averages are 3.40 – 3.59.

Students receiving a second baccalaureate degree from MSU will be recognized in the same manner for outstanding academic achievement. In such cases, all coursework (from the first and second degree) will comprise the GPA.

RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Position</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Year</u>
<u>Associate Provost for Academic Affairs</u>	Review	2016

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