



California University of Pennsylvania

Graduate School POLICY: Presidential Scholars and Honors at Graduation

A. Purpose & Scope

To describe the process and procedures for designation and recognition of Presidential Scholars and Honors at Graduation

B. Definition(s)

C. Policy

Presidential Scholars: California University rewards academic excellence on the part of degree-seeking graduate students by honoring Presidential Scholars at a private event hosted by the University President during the Spring semester. Graduate School Presidential Scholars must possess a GPA of 3.95 or above and have earned at least one-half of the credits required for their degree after the Fall semester to qualify. Both full- and part-time graduate students are eligible to be named Presidential Scholars. This award is a unique distinction, separate and apart from Honors at Graduation.

Honors at Graduation: At Commencement, graduate students who have earned a cumulative minimum 3.95 GPA in their degree program based on their final GPA, for summer or winter term graduates, or their GPA based on the term prior to graduation, for fall and spring graduates, are eligible to wear honors cords. Graduate degree students earning honors at graduation are not acknowledged in the Commencement program and honors designations are not listed on graduate level diplomas or transcripts.

D. Procedure(s)

E. Effective Date: 2005-2006 Graduate Catalog

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