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| SOUTHWESTERN<br>COMMUNITY COLLEGE | STUDENT SERVICES<br><b>ACADEMIC HONORS</b> | Policy<br>6.02.05 |
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1. **President's List**

- a. Only full-time students are considered. (A full-time student is defined as a student in a curriculum program and enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours at the end of the term).
- b. The student must have a minimum 3.85 grade point ratio (GPA) to qualify for the semester under consideration.
- c. Unresolved I and F grades will automatically eliminate a student from this list for that particular semester. Credit for a course by examination or transfer does not affect eligibility.
- d. Transition courses do not count toward the 12 semester hours or the GPA.

2. **Dean's List**

- a. Only full-time students are considered. (A full-time student is defined as a student enrolled in a curriculum program and enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours at the end of the term).
- b. The student must have a 3.50 - 3.85 quality point ratio to qualify for the term under consideration.
- c. Unresolved I and F grades will automatically eliminate a student from this list for that particular semester. Credit for a course by examination or transfer does not affect eligibility.
- d. Transition courses do not count toward the 12 semester hours or the GPA.

3. **Graduating with Honors**

- a. During the final week of the semester, the Director of Student Records/Registrar's Office will rank the candidates for Associate Degrees or Diplomas according to their program cumulative grade point average for the previous semesters of work. Each cumulative GPA shall be rounded to two decimal places.
- b. Each candidate with a cumulative program GPA from 3.90 to 4.00 shall graduate *summa cum laude*.
- c. Each candidate with a cumulative program GPA from 3.70 to 3.89 shall graduate *magna cum laude*.
- d. Each candidate with a cumulative program GPA from 3.50 to 3.69 shall graduate *cum laude*.

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4. Annual Awards Ceremony

Students will be eligible to participate in the Academic Awards Ceremony to be held during the spring semester if they meet the following criteria:

- a. The student must have earned a minimum of 30 semester hours credit or 40 contact hours within the last four (4) years by the end of fall semester before the ceremony. The minimum hours must have been earned at SCC. Transition courses do not count toward the minimum hours.
- b. The student must be enrolled in course work that earns grade points during the term in which the ceremony is held.
- c. The student must have a cumulative Program GPA of 3.5 or above.
- d. All eligible students will be honored at the Awards Ceremony during the spring semester. Students who maintain a perfect 4.0 cumulative GPA shall receive "high honors" recognition.

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