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POLICY

Academic Honors and Excellence for Graduate Programs

1. Purpose

This policy recognizes excellence in graduate studies and identifies the different types of distinctions based on the graduate grading system.

2. Scope of Application

This policy applies to all graduate students at Zayed University.

3. Policy

In order to encourage graduate students to pursue academic excellence, and in support of its mission of academic excellence, the university shall establish awards that recognize outstanding academic performance. Academic Excellence achieved will be recognized at Graduation. Each year, the university shall recognize its outstanding graduates by designating graduate students who graduate with Distinction, High Distinction and Highest Distinction based on their Cumulative Grade Point Average as follows:

- CGPA of 3.90 to 4.00: Highest Distinction
- CGPA of 3.70 to 3.89: High Distinction
- CGPA of 3.60 to 3.69: Distinction.

4. Related Policies and Laws

ACA-GRA-202 Academic Progress in Graduate Programs
 ACA-GRA-206 Grading in Graduate Programs

5. Administration

This policy is administered by the Deanship of Graduate Studies.

6. Revision History

| Date | Revision |
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| 31 October 2023 | Approved by the Provost (Version 1.1). |
| 23 October 2023 | Reviewed with no substantive changes required. |

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| 16 November 2022 | Administrative change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated the information header and policy numbers to be in line with the new format. |
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