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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 Graduate Studies Deanship.

6. Revision History

Date	Revision
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.

27 December 2020	President's Decree issued (PD#110 of 2020) (Version 1).
17 December 2020	Approved by the University Council (No.4 of 2020).
25 November 2020	Endorsed by the AAC/UC with changes to Section 3 by adding CGPA ranges for honors.
9 November 2020	Endorsed by the Academic Council by circulation.
2 November 2020	Endorsed by a joint session of the Deans' Council and the Provost's Council with no changes required.
18 October 2020	New policy drafted