

# ACADEMIC HONORS

## The Dean's List

The Dean's List (for each term except summer) includes those full-time undergraduate students who have earned at least a 3.4 average for not less than 12 semester hours of credit in the semester just ended.

Included in the listing for the spring term are those part-time students who have earned at least a 3.4 average for the fall and spring terms, and who have accumulated a minimum of 12 hours of credit.

## The President's List

The President's List (for each term except summer) includes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 average for not less than 12 semester hours of credit in the semester just ended.

Spring term President's List recipients follow the same rules as Dean's List recipients.

## Class Honors

To be eligible for undergraduate class honors:

- a freshman must have completed at least 12 semester hours at YSU
- a sophomore must have completed at least 24 semester hours at YSU
- a junior must have completed at least 36 semester hours at YSU
- a senior must have completed at least 48 semester hours at YSU

Honors are based on the accumulative point average at YSU only; no transfer work is included. Both full-time and part-time students are eligible, provided they:

1. have a minimum cumulative point average of 3.00;
2. have earned at least 12 credits in traditionally graded courses taken during the three semesters (including summer) preceding the term in which honors are awarded; and
3. are enrolled during the current term.

Non-matriculated, post-secondary enrollment option students, transient students, post-graduate transfer students, and YSU students who have received a baccalaureate degree prior to spring semester in the academic year in which the honors convocation is held are not eligible. A student can receive class honors only once as a member of a particular class (freshman, sophomore, etc.). The number of honor recipients approximates the top one percent of the total fall enrollment of every class in each undergraduate unit of the University, but it may slightly exceed this figure because of ties.

## Honors Convocation

The Honors Convocation recognizes those students who have distinguished themselves academically. Some of the awards listed under Awards and Prizes (see Student Activities section) are announced and presented on this occasion.

## Graduation Honors

Students graduating with a baccalaureate degree who rank high scholastically are awarded special honors at the commencement exercise, as follows:

- Those who attain a quality point average of 3.8 or higher are granted their degrees *summa cum laude*.
- Those who attain a quality point average of less than 3.8 but not less than 3.6 are granted their degrees *magna cum laude*.
- Those who attain a quality point average of less than 3.6 but not less than 3.4 are granted their degrees *cum laude*.

Students graduating with any associate degree who rank high scholastically are awarded special honors at the commencement exercise, as follows:

- Those who attain a quality point average of 3.7 or higher are granted their degrees With High Honors.
- Those who attain a quality point average of less than 3.7 but not less than 3.4 are granted their degrees With Honors.
- A student who has processed an approved *Statute of Limitations* is ineligible for graduation honors. *All YSU grades* (including those deducted from accumulative totals as a result of an approved Repetition Form) *will be counted in determining honors for graduation*.
- Transfer students who are baccalaureate degree candidates must have at least 60 semester hours of credit at Youngstown State University, or those who are associate degree candidates must have at least 40 semester hours of credit at Youngstown State University to be eligible for graduation honors. However, no transfer credit – work taken at any time at an institution other than Youngstown State University – is included in the calculation of the point average.