

HOWARD UNIVERSITY POLICY

Policy Series: Academics and Research

Policy Title: 100-015 GENERAL HONORS POLICY

Responsible Officer: Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Responsible Office: Office of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer

Effective Date: Prior to 1979

I. POLICY STATEMENT

Students will be graduated with honors under the following conditions: those with a quality grade point average (GPA) ranging from 3.20 through 3.49 will be graduated cum laude; those with a quality GPA ranging from 3.50 through 3.79 will be graduated magna cum laude; and those with a quality GPA of 3.80 or higher will be graduated summa cum laude. Grades in noncredit courses are not considered in determining eligibility for honors. Although the policy varies according to the individual schools and colleges within the University, generally students are not eligible to receive these distinctions at graduation if they have not completed the last half of the work required for their degree in residence at Howard; if they have repeated courses to raise their GPA; or if they have not carried at least 12 credits for each semester enrolled, with the exception of the last semester in residence.