



Date: April 5, 2022
To: Susan Harden, President, Faculty Council
Cc: Matt Wyse, Faculty Governance Assistant
From: Leslie Zenk, Assistant Provost
Re: UNC Charlotte Academic Policy: Academic Distinctions

I am including proposed revisions to the UNC Charlotte Academic Policy: Academic Distinctions to address the following:

***Academic Distinctions.** In 2020 the Faculty Council passed changes to the [Academic Distinctions](#) policy that allows students with fewer than 48 credit hours in residence at UNC Charlotte to petition to graduate with distinction. This change is very helpful for our transfer students, particularly those in our 49er Next program. However, we have degree completion programs at the institution that require fewer than 48 credits [this list includes Respiratory Therapy (BS), RN-to-BSN, Professional Studies (BS), and the online degree completion students in Sociology and Political Science (BA)]; as such I am asking FAPSC and the Faculty Council to consider changes to the policy that exempt degree completion programs from the 48 credit hour rule.*

These changes have been made following research on other UNC system institution schools and in discussion with the Office of the Registrar and the Associate Deans Council. I ask that FAPSC please consider these changes and send them forward to FEC and Faculty Council as appropriate. If passed by the Faculty Council I recommend these become effective with the 2022-2023 catalog.

NOTE: The previous request for consideration of Chancellor's and Dean's list distinction in the summer term (as outlined in the December 22, 2021 memo) requires additional discussion as it has direct implications on our academic standing policy and probation and suspension; the Office of Academic Affairs will revisit the discussion with the Faculty Council during the 2022-2023 academic year.

UNC CHARLOTTE ACADEMIC POLICY: ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

I. Executive Summary

For recognition of their academic prowess, students who achieve a defined GPA are recommended for the Dean's List or Chancellor's List each semester, and are eligible to graduate with distinction, as outlined in this policy.

II. Policy Statement

CHANCELLOR'S LIST

The Chancellor's List recognizes undergraduate degree-seeking students with superb records of academic performance. To qualify for the Chancellor's List during the fall or spring semester, a full-time student must be in good academic standing and earn a grade point average of at least 3.8 in 12 or more credit hours graded A, B, or C, with no grade less than C. A part-time student must be in good academic standing and earn a combined Fall and Spring grade point average of at least 3.8 in 12 or more credit hours graded A, B, or C, with no grade less than C. To qualify for the Chancellor's List as a part-time student, a student must enroll on a part-time basis in both Fall and Spring semesters in the same academic year. Students who receive the grade of AU, H, or P are not excluded from recognition as long as 12 hours are completed with A, B, or C. Students who receive the grade of D, F, I, NR, or N are not eligible for recognition. Chancellor's List recognition appears on the student's academic record (official transcript).

DEAN'S LIST

The Dean's List recognizes undergraduate degree-seeking students with outstanding records of academic performance. To qualify for the Dean's List during the Fall or Spring semester, a full-time student must be in good academic standing and earn a grade point average of at least 3.4 and not more than 3.79 in 12 or more credit hours graded A, B, or C, with no grade less than a C. A part-time student must be in good

academic standing and earn a combined Fall and Spring grade point average of at least 3.4 and not more than 3.79 in 12 or more credit hours graded A, B, or C, with no grade less than C. To qualify for the Dean's List as a part-time student, a student must enroll on a part-time basis in both Fall and Spring semester in the same academic year.

Students who receive the grade of AU, H, or P are not excluded from recognition as long as 12 hours are completed with grades of A, B, or C. Students who receive the grade of D, F, I, NR, or N are not eligible for recognition. Dean's List recognition appears on the student's academic record (official transcript).

GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

Students may earn undergraduate degrees at different levels of distinction: Cum Laude ("With Honor"), Magna Cum Laude ("With Great Honor"), and Summa Cum Laude ("With Highest Honor"). Each of the undergraduate degrees is awarded Cum Laude when the graduating student's cumulative grade point average is 3.4 or more but less than 3.7, Magna Cum Laude when it is at least 3.7 but less than 3.9, and Summa Cum Laude when it is at least 3.9. To be eligible to graduate with distinction, a student must be in good academic standing and have a grade point average computed on at least 48 credit hours completed in residence at UNC Charlotte. Students who have fewer than 48 credit hours completed in residence at UNC Charlotte may petition the Office of the Provost to receive graduation with distinction (*note: petition option effective Fall 2021*).

Students enrolled in a degree completion program at UNC Charlotte for which there are less than 48 credit hours required for the major are exempt from this credit hour requirement and are not required to file a petition.