

Honors in Course

Honors in Course is a GPA-based graduation distinction that has been introduced to recognize academic achievement based on cumulative GPA. This recognition is independent of the research-based departmental Honors Program available through the College's Honors Program, which will continue. The distinction of Honors in Course was approved by the College Honors Committee and the College Senate during the 2023-2024 academic year.

This GPA-based recognition will denote academic excellence by awarding standard Latin designations on the degrees of students who finish in the top 30% of Emory College graduates. The standard Latin designations will be calculated as follows:

- The top 5% of the class will be awarded summa cum laude
- The top 5.01 - 15% of the class will be awarded magna cum laude
- The top 15.01 - 30% will be awarded cum laude.

Honors in Course will provide an additional way to recognize students for academic excellence. Students who participate in Departmental Research Honors programs and defend honors theses will also be eligible to receive the Honors in Course GPA distinction.

Both Departmental/Research Honors and the levels at which they are awarded (i.e., "highest honors," "high honors," and "honors") and/or the Latin tag for the Honors in Course recognition will be documented on a student's official transcript.

ECAS students need not do anything to be considered for Honors in Course. For students graduating in the spring 2025 forward, the University Registrar will calculate cumulative GPA percentages for graduating seniors and determine which students will be granted Honors in Course designations and at which level. May's graduating class will set the GPA cutoffs for students graduating the following summer and fall.

Students with questions about Honors in Course are encouraged to contact their OUE advisor or the College Honors Program.