



APPLICATION FOR A DEGREE WITH LATIN HONORS DESIGNATION

ALTERNATE/OUTSIDE HONORS

Name _____ Student ID _____
 Planned Graduation Semester _____ Major _____

I understand that the following requirements must be satisfied for a student who is **NOT** a member of the Honors College to receive a degree with Latin Honors Designation (i.e., summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude):

- Written Notice of Intent:** Must be filed with the School Director **one calendar year prior to graduation**. The written notice of intent is separate from the Application for a Degree with a Latin Honors Designation.
- Comprehensive Examination:** The satisfactory completion of a comprehensive examination in the major field, such examination to be designed and administered by the department involved;
- Senior Project:** The satisfactory completion of a senior project resulting in a written report on that project and meeting guidelines based on those presently in effect for Senior Honors projects;
- Grad Point Average:** A sufficiently high grade point average is required.
 - Cum Laude 3.25-3.49
 - Magna Cum Laude 3.50-3.79
 - Summa Cum Laude 3.80 or above

AND

- Application for a Degree with a Latin Honors Designation:** The filing of the application by the student with the degree application by the appropriate published deadline. *The Application for a Degree with a Latin Honors Designation is to be submitted to the Registrar's Office with the degree application.*

NOTE: No later than two (2) weeks prior to graduation, the School Director must verify by memo that the student has met all the above requirements. This memo should be sent through the Dean's Office (to the Degree Progress Specialist) to the Registrar's Office.

Student's Signature

Date

School Director's Signature

Date

Degree Progress Specialist Signature

Date

Original is filed with the Registrar's Office/Copies for each after signatures are obtained.
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Degrees with Honors

Students with exceptional academic records may be awarded degrees with honors or highest honors based on hours attempted at The University of Southern Mississippi. A degree with honors will be granted to a student who maintains a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or more. A degree with highest honors will be granted to a student who maintains a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 or more. Graduation with Latin designations will be granted to students who complete the requirements for Senior Honors in the Honors College. As an alternative to Senior Honors, graduation cum laude will be granted to students who meet the following stipulations: (a) the satisfactory completion of a comprehensive examination in the major field, such examination to be designed and administered by the department involved; (b) the satisfactory completion of a senior project resulting in a written report on that project meeting guidelines based on those presently in effect for senior Honors projects; (c) notice of intent to meet these requirements must be filed with the department chair/school director at least one calendar year prior to graduation; and (d) an overall grade point average of 3.25 to 3.49. Graduation magna cum laude will be granted to students who meet the following stipulations: (a), (b), and (c) above, and (d) an overall grade point average of 3.50-3.79. Graduation summa cum laude requires (a), (b), (c), and (d) an overall grade point average of 3.80 or above.