Graduating with Honors – Bachelor's Degree

Requirements for a Bachelor's Degree

1. In order for a student to graduate with bachelor’s degree honors, the student must earn a minimum of 30 semester credits from NKU* and have an overall GPA and NKU GPA of at least 3.50, excluding developmental coursework. The level of honors will be based on the NKU GPA.

2. There are three levels of bachelor's degree honors:
   Cum laude 3.50 – 3.7499
   Magna cum laude 3.75 – 3.8999
   Summa cum laude 3.90 – 4.00

3. Honors recognition appears in the commencement program based upon the student’s NKU GPA (excluding developmental coursework) at the conclusion of the previous semester. Honors will appear on the transcript based upon the student’s NKU GPA (excluding developmental coursework) at the time of graduation.

4. In order to be considered for graduation with honors, a student who has a bachelor’s degree and is earning a second bachelor’s degree must complete a minimum of 30 semester credits from NKU* beyond those required for the first bachelor's degree.

*Note: For the purposes of the policies related to graduation and graduating with honors, courses taken through the Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities (GCCCU) are treated as though they were taken from NKU.

Rationale: The university requires that all students earn a minimum of 30 hours at NKU. Transfer students earning 31-59 hours at NKU with a GPA of 3.50 or higher are not recognized for their efforts. Because we do not transfer the GPA to NKU, the grades earned here are truly based upon the students’ performance at NKU. Changing the number of hours required to earn honors would be consistent with our other university requirements for graduation; any student with a GPA of 3.50 or higher and meets all graduation requirements would also be recognized for honors.
Admissions and Academic Policies Committee
Approval Documentation

Policy (Attached): Graduating With Honors – Bachelors Degree.

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