

Latin Honors Criteria: (Undergraduate Students ONLY)

The Official Degree Honors cutoffs for the 2009-10 academic year are based on all graduates from 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09.

	SUMMA CUM LAUDE	MAGNA CUM LAUDE	CUM LAUDE
Dedman College	3.891	3.797	3.708
Meadows School of the Arts	3.859	3.777	3.697
Cox School of Business	3.900	3.830	3.762
Lyle School of Engineering	3.919	3.810	3.751

The Latin Honors criteria apply to undergraduate students only. The awarding of graduation honors will be determined by the minimum GPAs announced at the beginning of each academic year for each of the four undergraduate schools. The minimum GPAs for each school have been determined by pooling all graduates in the school from the previous three academic years and determining the GPAs in each school that represent the top 5 percent, 10 percent, and 15 percent. Students earning a degree with majors in two or more schools will receive the highest degree honors for which they are eligible.

The GPA used to determine honors is the lower of the student's SMU cumulative GPA and all-college GPA (includes transfer work).

Ceremony Descriptions:

December Graduation is a formal ceremony in which all schools participate. Graduation candidates, faculty, and other University guests wear academic regalia and process formally into Moody Coliseum. All candidates cross the stage and receive individual recognition, the President confers degrees, and a formal address is delivered. The ceremony lasts approximately two hours and fifteen minutes.

May Commencement Weekend:

Baccalaureate Service is a religious ceremony with a special sermon for all undergraduate candidates and their guests. Wearing caps and gowns, the candidates proceed formally into McFarlin Auditorium and are seated together. Weather permitting, the procession begins in the main quadrangle; in case of rain, candidates will be seated on the main floor of the auditorium. The service lasts approximately one hour. A live simulcast of the Baccalaureate Service will be offered in the Theater of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center. The Rotunda Recessional through Dallas Hall is held immediately following the Baccalaureate Service. Baccalaureate is only held during the May Commencement weekend festivities.

Commencement Convocation is a formal ceremony in the morning in which all schools of the university participate. Graduation candidates, faculty, and other University guests wear academic regalia and process formally into Moody Coliseum. Doctoral (PhD, D.E.) candidates and honorary degree recipients are hooded, the President confers degrees, and a formal address is delivered. The ceremony lasts approximately an hour and a half. Students are individually recognized in departmental/school ceremonies held across campus in the afternoon and evening following Commencement Convocation.

Afternoon/Evening Ceremonies are held across campus and hosted by Simmons School of Education and Human Development, Lyle School of Engineering, Dedman School of Law, Cox School of Business, The Guildhall at SMU, Meadows School of the Arts, Perkins School of Theology, and by the various departments within Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences.