Academic Honors & Awards

Dean's List

The Dean's List is composed of first-year, sophomore, junior, and senior engineering students who, for the preceding semester, have achieved a 3.6 or higher grade point average based on a minimum of 12 units of applicable courses taken for letter grades (i.e., not Pass/Fail or Audit). An appropriate entry is added to these students' official transcripts.

No I (incomplete) or N (no grade reported) grades may be a part of the semester’s record. For a student to be eligible for the fall Dean's List, all final grades must be posted by January 15. For the spring semester, all final grades must be posted by June 15 for a student to be considered. There is no Dean's List for summer terms.

Latin Honors

For students graduating with undergraduate engineering degrees, Latin honors from the school will be awarded based on the cumulative Washington University GPA. In June, the GPA cutoffs used to select Latin honors for the upcoming year will be assigned by calculating cumulative averages from the three most recent graduation years. For the upcoming graduating class, the three-year average of the top 10% will determine which students are awarded summa cum laude; the three-year average of the next top 10% will determine which students are awarded magna cum laude; and the three-year average of the next top 10% will determine which students are awarded cum laude. Latin honors will be awarded to students whose cumulative GPAs at the time of graduation meet the predefined three-year average GPA cutoffs, which are determined during June of the prior year.

4.0 Cumulative GPA Recognition at Graduation

Graduating seniors with a 4.0 cumulative GPA who entered as first-year students (i.e., not transfer students) receive special acknowledgement at the annual McKelvey Recognition Ceremony in May. Students must have earned a 4.0 cumulative GPA, which is not due to GPA upward rounding (i.e., only A and A+ grades have been earned), at Washington University with no repeated courses (i.e., students who have not taken advantage of the course retake policy). Grades earned in approved transfer courses do not count in the cumulative GPA.