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**Administrative Regulation**  
**Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs**

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**AR 4100.3      RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

Santa Monica College prides itself in the quality of its academic programs and student services. The College values its students' lifelong appreciation of and commitment toward education. To this end, academic excellence by students will be recognized in the following ways.

For the purpose of this regulation, "graded units" refer to units belonging to courses in which letter grades were received, not including grade notations P, NP and I.

**1. Dean's Honor List**

A student's transcript shall be annotated with this designation in recognition of academic excellence after each fall and spring semester in which the student meets the following criteria:

- a. Completion of twelve (12) or more graded units at SMC in the qualifying semester;
- b. Earning a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.

**2. Honors at Graduation**

A student who has consistently demonstrated academic excellence while attending Santa Monica College shall be recognized at graduation, and their transcript shall be annotated with the appropriate honors designation, provided the applicable criteria are met and the student is in good academic standing (not on disqualified status for lack of progress) at the time of graduation. Students who have been suspended for disciplinary reasons from the College are ineligible to receive honors at graduation regardless of GPA attained.

**a. Graduating with Highest Honors**

- i. Attainment of a cumulative GPA of 4.0 (includes coursework from other colleges);
- ii. Completion of a minimum of 12 units at Santa Monica College.

**b. Graduating with High Honors**

- i. Attainment of a cumulative GPA of 3.70 – 3.99 (includes coursework from other colleges);
- ii. Completion of a minimum of 12 units at Santa Monica College.

**c. Graduating with Honors**

- i. Attainment of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 – 3.69 (includes coursework from other colleges);
- ii. Completion of a minimum of 12 units at Santa Monica College.

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