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**Administrative Regulation**  
Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs

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**AR 4352      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 and commitment toward education. To this end, academic excellence by students will be recognized in the following fashion:

1.     **Definition of graded units:**  
       Courses in which letter grades were received. Grades of P, NP, and I are excluded from consideration in granting of honors recognitions.
  
2.     **Dean’s Honor List**  
       Recognition of academic excellence shall be granted to all Santa Monica College students meeting the following criteria after each regularly scheduled semester (fall and spring) and students’ transcript shall be annotated with this designation:
  - 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.
  
3.     **Honors at Graduation**  
       Students who have consistently demonstrated academic excellence while attending Santa Monica College shall be recognized at graduation and students’ transcript shall be annotated with the appropriate honors recognition, provided the applicable criteria are met and the students are 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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