

1. PURPOSE

1.01 The purpose of this policy is to establish the revised criteria necessary for students to qualify to graduate with honors from Sam Houston State University. The policy will be effective with the academic year 2004-2005. Beginning with the spring 2003 semester and during the 2003-2004 academic year students may qualify to graduate with honors based on either the revised criteria listed in Section 2 or the criteria as stipulated in the 2002-2004 *Undergraduate Catalog* listed in Section 3.

2. CRITERIA

2.01 To qualify to graduate with the recognition of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude students must:

- a. Have attained a minimum Sam Houston State University grade point average of 3.50 computed on all resident classroom instruction.
- b. Have achieved not less than a 3.50 cumulative grade point average computed on all accepted transfer resident classroom instruction and Sam Houston State University resident classroom instruction.
- c. Have completed not fewer than thirty-two semester credit hours in residence at Sam Houston State University; not fewer than twenty-four of these hours must be advanced.
- d. Have completed all other requirements for graduation at Sam Houston State University.

2.02 The distinction and corresponding grade point averages are:

- a. *Cum Laude* – both the Sam Houston State University grade point average and the cumulative grade point average must be 3.50 to 3.66.
- b. *Magna Cum Laude* – both the Sam Houston State University grade point average and the cumulative grade point average must be 3.67 to 3.85.
- c. *Summa Cum Laude* - both the Sam Houston State University grade point average and the cumulative grade point average must be 3.86 to 4.00.

