1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria necessary for students to qualify to graduate with honors from SHSU.

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 grade point average of 3.50 computed on all SHSU courses.

   b. Have achieved not less than a 3.50 cumulative grade point average computed on all accepted transfer courses and SHSU courses.

   c. Have completed not fewer than thirty 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 SHSU.

2.02 The distinction and corresponding grade point averages are:

   a. *Cum Laude* – both the SHSU grade point average and the cumulative grade point average must be 3.50 to 3.66.

   b. *Magna Cum Laude* – both the SHSU grade point average and the cumulative grade point average must be 3.67 to 3.85.

   c. *Summa Cum Laude* - both the SHSU grade point average and the cumulative grade point average must be 3.86 to 4.00.

APPROVED: <signed> Dana G. Hoyt, President

DATED: 12/10/18
### CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

This academic policy statement (APS) has been approved by the reviewer(s) listed below and represents SHSU’s Division of Academic Affairs’ policy from the date of this document until superseded.

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