



Graduation Honors

Graduation honors at Eastern International College (EIC) recognize academic excellence achieved by students throughout their undergraduate coursework. These honors are annotated on students' official transcripts and diplomas, highlighting their achievements. Honors are determined based on cumulative GPA, calculated to the nearest hundredth (0.01) without rounding up. Only credits earned at EIC are considered in GPA calculations. Students must also meet specific academic and departmental requirements to qualify, including completing externship, clinical, or departmental obligations; maintaining no failed or incomplete grades; and completing a minimum of 60% of the total coursework (50% for the online completion programs) at EIC.

Latin Honors for Bachelor's Degree.

- **Summa Cum Laude:** Awarded for a cumulative GPA of 3.90–4.00.
- **Magna Cum Laude:** Awarded for a cumulative GPA of 3.70–3.89.
- **Cum Laude:** Awarded for a cumulative GPA of 3.50–3.69.

Graduation Honors for Associate's Degree

- **With the Highest Distinction:** Awarded for a cumulative GPA of 3.90–4.00.
- **With High Distinction:** Awarded for a cumulative GPA of 3.70–3.89.
- **With Distinction:** Awarded for a cumulative GPA of 3.50–3.69.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The student graduating with the highest cumulative GPA is designated as the **Valedictorian** of the class. The student with the second highest cumulative GPA is named the **Salutatorian**. These titles honor the top academic performers among the graduating seniors.

Tiebreaker Procedures for Valedictorian and Salutatorian Selection

In cases of identical cumulative GPAs for Valedictorian or Salutatorian selection, Eastern International College will determine honors through a three-step process. First, the student who completed more credit hours at EIC will receive precedence. If a tie persists, the number of A grades in major courses will be considered. For any remaining ties, a committee that includes the Provost and Academic Dean will review the candidates' complete academic records and make a final determination based on overall academic achievement.

The decision of the College is final.

This policy strives to recognize exceptional academic achievement while maintaining fairness and transparency in the selection process. Records of all tiebreaker proceedings will be maintained in the Provost's Office for a period of seven years.