05.11 Graduation

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Policy / Purpose:

It is the policy of Wallace Community College – Selma (WCCS) to ensure that students fulfill the general requirements to become eligible for an Associate's Degree or Certificate.

Scope:

This policy applies to all WCCS students.

Definitions:

There are no definitions applicable to this policy.

Details:

- 1. **Graduation Ceremony:** To ensure compliance with graduation requirements, students should apply for graduation with the Admissions Office by the posted deadline. The student will receive a graduation check sheet verifying the courses needed to complete graduation requirements and should register for listed classes the last term.
- Graduation Requirements: Students will be awarded an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science degrees, and Certificates upon satisfactory completion of the requirements as certified by the Instructional Officers and instructors of WCCS.
 - a. Eligibility to Receive a Degree or Certificate:
 - Students must have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average over all coursework attempted at the college. A course may be counted only once towards graduation.
 - A student is not required to pay graduation fees or participate in commencement ceremonies in order to be designated as a graduate on the transcript.
 - The Dean of Instruction will approve the formal award when the student meets all requirements for graduation.
 - Transcripts will not be provided to a student nor forwarded to any other institution or organization until after the student has fulfilled all financial obligations to the college.
 - Students must submit the online Graduation Application by the designated deadline. Click here for <u>GRADUATION APPLICATION</u>.
- 3. Honors and Awards: WCCS recognizes Honors and Awards recipients.
 - a. **Dean's List:** WCCS provides academic honors to recognize and promote notable student achievements. A Dean's List will be compiled at the end of each semester. Requirements for the Dean's List will be (1) a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher but below 4.0, and (2) completion of a minimum semester course load of 12

- semester credit hours of college-level work. Developmental (pre-collegiate) courses carrying grades of A-F will be calculated in the semester GPA. However, developmental courses will not count toward the minimum course load requirement.
- b. President's List: WCCS provides academic honors to recognize and promote notable student achievements. A President's List will be compiled at the end of each semester. Requirements for the President's List will be (1) a semester grade point average of 4.0, and (2) completion of a minimum semester course load of 12 semester credit hours of college-level work. Developmental (pre-collegiate) courses carrying grades of A-F will be calculated in the semester GPA. However, developmental courses will not count toward the minimum course load requirement.
- c. **Graduation Honors for Degrees:** Superior academic achievement by graduating students will be designated on transcripts by the following:
 - Graduating with Honors (cum laude) 3.50-3.69 GPA.
 - Graduating with High Honors (magna cum laude) 3.70-3.89 GPA.
 - Graduating with Highest Honors (summa cum laude) 3.90-4.00 GPA.
- d. **Graduation Honors for Certificates:** Superior academic achievement by students earning certificates will be designated on transcripts as follows:
 - Graduating with Distinction 3.50-4.00 GPA.

Procedure(s):

1. Students must submit the online Graduation Application by the designated deadline. Click here for GRADUATION APPLICATION.

Additional Provisions / Information:

There are no additional provisions / information applicable to this policy.