

04.01.04 Academic Honors

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Policy / Purpose:

It is the policy of Wallace Community College – Selma (WCCS) to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations as well as Alabama Community College System (ACCS) policies related to Instructional Programs and regarding the level of credit awarded for courses taught at all colleges within the ACCS, regardless of the format or mode of delivery. The ACCS requires all institutions in the System to operate on a semester system.

It is the policy of WCCS to recognize students who demonstrate academic excellence based on dates and information outlined in the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) [Board Policy 716.01](#) and [Chancellor's Procedures 716.01](#).

NOTE: This policy is subject to change at any time without notification. ACCS policies related to Academic Instruction supersede this policy.

The following ACCS policies are referenced in this policy:

[Board Policy 716.01](#)

[Chancellor's Procedures 716.01](#)

[Board Policy 705.01](#)

[ACCS Chancellor's Procedures 705.01](#)

Scope:

This policy applies to all WCCS students and employees during any activity involving the College, including the workday. In addition, visitors, vendors, contractors, and all other non-employees are expected to recognize and comply with College policies.

Definitions:

Appeal of Suspension: The process by which the College will allow a student suspended for one term or one year (whether a “native” student or a transfer student) to request readmission without having to serve the suspension.

Course Load: The number of credit hours in which the student is enrolled.

Distance Education: Distance education at WCCS is defined as a formal educational process in which the majority of the instruction (interaction between students and instructors and among students) in a course occurs when students and instructors are not in the same physical location. Instruction may be synchronous or asynchronous. A distance education course at WCCS is any course in which students may complete fifty percent (50%) or more of the requirements through the College's learning management system. Distance education courses at WCCS may be classified as Online, Hybrid Online, or HyFlex. Traditional courses are not classified as distance education courses.

Grade Point Average (GPA): The grade point average based on all hours attempted during any one semester at the institution based on a 4-point scale.

Hybrid Classroom: Courses require a combination of online and in-person activities, with 50% or less of the course content requiring online interaction. Some elements will have specified days, times, and locations when attendance is expected. Identity verification will be required using the college's approved verification process.

Hybrid Online: Courses require a combination of online and in-person activities, with more than 50% of the course content requiring online interaction. Some elements will have specified days, times, and locations when attendance is expected. Identity verification will be required using the college's approved verification process.

HyFlex: HyFlex courses feature highly flexible course delivery models that offer students multiple options for receiving instruction and participating in course activities. These may include a mix of face-to-face, online, virtual, and/or videoconference. Available options may vary by course and by instructor and are subject to local college policy. Students should inquire about expectations for participation/attendance before registering for a HyFlex course. Identity verification for students participating online may be required using the college's approved verification process.

Online: Online courses are delivered asynchronously. There are no required face-to-face sessions within the course and no requirements for on-campus activity. Faculty interact with students through assignments, discussion posts, email, office hours and other electronic/virtual means. Identity verification will be required using the college's approved verification process.

Semester System: A semester system is defined as a fall semester, spring semester, and a summer term.

Traditional: These courses are face-to-face on campus and web-enhanced with technology-based course resources that complement in-person class sessions without reducing the number of required class meetings.

Details:

1. WCCS hosts Honors and Awards Ceremonies annually.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. 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.

Procedure(s):

There are no procedures related to this policy.

Additional Provisions / Information:

Refer to [Board Policy 723.01](#)

Refer to [Chancellor's Procedures 723.01](#)

Refer to Financial Aid Policy if receiving any type of financial aid regarding repetition of courses.