Honors and Scholars

Semester Honor Roll

The colleges of the university publish, after the close of each semester, an honor roll of the highest ranking students in the college containing the names of not more than 10 percent of the undergraduate students of each class. Students are eligible for the honor roll if they are carrying at least 12 semester hours normally required for graduation by their college for their respective year. Most colleges refer to this part of the honor roll as the dean’s list.

In addition, a chancellor’s list is published each semester that recognizes those undergraduate students who achieve a 4.00 grade-point average. Students must also be carrying at least 12 semester hours normally required for graduation to be eligible for the chancellor’s list.

For honor roll eligibility, the 12 semester hours must all be in courses for which grade points are earned.

First-Ranked Senior Scholars

A first-ranked senior scholar must have a cumulative grade-point average of 4.00 on all course work completed at the time selection is made, must have applied for graduation for a semester to be a member of the appropriate class and must have completed all courses required for the baccalaureate degree at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, or in a program of study approved by the Director of Honors or other designee in the college in which the student is enrolled. In determining the cumulative grade-point average for the purposes of such awards, grade forgiveness is not accepted.

Senior Scholar

Since 1941 a key has been awarded to the graduating senior from each undergraduate college who has the highest grade-point average and who has completed at least half of his or her degree work at the University of Arkansas.

Graduation Honors

The faculty of each college will recommend for graduation with honors or with high honors those students it considers to be eligible for such distinction under its own regulations with the following general restrictions:

1. To be eligible for graduation honors a student must have completed at least one-half of his or her degree work at the University of Arkansas.
2. No student shall be eligible for graduation honors whose cumulative grade-point average is below 3.125.
3. A college should not recommend more than 10 percent of its graduating class for graduation honors except under unusual circumstances.
4. It is recommended that in determining graduation honors the faculty consider the whole of a student’s record but give greater weight to the last half of the record than to the first half.