Honors and Scholars

Dean’s and Chancellor’s List
After the end of each semester, all colleges and schools in the university publish an honor roll of the names of the undergraduate students who achieve a 3.75 to 4.00 grade-point average. This honor roll is 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.

Selection for the Dean’s List and Chancellor’s List will be evaluated as follows:

• Students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours normally required to graduate and these hours must be graded with the standard letter grading basis
• Students will be allowed P grades during the semester only in course hours that exceed the 12-hour letter grade requirement, i.e., a student in 15 hours may have up to 3 hours of P grades)

Students who earn any PD or NC grades during the semester will not be eligible for the Dean’s or Chancellor’s List.

First-Ranked Senior Scholars
A first-ranked senior scholar must have a cumulative grade-point average of 4.00 on all course work completed up through the term prior to their graduation term, and 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/exclusion is not accepted. Due to the disruption caused by COVID-19, P grades will be allowed during the spring and summer 2020 terms. Students earning PD or NC grades during these terms will not be eligible for first-ranked senior scholar status.

Senior Scholar
Selected graduating seniors who are among those with the highest grade-point average up through the term prior to their graduation term and who have completed at least half of their degree work at the University of Arkansas are recognized by each undergraduate college as a Senior Scholar.

Graduation Honors
For detailed, discipline-specific information, see the honors section for each college or school major. Students must be members of the Honors College to earn the distinction of graduating cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude. The honors program in the college or school of major sets specific requirements for graduating with honors including a minimum of 12 honors credit hours and the completion of an undergraduate thesis. A combination of honors credit hours, thesis quality, and GPA requirements lead to Latin designation of cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude.