



POLICY ON ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONOURS

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PURPOSE OF THE POLICY:	To establish guidelines and procedures which regulate the granting of academic awards and honours at University of The Bahamas
ACCOUNTABILITY:	Office of Academic Affairs
RELATED POLICIES:	None
APPENDICES:	None

1.0 Introduction

University of The Bahamas believes that students demonstrating high ability through their performances as evidenced by their grade point average and/or contribution to the institution should be recognized publicly as models in the academic community of learners. All students receiving academic awards and honours shall be recognized at an honours event held during the annual commencement week of activities.

2.0 Honours

Honours calculations are based on a minimum of twelve (12) semester hour credits of new course work. Students who have withdrawn from or have failed a course, students who have received an incomplete (I) grade and students who are repeating a course (except those courses which may be repeated for additional credit) are ineligible for this award. Courses that are graded on a pass/fail basis are not included in honours calculations. A record of this award is documented in each semester on the student's academic record.

2.1 President's List

- 2.1.1 In recognition of a superior level of academic achievement, a President's List shall be compiled at the end of the spring semester of each academic year.
- 2.1.2 Students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or higher in the fall and spring semesters of the same academic year shall be named to the President's List.

2.2 Dean's List

- 2.2.1 In recognition of an outstanding level of academic achievement, a Dean's List shall be compiled at the end of each fall and spring semester.
- 2.2.2 Students who achieve a grade point average of 3.00 or higher at the end of each semester shall be named to the Dean's List.

3.0 Special Awards

3.1 Governor-General's Award

The Governor General's Award shall be given to the student graduating with a baccalaureate degree who has:

- 3.1.1 achieved the highest cumulative grade point average over 3.70;
 - 3.1.2 been recommended by Academic Senate; and
 - 3.1.3 been approved by the Administrative Council.
- 3.2 **President's Award**
The President's Award shall be given to the student graduating with a baccalaureate degree who, in the judgment of the President, has made a significant contribution to the life of the University through academic achievement and a commitment to the ideals, aims and values of the institution. This student must have:
- 3.2.1 achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50; and
 - 3.2.2 made significant contribution to the University.
- 3.3 **University of The Bahamas Alumni Association Leadership Award**
The University of The Bahamas Alumni Association Leadership Award shall be given to the student graduating with a baccalaureate degree who has:
- 3.3.1 achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00;
 - 3.3.2 demonstrated leadership in a University club or organization;
 - 3.3.3 been recommended by the Student Activities Department; and
 - 3.3.4 been approved by the Administrative Council.

4.0 **Family Island Campus Awards**

Family Island Campus Awards may be presented for those campuses where students are able to complete degree programmes. Awards for Associate Degree programmes shall be given only in those instances where there is no corresponding Bachelor Degree programme. Two Family Island Campus Awards may be presented by each campus each academic year.

- 4.1 Nominations for the Family Island Campus Award shall be advanced by the relevant campus committee, vetted by the Academic Deans Council and approved by Academic Senate.
- 4.2 The Family Island Campus Award shall be presented to the graduating student who has:
 - 4.2.1 achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00; and
 - 4.2.2 made a contribution to the development of the campus.
- 4.3 The Family Island Campus Award for Academic Excellence shall be presented to the graduating student who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average over 3.00. The Dean of Faculty/Academic Affairs Officer shall forward the name of the graduating student to Academic Senate for ratification.

5.0 **Academic Unit Awards**

Two (2) Academic Unit Awards may be presented each academic year. Awards for associate degree programmes shall be given only in those instances where there is no corresponding bachelor degree programme. Dual awards on separate campuses of the University will not be allowed.

- 5.1 Recommendations for the Overall Academic Unit Award shall be advanced by the Unit Head and faculty, vetted by the respective Dean and sanctioned by Academic Senate.
- 5.2 The Overall Academic Unit Award shall be presented to the graduating student who has:
 - 5.2.1 achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00; and
 - 5.2.2 made a contribution to the unit.
- 5.3 The Academic Unit Award for Academic Excellence shall be presented to the graduating student who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average over 3.00. The Unit Head shall forward the name of the graduating student to Academic Senate for ratification.

6.0 **Academic Programme Awards**

Academic Programme Awards may be given to graduating students who exhibit outstanding performance in each academic discipline. Awards for Associate Degree programmes shall be given only in those instances where there is no corresponding Bachelor Degree programme.

- 6.1 Academic Programme Awards shall be given to the graduating student who has achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 and the highest grade point average over 3.00 in the major.

- 6.2 The Unit Head shall forward the name of the graduating student to the respective Academic Dean for vetting and Academic Senate for ratification.