



### **Siena Heights Academic Honors**

University honors are recognition at the time of graduation for superior academic achievement.

1. University honors are awarded only at the time the baccalaureate degree is granted.
2. To graduate with university honors, a student must earn the following cumulative grade point average: Summa Cum Laude--3.90, Magna Cum Laude--3.70, Cum Laude--3.50.
3. To be considered for university honors a student must have earned a minimum of ninety (90) semester hours in graded courses at post-secondary institutions which are authorized by the appropriate state agency to offer either an associate or a baccalaureate degree. Transfer credit from post-secondary institutions which are not authorized to offer either an associate or baccalaureate degree cannot be considered in the computation of university honors. Examples of such credit are:
  - a. Hospital-based allied health programs in medical technology, respiratory therapy, and nursing.
  - b. Electronic, mechanical, and other engineering technology programs completed at proprietary institutions not authorized to grant associate or baccalaureate degrees.
4. University honors will be computed on all work attempted at Siena Heights University and on all work attempted at all other degree-granting institutions from which transfer credit is accepted. This means that all "D" and "E" grades which were reflected on the student transcript, but for which credit was not accepted by Siena Heights University, will be computed in university honors. A student can choose, however, not to have transfer credit accepted by Siena Heights University. If the student chooses not to have transfer credit from a designated institution accepted by Siena Heights University, none of the credit earned at that institution will be accepted by Siena Heights University or used in the computation of university honors. Official transcripts from all institutions attended, including any to be excluded from honors computation, must be received by Siena Heights University. If all official transcripts are not received, the student is not eligible for university honors.
5. University honors will be computed on the grades of A, B, C, D, and E. Grades of "I" and "IP" will be considered as "E" grades. Grades of Credit/No Credit and Pass/Fail will be excluded from the university honors computation. The grading scale established by each institution from which transfer credit was accepted will be the scale used in computing university honors on course work taken at that institution. Because Siena Heights University has a 4.00 grade scale (A=4.00, B=3.00, C=2.00, D=1.00 and E=0.00), grade points can only be computed using that grade scale. Thus, a three (3) semester hour course for which the student received an "A-" will be assigned 12 quality points (3 semester hours x 4.00 = 12). Other institutions may use different grade scales, thus, a three (3) semester hour course for which an "A-" is specified as a 3.70 will be assigned 11.1 quality points (3 semester hours x 3.70 = 11.1)
6. Credit earned by means of the Michigan Occupational Competency Assessment Examination, Employer Work Experience Evaluation, Prior Learning Credit and The College Entrance Examination Board's College Level Examination Program and Advanced Placement Program, schools or training taken outside of the United States will not be included in the computation of university honors.
7. Students that have requested early participation in Commencement will not receive honors in the Commencement program or on the stage at Commencement. They have not completed their requirements.