



Santa Fe College Rules Manual

Title: **Graduation with Honors** **Rule: 7.19P**

Based on Rule 7.19

Effective Date: January 8, 2024

Purpose: To outline procedures for awarding graduation with honors.

Graduation with Honors Procedures

In accordance with Rule 7.19, the board has approved that graduation with honors is awarded to students who have earned an Associate in Arts, an Associate in Science, a Bachelor of Science, or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree and have achieved a 3.5 grade point average or above on all program of study coursework.

Grade Point Average Calculation

The Program of Study GPA will be used for purposes of determining Graduation with Honors.

Baccalaureate Degree Honors

Graduation *Summa Cum Laude* (with Highest Honors) is awarded to students who have earned a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree and have achieved a 4.0 grade point average on all program of study coursework.

Graduation *Magna Cum Laude* (with High Honors) is awarded to students who have earned a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree and have achieved a 3.75-3.99 grade point average on all program of study coursework.

Graduation *Cum Laude* (with Honors) is awarded to students who have earned a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree and have achieved a 3.5-3.74 grade point average on all program of study coursework.

Associates Degree Honors

Graduation with Highest Distinction is awarded to students who have earned an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree and have achieved a 4.0 grade point average on all program of study coursework.

Graduation with High Distinction is awarded to students who have earned an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree and have achieved a 3.75-3.99 grade point average on all program of study coursework.

Graduation with Distinction is awarded to students who have earned an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree and have achieved a 3.5-3.74 grade point average on all program of study coursework.

Honors Program Certificate

A Santa Fe College **Honors Program Certificate** is awarded to students who have completed 15 credits of Honors Program coursework; have achieved a 3.5 grade point average or above on all program of study coursework; and have earned an Associate in Arts, an Associate in Science, a Bachelor of Science, or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

A Santa Fe College **Honors Program Certificate with High Honors** is awarded to students who have completed 15 credits of Honors Program coursework; have achieved a 3.5 grade point average or above on all program of study coursework; have earned an Associate in Arts, an Associate in Science, a Bachelor of Science, or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree; and have participated in co-curricular and/or extracurricular activities at a level determined by the Honors Advisory group.

A Santa Fe College **Honors Program Certificate with Highest Honors** is awarded to students who have completed 15 credits of Honors Program coursework; have achieved a 3.5 grade point average or above on all program of study coursework; have earned an Associate in Arts, an Associate in Science, a Bachelor of Science, or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree; and have participated in co-curricular and/or extracurricular activities at a level determined by the Honors Advisory group.

Honor Societies

Phi Theta Kappa designation is awarded to students who have been inducted into the Santa Fe College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and who have earned an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree.

International Society of Baccalaureate Scholars designation is awarded to students who have been inducted into the Santa Fe College chapter of International Society of Baccalaureate Scholars and who have earned a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

Recognition

Santa Fe Honors graduates will be recognized at their Commencement ceremonies and with a notation on their official College transcripts.