

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Undergraduate Programs		UUPC Approval <u>4/21/2025</u> UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
Department ^{N/A} College Undergraduate Studies			
Program Name Baccalaureate Degrees of Distinction	<input type="checkbox"/> New Program* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program*	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Fall 2025	
<p>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</p> <p>Proposing to change the requirements for the Baccalaureate Degrees of Distinction to allow all students graduating from Florida Atlantic University to have the same opportunity to qualify for the degrees of distinction, regardless of status as a transfer student, 2nd baccalaureate, or FTIC student.</p> <p>Also added some clarifying language regarding eligibility and the specific GPA used.</p>			
<small>*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.</small>			
Faculty Contact/Email/Phone Dan Meeroff/dmeeroff@fau.edu/7-2126		Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation	
Approved by Department Chair <u>N/A</u> College Curriculum Chair <u>N/A</u> College Dean <u>Dan Meeroff</u> UUPC Chair <u>Korey Sorge</u> Undergraduate Studies Dean <u>Dan Meeroff</u> UFS President _____ Provost _____			Date _____ <u>4/8/25</u> <u>4/21/2025</u> <u>4/21/2025</u> _____ _____

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Baccalaureate Degrees of Distinction

FAU recognizes superior academic performance by granting baccalaureate degrees of distinction to undergraduates ~~who are recommended for that distinction by the faculty granting that degree and have earned at least 45~~ 30 credits of graded coursework* at FAU as follows:

- **cum laude** for an FAU ~~average~~ Institutional GPA** of 3.500 or higher;
- **magna cum laude** for an FAU ~~average~~ Institutional GPA** of 3.700 or higher;
- **summa cum laude** for an FAU ~~average~~ Institutional GPA** of 3.900.

~~An undergraduate transfer student may qualify for a degree of distinction based on all work taken at the upper division (other institutions and FAU), a minimum of 45 credits, if the student has not completed 45 credits at FAU.~~

~~An undergraduate earning a second baccalaureate may qualify for a degree of distinction based on all work completed at FAU, a minimum of 30 credits.~~

*Graded coursework of "AU," "I," "NC," "NR," "P," "S," "U," "W," and "WM" are not used in determining eligibility.

**The FAU Recalculated GPA will be used, if applicable.

The GPA is truncated to three decimal points and is not rounded up.

For purposes of honors recognition at the Commencement ceremony, students must have a 3.500 GPA before the term in which they plan to graduate to have honors recognized publicly at the Commencement ceremony.

All undergraduates receiving degrees of distinction must be recommended for that distinction by the faculty granting that degree.