



**POLICY TITLE: Honors and Dean's List**

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**Policy on Honors Classification for UGHE MBBS/MGHD Programs**

**Purpose:**

To recognize and reward academic excellence among students graduating from the MBBS/MGHD program at the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) by classifying their achievements based on their Graduation Grade Point Average (GPA).

**Scope:**

This policy applies to all students enrolled in the MBBS/MGHD programs at UGHE.

**Policy Statement:**

To recognize academic excellence among graduates of the MBBS/MGHD programs, the following honors designations will be awarded based on the final GPA:

1. **Summa Cum Laude:** Awarded to students with a GPA of 3.8 to 4.0.
2. **Magna Cum Laude:** Awarded to students with a GPA of 3.6 to 3.79.
3. **Cum Laude:** Awarded to students with a GPA of 3.4 to 3.59.

**Value of the Award:**

1. **Academic Recognition:** Honors classifications serve as a formal acknowledgment of a student's academic achievements and can be an important factor in further educational opportunities and career advancement.
2. **Professional Advantage:** Graduates with honors are distinguished in the job market, potentially giving them a competitive edge in job applications and career progression.
3. **Personal Fulfillment:** Receiving honors provides a sense of personal accomplishment and pride for students and their families.

**Designation:**

The honors designation will be noted on the student's official transcript and diploma.

**Procedures:**

**Calculation of GPA:**

1. The cumulative GPA shall be calculated based on all graded coursework completed during the program. GPA calculations will be rounded to the nearest hundredth.



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2. Eligibility: Students must have completed all required coursework and clinical attachments to be eligible for graduation honors. Any student with a record of academic dishonesty or disciplinary actions may be disqualified from receiving honors.

**Review and Appeals:**

Students may request a review of their GPA calculation by submitting a written request to the DVC of Academic and Research Affairs within 30 days of the posting of final grades.

**Effective Date:**

This policy shall be effective from the date this policy is approved by the UGHE senate. It will be effective for the graduating class of MBBS25.

**Responsibility:**

The Office of the Registrar is responsible for the implementation and administration of this policy.

**Review:**

This policy, approved by the Senate, shall be reviewed every **five** years by the Senate to ensure it remains current and effective.

**Approved by:**

**Date:** 01/08/2024

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**UGHE MBBS/MGHD program Dean's List Policy**

**Purpose:**

The Dean's List recognizes and honors students who achieve high academic excellence while studying at UGHE. Being named to the Dean's List is a prestigious acknowledgment of a student's hard work, dedication, and outstanding academic performance.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must meet the following criteria:

**Academic Performance:**

1. Achieve a GPA of 3.5 or above during a single academic semester.
2. Enroll in at least 12 credits or equivalent coursework for the semester.

**Good Standing:**

1. Maintain good academic standing without any incomplete or failing grades for the semester.
2. Adhere to all academic and behavioral standards set by UGHE.

**Categories:**

The Dean's List will be categorized based on the GPA achieved during the semester:

1. **High Honors:** GPA of 3.8 to 4.0
2. **Honors:** GPA of 3.5 to 3.79

**Recognition:**

Students who qualify for the Dean's List will receive the following recognitions:

1. A formal letter from the Dean congratulating the students on their achievement.
2. The inclusion of their name on the official Dean's List will be published on the UGHE website and displayed in the academic department.
3. Acknowledgment during academic ceremonies and events.

**Review Process:**

The academic records of all students will be reviewed at the end of each semester to determine eligibility for the Dean's List. The Office of the Registrar will compile the list of eligible students and submit it to the Dean for approval.



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**Notification:**

Students will be notified of their inclusion on the Dean's List through official communication from the Office of the Registrar.

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