

Superior Academic Achievement

The University recognizes superior academic achievement in a variety of ways. Among these are appointment to the dean's list, receipt of the President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement, the granting of degrees with distinction, graduation with honors, election to honorary and professional societies, and the awarding of prizes.

Dean's List

Undergraduates who successfully complete no less than 3.0 course credits during the semester and who earn a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher receive dean's list honors for that semester.

President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement

Rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and graduating seniors with a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 receive the President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement. In addition, there is provision for such recognition for rising seniors and graduating seniors who have met equivalent, specified criteria for a combination of years; details may be obtained from the registrar.

Degrees with Distinction ("Latin" honors)

Degrees with distinction are awarded to bachelor's degree candidates who have taken 30 percent or more of the number of courses required for graduation in courses numbered above 199. Additional requirements for graduation with distinction are as follows:

A degree Summa Cum Laude is awarded to a candidate who has achieved at the time of graduation a grade point average of 3.90, or better, and who has been in residence at Bucknell University for at least three years. (That is, having earned at least 24 Bucknell course credits.)

A degree Magna Cum Laude is awarded to a candidate who has achieved at the time of graduation a grade point average between 3.70 and 3.89 and who has been in residence at Bucknell University for at least three years. (That is, having earned at least 24 Bucknell course credits.)

A degree Cum Laude is awarded to a candidate who has achieved at the time of graduation a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.69.

Honors Program

All academic departments and interdisciplinary majors of the University offer the possibility of departmental honors, coordinated through the University Honors Council, in which students in those majors may undertake special studies or investigations.

The honors program also operates within the special programs known as the College Major and the Interdepartmental Major.

Students interested in departmental honors should consult the heads of the departments and must apply for honors in accordance with the procedures established by the Honors Council.

Honorary, Recognition, and Professional Societies

Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest national honorary scholarship society in America, and of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honorary scholarship society, are active on the campus. Phi Beta Kappa members are elected from the upper eighth of the junior class and upper fifth of the senior class.

There is a chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honorary scholastic society for first-year students.

Omicron Delta Kappa and Mortar Board, national recognition societies for juniors and seniors, select their members for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

There are also chapters of the following national honor societies:

- Alpha Chi Sigma (chemistry)
- Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology)
- Alpha Psi Omega (theatre)
- Chi Epsilon (civil engineering)
- Delta Mu Delta (business administration)
- Kappa Delta Pi (education)
- Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics)
- Phi Sigma (biology)
- Phi Sigma Tau (philosophy)
- Pi Mu Epsilon (mathematics)
- Pi Sigma Alpha (political science)
- Psi Chi (psychology)

Sigma Pi Sigma (physics)

Professional societies having chapters on the Bucknell University campus are the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Association for Computing Machinery, the American Chemical Society, the Society of Women Engineers, the National Society of Black Engineers, and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.