

Title: Class Marshals for Graduation Ceremonies	Policy No: 7.3
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Policy Statement: The class marshal from each undergraduate college at graduation ceremonies will be the student with the highest retention grade point average and a minimum of 45 credit hours from UCO, including courses in progress during the semester of graduation. In the event of a tie, the undergraduate student with highest number of earned credit hours will be selected.

Each class marshal will be recognized during the graduation ceremonies (December and May) as well as other related commencement activities. To be considered for class marshal status, undergraduate students must apply by March 15 for a spring or summer degree or by October 15 for a fall degree. All candidates applying by deadline for spring or summer graduation are eligible for class marshal consideration.

Background: Prior to 2001, a minimum of two students with the highest GPAs from each commencement term (fall and spring) were chosen as class marshals regardless of college represented. No provision was made to account for students with identical GPAs, and in some years, as many as ten class marshals were named. As summer graduates were recognized for honors during the spring ceremony, this policy reflects the inclusion and recognition of summer students for class marshal consideration beginning 2011.

Purpose: Ensure that for each undergraduate college graduation ceremony, a student class marshal is selected who represents the highest grade point average achievement within the college consistent with minimum graduation honors standards.

Implementation Date: Fall 2001

Related Procedures: In the event of a tie, the undergraduate student with the highest number of earned credit hours will be selected. In the event more than one student has the same GPA and same number of credit hours earned, the number of hours completed at UCO will be used as the tie breaker.

Coordinating Offices: Graduation Support Services within Enrollment Management.

Academic Affairs Point-of-Contact: Associate VP for Enrollment Management/Registrar

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