



UNIVERSITY of the  
WESTERN CAPE

## UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE AWARDING OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS OR CERTIFICATES WITH DISTINCTION, CUM LAUDE, MAGNA CUM LAUDE OR SUMMA CUM LAUDE

### FOR STUDENTS COMMENCING THEIR PROGRAMMES 2019 AND ONWARDS

#### Rules extracted from the University's General Calendar (2019)

##### A.5.2.20 Awarding of distinction

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a distinction will be awarded if a candidate in his/her final year obtains a weighted average of 75% or more, in a major module(s) or group of modules or subject group (as determined by the relevant department/school/faculty) which constitutes at least 30 credits

##### A.5.2.21 Awarding of Undergraduate Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees Cum Laude

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a Certificate, Diploma or Degree will be awarded *cum laude* if a student:

###### A.5.2.21.1 For Undergraduate Certificates

- a) Obtains at least 75% in each exit-level module up to the required credits for the programme, and
- b) Completes all modules in the curriculum in the prescribed minimum programme duration.

###### A.5.2.21.2 For Undergraduate Diplomas

- a) Obtains at least 75% in each exit-level module up to the required credits for the programme, and
- b) Completes all modules in the curriculum in the prescribed minimum programme duration.

###### A.5.2.21.3 For Undergraduate Degrees

- a) Completes all modules in the curriculum in the minimum duration for the programme, and
- b) Obtains one of the following:
  - (i) A weighted average of 75% across all modules in the programme, as well as a weighted average of 75% across all required exit-level modules; or
  - (ii) At least 75% in each exit level module up to the required credits for the programme.

#### **A.5.2.22 Awarding of Undergraduate Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees Magna Cum laude**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a Certificate, Diploma or Degree will be awarded *magna cum laude* if a student:

##### **A.5.2.22.1 For Undergraduate Certificates**

- a) Obtains at least 80% in each exit-level module up to the required credits for the programme, and
- b) Completes all modules in the curriculum in the prescribed minimum programme duration.

##### **A.5.2.22.2 For Undergraduate Diplomas**

- a) Obtains at least 80% in each exit-level module up to the required credits for the programme, and
- b) Completes all modules in the curriculum in the prescribed minimum programme duration.

##### **A.5.2.22.3 For Undergraduate Degrees**

- a) Completes all modules in the curriculum in the minimum duration for the programme, and
- b) Obtains one of the following:
  - i) A weighted average of 80% across all modules in the programme, as well as a weighted average of 80% across all required exit-level modules; or
  - ii) At least 80% in each exit level module up to the required credits for the programme.

#### **A.5.2.23 Awarding of Undergraduate Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees Summa Cum Laude**

Unless Senate decides otherwise a Certificate, Diploma or Degree will be awarded *summa cum laude* if a student:

##### **A.5.2.23.1 For Undergraduate Certificates**

- a) Obtains at least 85% in each exit-level module up to the required credits for the programme, and
- b) Completes all modules in the curriculum in the prescribed minimum programme duration.

##### **A.5.2.23.2 For Undergraduate Diplomas**

- a) Obtains at least 85% in each exit-level module up to the required credits for the programme, and

- b) Completes all modules in the curriculum in the prescribed minimum programme duration.

#### **A.5.2.23.3 For Undergraduate Degrees**

- a) Completes all modules in the curriculum in the minimum duration for the programme, and
- b) Obtains one of the following:
  - i) A weighted average of 85% across all modules in the programme, as well as a weighted average of 85% across all required exit-level modules; or
  - ii) At least 85% in each exit level module up to the required credits for the programme.

#### **A.5.3.9 Awarding of Postgraduate Diploma, Certificate, or Honours Degree Cum Laude**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma or Honours degree will be awarded *cum laude* if a student:

- a) Obtains at least 75% in each exit level module up to the required credits for the programme, and
- b) Completes all modules in the curriculum and in the prescribed minimum programme duration.

#### **A.5.3.10 Awarding of Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma or Honours degree Magna Cum Laude**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma or Honours degree will be awarded *magna cum laude* if a student:

- a) Obtains at least 80% in each exit level module up to the required credits for the programme, and
- b) Completes all modules in the curriculum and in the prescribed minimum programme duration.

#### **A.5.3.11 Awarding of Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma or Honours Degree Summa Cum laude**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma or Honours degree will be awarded *summa cum laude* if a student:

- a) Obtains at least 85% in each exit level module up to the required credits for the programme, and
- b) Completes all modules in the curriculum and in the prescribed minimum programme duration.

#### **A.5.4.5 Awarding the Structured Master's Cum Laude**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a structured Master's or Research report will be awarded ***cum laude*** if a student obtains at least 75% in each exit-level module, including the mini-thesis or research report, up to the required credits for the programme and in the prescribed maximum programme duration.

#### **A.5.4.6 Awarding the Structured Master's Magna Cum Laude**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a structured Master's or Research report will be awarded ***magna cum laude*** if a student obtains at least 80% in each exit-level module, including the mini-thesis or research report, up to the required credits for the programme and in the prescribed maximum programme duration.

#### **A.5.4.7 Awarding the Structured Master's Summa Cum Laude**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a structured Master's or Research report will be awarded ***summa cum laude*** if a student obtains at least 85% in each exit-level module, including the mini-thesis or research report, up to the required credits for the programme and in the prescribed maximum programme duration.

#### **A.5.4.8 Awarding the Research Master's Cum Laude**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a Research Master's will be awarded ***cum laude*** if a student obtains a final mark of at least 75% and completed the programme in the prescribed maximum programme duration.

#### **A.5.4.9 Awarding the Research Master's Magna Cum Laude**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a Research Master's will be awarded ***magna cum laude*** if a student obtains a final mark of at least 80% and completed the programme in the prescribed maximum programme duration.

#### **A.5.4.10 Awarding the Research Master's Summa Cum Laude**

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a Research Master's will be awarded ***summa cum laude*** if a student obtains a final mark of at least 85% and completed the programme in the prescribed maximum programme duration.