

2009 Buffalo State Commencement

Bachelor's Commencement FAQs

Q: Should I purchase gold honors cord?

A: Baccalaureate academic honors/gold honors cord

An honors citation is given to graduating students who have achieved a 3.50 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA) for all work completed at Buffalo State. A student with a cumulative average of 3.80 to 4.00 will be designated summa cum laude; 3.65 to 3.79 magna cum laude; and 3.50 to 3.64, cum laude. To be considered for an honors citation, a student must complete a minimum of 54 credits at Buffalo State. No student with outstanding grades of I, U, X, or N may graduate nor be considered for honors.

*Degree candidates with GPAs of 3.50 and above, AND who have completed a minimum of 54 Buffalo State credit hours may be eligible for academic honors. These students are invited to wear gold cords at commencement to signify their academic achievement, and they are recognized in the commencement program booklet.

Academic and Student Affairs will send separate notification to eligible students at their permanent addresses in March 2009. Names will be on the honors eligibility list in the bookstore, where caps, gowns, and gold honors cords (\$15.20) are purchased from April 8 through May 9.

You may purchase a gold honors cord only if your name is on the eligibility list in the bookstore.

***NOTE:** GPAs taken into consideration for honors recognition at commencement are final cumulative GPAs for December 2008 graduates, and the December 2008 cumulative GPAs for potential May 2009 and August 2009 degree candidates.

Your final cumulative GPA—calculated once all your degree requirements are met—will be recorded in your official transcripts and may be different from that recognized at commencement.

The appropriate honors designation will be printed on your diploma if you qualify for honors.