Departmental (English) Honors *vs.* College (Latin) Honors

Below, see an outline of how Departmental (English) Honors figure into the calculation of College (Latin) Honors. This outline was produced by the Classics department in January 2024. For the definitive and most up-to-date account of these guidelines, students should consult the [Harvard College Student Handbook](#).

Departmental Honors Recommendations (English Honors): "No Honors," "Honors," "High Honors," or "Highest Honors" recommended by the student's department. English honors appear on the student's transcript, but not on the degree, with the exception of students awarded Highest Honors but not a *summa* degree: these students are awarded a diploma "*magna cum laude* with highest honors in field."

College (Latin) Honors: "Honors," "High Honors," and "Highest Honors" are converted by the Registrar as follows:

Department recommendation	Other considerations	FAS recommendation
Highest	Overall GPA in the top 5% of the graduating class, drawn from those designated for Highest Honors. (GPA 3.986 or above in 2023)	*Summa cum laude*
Highest	GPA in top 20% but not awarded *summa cum laude*.	*Magna cum laude* with Highest Honors in the field
High	GPA in top 20% of graduating class (3.920 in 2023).	*Magna cum laude*
Honors/High/Highest	GPA in top 50% of graduating class (3.753 in 2023).	*Cum laude* *Note:* A student not recommended for honors by a department may qualify for the degree *cum laude* (general studies) if s/he has an overall GPA greater than that needed for the degree *magna cum laude* (i.e. top 20% of graduating class).