



UNIVERSITY of the
WESTERN CAPE

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

FOR STUDENTS HAVING COMMENCED THEIR STUDIES 2018 AND PRIOR

Rules extracted from the University's General Calendar (2018)

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/faculty) which constitutes at least 30 credits.

A.5.2.21 Awarding of degree, diploma or certificate cum laude

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a degree, diploma, or certificate will be awarded cum laude if a student obtains:

- A weighted average of 70% across all modules in the programme as well as the weighted average of 75% across all required exit modules; or
- At least 75% in each exit module up to the required credits for the programme

A.5.2.22 Awarding of degree summa cum laude

Unless Senate decides otherwise, a degree will be awarded *summa cum laude* if a student obtains a weighted average of 75% across all modules credited for the degree programme, and a weighted average of 75% across all required exit level modules.

A.5.3.9 Awarding of postgraduate diploma or honours degree cum laude

To be awarded the Honours Bachelor degree *cum laude*, a student must have completed the programme in the minimum applicable time, and have obtained a weighted average final mark of at least 75%. The criteria for the Honours cum laude apply *mutatis mutandis* for the Postgraduate Diploma.

A.5.4.4 Assessment of thesis, mini-thesis or research report

- (h) Unless otherwise decided by Senate, to obtain the Master's degree *cum laude* a candidate must obtain a final mark of at least 75%.

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An error does not give the candidate the right to a pass mark or the award of a certificate, diploma or degree