

Guidelines for Honours at Graduation

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Guidelines for honours at graduation, known as graduating “with distinction,” are as follows. These guidelines will be interpreted by the Committee on Academic Policy and Planning, in consultation with the Registrar.

Graduating “With Distinction”

A student may graduate “with distinction” under the following conditions:

- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 is obtained.
- For students in the B.A. and B.Sc. General Studies, “with distinction” will be assessed in the last eight (8.0) units of study taken at the Mount.
- For students in programs with 20 or more required units, “with distinction” will be assessed in the last ten (10.0) units of study taken at the Mount.
- The calculation of “with distinction” will include courses taken by authorized external credit, the highest grade obtained in repeated courses, and any courses for which failed grades were obtained.
- For students in a Bermuda College “in association with” program, the calculation will be based on all courses taken at the Mount, including approved “cross-listed” Bermuda College courses.
- Transfer credits awarded for work completed elsewhere prior to being admitted to Mount Saint Vincent University will be not counted towards honours at graduation, nor will courses taken while participating in exchange programs.

Graduating with a Diploma in Business

A student receiving a Business diploma may be awarded “with distinction” under the following conditions:

- A cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 is obtained in the last 8.0 units of study taken at the Mount.
- The 6.5 required business courses at the 2000 or higher level must be included in the 8.0 units.
- The calculation of “with distinction” will include courses taken by authorized external credit, the highest grade obtained in repeated courses, and any courses for which failed grades were obtained.
- Transfer credits awarded for work completed elsewhere prior to being admitted to Mount Saint Vincent University will be not counted towards honours at graduation, nor will courses taken while participating in exchange programs.

The notation “With Distinction” will appear on the transcript.

Graduating with First-Class Honours

A student may graduate with first-class honours under the following conditions:

- For honours degrees, first-class honours will be awarded to students who obtain a minimum GPA of 3.5 or better in the last ten (10.0) units in the honours subject and no grade below B- in all courses beyond the first 5.0 units taken at the Mount.
- The calculation of “with distinction” will include courses taken by authorized external credit, the highest grade obtained in repeated courses, and any courses for which failed grades were obtained.
- Transfer credits awarded for work completed elsewhere prior to being admitted to Mount Saint Vincent University will be not counted towards honours at graduation, nor will courses taken while participating in exchange programs.

The notation “First-Class Honours” will appear on the transcript.