

Changes to Honor’s List Policy: Remove the Dean’s List freshman GPA threshold of 3.25.

Justification: With the increased number of USC students bringing in AP, IB, and Cambridge exam credit, as well as dual enrollment credit, first-year students are often classified as sophomores after their first semester of enrollment. This has caused frustration for both students and parents who feel that the 3.25 honors threshold should apply to first-year students who are classified as sophomores. This proposal recommends that all students regardless of student classification (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) must achieve a minimum semester GPA of 3.5 to qualify for Dean’s Honors.

Honors List	Honors List
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