

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE HONORS
APRIL 2004

In November 2003, the Committee on Undergraduate Honors reviewed the college's existing policy regarding awarding Latin Honors. Having reviewed the criteria followed by comparable institutions [see attached], as well as GPA data prepared by John Choonoo of the Office of Institutional Research [see attached], the committee made the following recommendations to Provost Dannenbring.

Cum laude – Change from 3.20 to 3.50

Magna Cum Laude – Change from 3.50 to 3.75

Summa Cum Laude – Change from 3.80 to 3.85

The committee is of the opinion that these recommended standards are more realistically reflective of the distinction between Baruch's outstanding graduates and the general college population.

This semester, there are ten undergraduates who are in the process of writing honors theses. The students, their topics, and mentors are as follows:

SPRING 2004

ECO 6002

Carlos Coto

Are Governments Handling Their Fair Share of Higher Education Costs?

Professor Larry Huckins

ENG 6002

Michael Scarpati

All Plots Lead Deathward: The Paradoxical Nature of Conspiracy and Entropy in the Novels of Don DeLillo

Professor Scotto

HIS 6002

Zebediah Clarke

The Battle of the Crater

Professor Carol Berkin

HIS 6002

Aleksander Gelfand

The Image of Napoleon in 19th C Russian Literature

Professor Cynthia Whittaker

IDC 6002

Christopher Lebron

States in the Original Position – International Conflict Reconsidered

Professor Benedetto Fontana

LAW 6002

Cornell Boswell

How Effective A Tool is Inclusionary Zoning At Providing Affordable Housing

Professor Jay Weiser

MGT 6002

Prince Bartholomew

Business Plan: White Wrussian Records

Professor Rogoff

HIS 6001

Vladimir Georgiev

The Credit Mobilier Affair

Prof. Carol Berkin

MKT 6001

Sophie Kupperstock

A Proposal to Study the Effects of Generic Commodity Promotion on Consumers'

Nutritional Knowledge

Professor Lauren Block

SOC 6001

Helena Selioukova

Political, Social, and Cultural Assimilation of Russian-Jewish Youth

Professor Susan Chambre

Respectfully submitted,

Professor Susan Locke, Chair

Mr. Robert Freedman

Professor Adam Glassman

Professor Stephanie Golob

Professor Sanders Korenman

Professor Andrew Parker

Professor Alexander Reisz

Professor Seymour Schulman

Professor Tansen Sen

Professor Paula Walter

Latin Honors Criteria

September 2002, February 2003 and June 2003

Cumulative GPA

*GPA	Sep-02 644 Graduates		Feb-03 871 Graduates		Jun-03 1107 Graduates	
	N	Cum. %	N	Cum. %	N	Cum. %
< 3.20	446	69.3	590	67.7	703	63.5
3.20-3.39	79	81.5	108	80.1	134	75.6
3.40-3.49	32	86.5	39	84.6	64	81.4
3.50-3.69	54	94.9	72	92.9	125	92.7
3.70-3.74	10	96.4	17	94.8	21	94.6
3.75-3.79	3	96.9	18	96.9	22	96.6
3.80-3.84	3	97.4	10	98.0	7	97.2
3.85-3.89	9	98.8	6	98.7	15	98.6
>3.89	8	100.0	11	100.0	16	100.0

* **Bold numbers are Baruch's cut-off points for Latin Honors.**

Requirements for Graduation with Latin Honors

School Name	Cum Laude	Magna Cum Laude	Summa Cum Laude
<u>CUNY System:</u>			
Baruch College	3.2	3.5	3.8
Brooklyn College	3.5	3.75	3.9
City College (CCNY)	3.2	3.5	3.8
College of Staten Island (CSI)	3.5	3.75	3.9
Hunter College	3.50-3.749	3.75-3.899	3.9
Lehman College	3.4-3.59	3.6-3.79	3.8
Queens College	3.5	3.75	3.9
<u>Non-CUNY Schools:</u>			
NYU	3.5	3.7	3.9
SUNY Binghamton	3.5-3.69	3.7-3.84	3.85-4.00
SUNY Stony Brook	3.5	3.7	3.85