To be considered for honors at graduation, a baccalaureate candidate must have completed at least 30 credits of graded upper-level coursework at USF and have earned a grade point average of 3.50 or higher for all graded coursework attempted at USF.

Candidates with a USF GPA of 3.50 or higher but below 3.70 shall receive a diploma designation of *cum laude* (with honor).

Candidates with a USF GPA of 3.70 or higher but below 3.90 shall receive a diploma designation of *magna cum laude* (with high honor).

Candidates with a USF GPA of 3.90 or higher shall receive a diploma designation of *summa cum laude* (with highest honor).

In addition, each Dean has the option to select, on the basis of exceptional achievement, one (1) percent of the college’s graduates or one (1) student per semester for graduating with distinction.

Undergraduate candidates with a USF GPA of 4.00 are recognized at the commencement ceremony as King O’Neal Scholars. They will be recognized during the ceremony and presented with a certificate and medallion from the Alumni Association.

For purposes of honors recognition at the commencement ceremony, students must have a 3.50 GPA before the term in which they plan to graduate to have honors recognized publicly at the commencement ceremony.

**NOTE:**
- The GPA is not rounded up when determining honors at graduation (e.g., 3.69 is not the same as 3.70).
- USF’s grade forgiveness policy will not be applicable in computing the GPA for honors.
- Students with a record of academic dishonesty appearing on any transcripts may graduate from a degree program after meeting all degree requirements, but will not be eligible for honors at graduation, including the honor of graduating from the Honors College or a departmental honors program.
- Transfer courses and S/U graded courses are not utilized when calculating honors recognition.
- Post-baccalaureate students are not eligible for honors recognition.
- Honors recognition is printed on the University diploma.