Honors Convocation Tradition

Please check back for updates about the next Honors Convocation. Please refer to the University's commencement pages for more information on commencement ceremonies.

Honors Convocation is an annual celebration at UT Dallas where undergraduate students are recognized for their distinguished academic achievements. Students earning Latin Honors, Major Honors, or Collegium V Honors are invited to attend. The tradition of Honors Convocation dedicates time prior to commencement for the academic community to gather and recognize the very best of the University's undergraduates who are prepared to make significant contributions to their professional field or graduate programs.

Recognition of Latin Honors

UT Dallas Honors Convocation also recognizes undergraduates who will graduate with the traditional Latin Honors designations. Students must have completed a minimum amount of coursework at UT Dallas to be recognized with Latin Honors per the University’s Undergraduate Catalog.

Summa Cum Laude, or with highest honors, is the recognition of the greatest academic success in the UT Dallas undergraduate experience. Students earning Summa Cum Laude honors must graduate with the designated grade point average and be in the highest five percent of their academic school.

Magna Cum Laude, or with high honors, is the recognition of students who have continuously met the academic challenges of the university and their discipline and emerged triumphant. These students must graduate with the designated grade point average and be in the next ten percent of their academic school.

Cum Laude, or with honors, is the recognition of students who have sustained academic excellence during their undergraduate career. These students must graduate with the designated minimum grade point average and be in the next fifteen percent of their academic school.

Visit the Office of the Registrar Latin Honors webpage for more information.

Recognition of Major Honors

During the Honors Convocation ceremony, students who earn Major Honors from their academic school through successful completion of the school's Honors Program are also recognized. Each program provides two levels of recognition: Honors and Distinction. Student must have completed a minimum amount of coursework at UT Dallas to be recognized with Major Honors.

Recognition of Collegium V Honors

The Honors Convocation ceremony also allows for formal recognition of graduating students who have successfully completed the Collegium V Honors Program (CV) requirements. The CV experience encourages intellectually creative, inquisitive, and highly motivated students to extend their educational experience beyond the scope of the traditional undergraduate curriculum.
Convocation Student Information

The Honors Convocation ceremony will last approximately one hour. Business casual (no jeans or shorts) is the suggested attire for all guests. Invitees are encouraged to arrive an hour prior to the ceremony. All students who will be recognized must sign-in at the Honors Convocation check-in desk. Honorees will be given a UT Dallas honors medallion at check-in. After checking in, honorees will line up and process into the ceremony. There is no limit to the number of guests and the event is free to all honorees and their guests. The university will not provide a location, nor is responsible for backpacks, purses, or other personal belongings during the ceremony. Please do not bring those items or leave them with your guests.