



Undergraduate Honors at Graduation Over Time and By College

Each undergraduate college at CU-Boulder offers students the opportunity to earn honors at graduation. The basis of the awards and the terms used to denote levels of honors differ from one college to another. General information about honors at CU-Boulder is provided in [Students tab](#) and specific information about honors in each college is provided in relevant sections of the catalog, links to which are provided in the table below.

Honors Level Category									
	Level 1 +		Level 2 ++				Level 3 +++		
College (Click to see catalog section about honors)	Cum Laude	Honors	Magna Cum Laude	High Honors	Distinction	Special Honors	Summa Cum Laude	Highest Honors	High Distinction
College of Architecture and Planning		G				G			
College of Arts and Sciences	T		T		G		T		
Leeds School of Business	G ¹		G ¹		G ²		G ¹		G ²
College of Engineering and Applied Science	T ³	G ⁴	T ³		G ⁵	G ⁴	T ³		G ⁵
School of Journalism and Mass Communication	T ³	G	T ³		G ⁶		T ³		
College of Music		G		G ⁷				G ⁷	

Notes:

G indicates grade-based honors.

T indicates thesis-based honors.

1 Applies only to students entering before Summer 1995.

2 Applies only to students entering Summer 1995 or thereafter.

3 These colleges encourage their students to participate in the thesis-based Honors Program of the College of Arts and Sciences. However, their students have not often done this.

4 Applies only to students entering before Fall 1987.

5 Applies only to students entering Fall 1987 or thereafter.

6 The School of Journalism and Mass Communication does not mention "Distinction" in the catalog, but does award it. (We have assumed it is grade-based.)

7 The College of Music does not mention "High Honors" and "Highest Honors" in the catalog, but does award them. (We have assumed it is grade-based.)

We have categorized honors into three levels, Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3, with higher numbers indicating higher levels of honors, and shown by the single, double, and triple plus symbols in the table below. The table groups the different types of honors into the three categories, and indicates the colleges that offer each type of honor.

Honors based on a thesis are designated with a **T**, and are offered exclusively through the Honors Program of the College of Arts and Sciences. Students in the College of Engineering and the School of Journalism can also participate in this program, but have not often done so. All other honors are based on grades and are designated with a **G**.

The following tables show the numbers and percentages of students who received each of the three levels of honors. The tables also show the numbers and percentages of students receiving thesis-based and grade-based honors.

Undergraduate Honors Level by College Calendar Year 2006

	Total			Honors Category						All Honors		Thesis Honors		Grade Honors	
	None	1	2	3											
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
College:															
Arch & Planning	177	136	76.8	30	16.9	11	6.2	.	.	41	23.1	0	0	41	23.1
Arts & Sciences	3421	3023	88.4	36	1.1	254	7.4	108	3.2	398	11.6	240	7	242	7
Business	942	877	93.1	.	.	44	4.7	21	2.2	65	6.9	0	0	65	6.9
Engineering	522	452	86.6	27	5.2	22	4.2	21	4	70	13.4	70	13.4	0	0
Journalism	246	190	77.2	28	11.4	28	11.4	.	.	56	22.7	0	0	56	22.7
Music	56	43	76.8	6	10.7	2	3.6	5	8.9	13	23.2	0	0	13	23.2

Undergraduate Honors Level by Calendar Year of Graduation All Colleges

	Total			Honors Category						All Honors		Thesis Honors		Grade Honors	
	None	1	2	3											
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Calendar Year:															
2006	5364	4721	88	127	2.4	361	6.7	155	2.9	643	11.9	310	5.7	417	7.7
2005	5,138	4,522	88	106	2.1	387	7.5	123	2.4	616	11.9	219	4.2	486	9.4
2004	5043	4370	86.7	123	2.4	392	7.8	158	3.1	673	13.3	270	5.3	499	9.8
2003	4621	4052	87.7	103	2.2	336	7.3	130	2.8	569	12.3	205	4.4	432	9.3
2002	4524	3969	87.7	98	2.2	335	7.4	122	2.7	555	12.2	221	4.8	404	8.9
2001	4238	3783	89.3	78	1.8	257	6.1	120	2.8	455	10.7	190	4.4	318	7.5
2000	4345	3901	89.8	84	1.9	256	5.9	104	2.4	444	10.2	180	4.1	321	7.3

Undergraduate Honors Level by Calendar Year of Graduation

College=Arts & Sciences

Calendar Year:	Total			Honors Category						All Honors		Thesis Honors		Grade Honors	
	N	None	%	1		2		3		N	%	N	%	N	%
				N	%	N	%	N	%						
2006	3,421	3,023	88.4	36	1.1	254	7.4	108	3.2	398	11.6	240	7	242	7
2005															
2004	3194	2758	86.3	48	1.5	266	8.3	122	3.8	436	13.6	270	8.4	262	8.2
2003	2926	2579	88.1	38	1.3	226	7.7	83	2.8	347	11.8	205	7	210	7.1
2002	2900	2535	87.4	40	1.4	234	8.1	91	3.1	365	12.5	221	7.6	214	7.3
2001	2667	2369	88.8	34	1.3	175	6.6	89	3.3	298	11.1	190	7.1	161	6
2000	2687	2405	89.5	36	1.3	180	6.7	66	2.5	282	10.4	180	6.6	159	5.9

Undergraduate Honors Level by Calendar Year of Graduation

College=Business

Calendar Year:	Total			Honors Category						All Honors		Thesis Honors		Grade Honors	
	N	None	%	1		2		3		N	%	N	%	N	%
				N	%	N	%	N	%						
2006	942	877	93.1	.	.	44	4.7	21	2.2	65	6.9	0	0	65	6.9
2005	801	747	93.3	.	.	40	5	14	1.7	54	6.7	0	0	54	6.7
2004	819	759	92.7	.	.	47	5.7	13	1.6	60	7.3	0	0	60	7.3
2003	741	679	91.6	.	.	48	6.5	14	1.9	62	8.3	0	0	62	8.3
2002	679	631	92.9	.	.	37	5.4	11	1.6	48	7	0	0	48	7
2001	703	655	93.2	.	.	34	4.8	14	2	48	6.8	0	0	48	6.8
2000	794	740	93.2	5	0.6	30	3.8	19	2.4	54	6.8	0	0	54	6.8

Undergraduate Honors Level by Calendar Year of Graduation

College=Engineering

Calendar Year:	Total	None		Honors Category 1		2		3		All Honors		Thesis Honors		Grade Honors	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2006	522	452	86.6	27	5.2	22	4.2	21	4	70	13.4	70	13.4	0	0
2005	566	513	90.6	5	0.9	31	5.5	17	3	53	9.3	10	1.7	43	7.5
2004	552	496	89.9	.	.	39	7.1	17	3.1	56	10.1	0	0	56	10.1
2003	470	414	88.1	.	.	30	6.4	26	5.5	56	11.9	0	0	56	11.9
2002	489	449	91.8	.	.	27	5.5	13	2.7	40	8.1	0	0	40	8.1
2001	452	421	93.1	.	.	19	4.2	12	2.7	31	6.8	0	0	31	6.8
2000	457	420	91.9	.	.	23	5	14	3.1	37	8	0	0	37	8

Undergraduate Honors Level by Calendar Year of Graduation

College=Journalism

Calendar Year:	Total	None		Honors Category 1		2		All Honors		Thesis Honors		Grade Honors	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2006	246	190	77.2	28	11.4	28	11.4	56	22.7	0	0	56	22.7
2005	266	203	76.3	27	10.2	36	13.5	63	23.6	0	0	63	23.6
2004	256	198	77.3	31	12.1	27	10.5	58	22.6	0	0	58	22.6
2003	265	218	82.3	33	12.5	14	5.3	47	17.7	0	0	47	17.7
2002	261	204	78.2	36	13.8	21	8	57	21.8	0	0	57	21.8
2001	204	163	79.9	22	10.8	19	9.3	41	20	0	0	41	20
2000	229	188	82.1	22	9.6	19	8.3	41	17.9	0	0	41	17.9

Undergraduate Honors Level by Calendar Year of Graduation

College=Music

	Total			Honors Category						All Honors		Thesis Honors		Grade Honors	
	N	None	%	1	2	3					N	%	N	%	N
2005	60	38	63.3	7	11.7	9	15	6	10	22	36.6	0	0	22	36.6
2004	65	45	69.2	6	9.2	8	12.3	6	9.2	20	30.7	0	0	20	30.7
2003	57	35	61.4	7	12.3	8	14	7	12.3	22	38.5	0	0	22	38.5
2002	59	37	62.7	7	11.9	8	13.6	7	11.9	22	37.2	0	0	22	37.2
2001	60	44	73.3	7	11.7	4	6.7	5	8.3	16	26.6	0	0	16	26.6
2000	58	44	75.9	7	12.1	2	3.4	5	8.6	14	24.1	0	0	14	24.1

Undergraduate Honors Level By Calendar Year of Graduation

College=Arch & Planning

	Total			Honors Category				All Honors		Thesis Honors		Grade Honors	
	N	None	%	1	2			N	%	N	%	N	%
Calendar Year:													
2005	192	137	71.4	40	20.8	15	7.8	55	28.6	0	0	55	28.6
2004	157	114	72.6	38	24.2	5	3.2	43	27.3	0	0	43	27.3
2003	162	127	78.4	25	15.4	10	6.2	35	21.6	0	0	35	21.6
2002	136	113	83.1	15	11	8	5.9	23	16.9	0	0	23	16.9
2001	152	131	86.2	15	9.9	6	3.9	21	13.8	0	0	21	13.8
2000	120	104	86.7	14	11.7	2	1.7	16	13.3	0	0	16	13.3