

# AWARDING OF DEGREES

## Graduation Contracts

A graduation contract must be filed with the Registrar's Office for a student to be eligible for degree conferral.

Graduation Contracts for Fall and Spring semesters are due no later than the fourth week of the graduating term.

Graduation Contracts for summer session are due no later than the third week of the 12-week summer session.

Students unable to complete degree requirements within the University deadlines will be required to submit a new Graduation Contract to the Registrar's Office in order to establish a new tentative degree conferral date.

## Graduation with University Honors

There are three levels of University (baccalaureate degree only) scholastic honors at graduation: *summa cum laude*, *magna cum laude* and *cum laude*. A minimum of 60 semester credits must be earned at CSU Pueblo for a student to be considered for these honors. Remedial courses, credit designated as Fresh Start, and credit by examination, and any credit awarded for prior learning including escrow credit cannot be included in the 60 semester credits.

### Honors Levels & Requirements

#### Summa Cum Laude

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.900 is required.

#### Magna Cum Laude

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.750 is required.

#### Cum Laude

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.500 is required.

While honors will be listed in the commencement program for those who may reasonably anticipate them, the listing in the program is not a guarantee of receiving honors. The listing and reading of *cum laude* status for degree candidates are based on the grade point averages achieved at the beginning of the student's final term. The official honor awarded, based on the final grade point average and hours earned in residence, will be noted on the student's diploma and transcript.

## Class Rank

CSU Pueblo does not maintain or provide class rank information.

## Diplomas

Diplomas are dated and awarded to graduating students each semester or session (Fall, Spring, and Summer) upon graduation clearance of each student.

The Spring Commencement date and the last day of the Summer and Fall term are the dates recorded on diplomas and on the transcripts for all students fulfilling degree requirements within a degree granting period. The diploma is imprinted with the name of the degree awarded

and the student's major(s). Minors, emphases, tracks, specializations, and concentrations are **not** printed on the diploma.

*Diplomas will be mailed to graduates approximately ten to twelve weeks after the end of the term in which the degree is conferred.* All accounts with Colorado State University Pueblo must be settled before a diploma will be awarded. Replacement diplomas may be issued upon signed request from the original holder. Please check with the Registrar's Office for current diploma replacement fees.

## Posthumous Degree

Colorado State University Pueblo has a posthumous degree policy to confer a degree for eligible deceased students. Eligible students are those who were scheduled to graduate either in the term of their death or the next term, are in good academic standing, and have support of the department and college.

Please contact the Registrar's Office for specific information on this policy and process.