Academic Honors

Dean’s List
To be eligible for the Dean’s List at the close of any fall or spring semester, an undergraduate student must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.5 in that semester on at least 12 credit hours. Hours and grades earned through Texas State correspondence courses and extension courses are counted in the hours required to be eligible for Dean’s List and in the GPA calculation for Dean’s List. Graduate courses also count.

Graduation with Honors
Students earning a GPA of 3.40-3.59 will graduate cum laude; 3.6-3.79 will graduate magna cum laude; 3.8-4.0 will graduate summa cum laude. Effective Summer 2012, to be eligible for graduation with honors, a student seeking a baccalaureate degree must have completed a minimum of 54 semester credit hours preceding graduation at Texas State. Calculation of the GPA to determine honors status is based on all Texas State work applied to the first baccalaureate degree, including work completed in the final semester.

Hours earned through Texas State correspondence courses and extension courses are counted in the hours required to be eligible for honors and in the GPA calculation for honors. Hours earned through Texas State credit-by-examination, work/life experience, and other courses receiving “CR” (pass/fail) grades are counted in the hours required to be eligible for honors, but do not count in the GPA calculation. Remedial courses with a “CR” grade and graduate courses are not counted in either the hours required or the GPA calculation for honors.

Transfer students who have earned at least 54 semester hours at Texas State are eligible to graduate with honors if their Texas State GPA meets the above criteria. Students earning second baccalaureate degrees are eligible for graduation with honors if they complete 54 or more hours at Texas State in pursuit of the second degree.

Honor Societies
The following honor societies are open to qualified Texas State students. More information may be obtained through Campus Activities and Student Organizations (CASO). For a complete list of all Honor Societies, see the Registered Student Organizations website at www.studentorgs.txstate.edu.

Alpha Chi
Alpha Chi is a national honor society, which promotes academic excellence and exemplary character among undergraduate college and university students and honors those who achieve such distinction. To qualify for membership, a student must be a first-time undergraduate, a junior or senior (having attained no less than 60 credit hours), have a minimum Texas State GPA of 3.50 on at least 45 semester hours at Texas State. Graduate students with a 4.0 and at least 15 hours of graduate course work at Texas State also qualify for Alpha Chi membership. Alpha Chi is the oldest honor society at Texas State, founded in 1922. Membership in the honor society is indicated on the student’s transcript. For more information, contact Dr. Ronald Brown at RonBrown@txstate.edu.

Alpha Lambda Delta
Alpha Lambda Delta is a national academic honor society for freshmen that honors academic excellence during a student’s first year in college. Its purpose is to encourage superior academic achievement among students in their first year in institutions of higher education, to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning, and to assist women and men in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their roles in society. Membership is open to all freshmen who are registered for a full course of study leading to a bachelor’s degree, who achieve a minimum scholastic average of 3.50 (based on grades of the first full semester or on the cumulative average of the first year in college), and who have paid the initiation and lifetime membership fee. For more information, contact Diann McCabe dm14@txstate.edu.

Golden Key National Honor Society
Golden Key recognizes and encourages scholastic achievement and excellence in all undergraduate fields, supports the faculty and administration in developing and maintaining high academic standards, provides economic assistance by means of annual scholarships, and promotes altruistic conduct through volunteer service to Texas State and community. The Golden Key National Honor Society accepts students who have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.40, have completed 60 college hours, 25 of which must have been taken at Texas State, have filed a Member Data Form, and have paid the initiation and lifetime membership fee.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest, largest, and most selective collegiate honor society for all disciplines. This prestigious honor society was chartered at Texas State in 2013 and thirty members of the faculty, staff, and administration signed the charter petition. To qualify for membership, undergraduates must be juniors who are in the top 7.5 percent or seniors in the top 10 percent of their respective classes. Graduate students must rank in the upper 10 percent of their class. Students who are invited to become members may join by paying the initiation and membership fee and participating in an induction ceremony. In addition to numerous membership benefits, the national organization awards over one million dollars in scholarships and fellowships each biennium. The local chapter website is located at http://www.txstate.edu/honors/phikappaphi.