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TITLE SIX: GRADUATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY

**CHAPTER I. GRADUATION**

**ARTICLE 284. Nature of Graduation.** Graduation is not a mere ceremony but a solemn occasion where students who have satisfactorily completed all the requirements of their respective degrees and programs shall be granted their corresponding titles and diplomas with all the duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges thereunto appertaining, regardless of whether they attend the commencement exercises or not. Attendance to commencement exercises shall be allowed only for students who have been declared graduates in their respective programs through the appropriate resolution of the Board of Regents. (n)

**ARTICLE 285. Completion of Graduation Requirements.** During the first three weeks after the opening of classes in each semester or trimester, the Deans and the ADAA shall certify to the Registrar in their Campuses a list of candidates for graduation. The Registrar, in consultation with the Deans and the ADAA, shall inquire into the academic record of each candidate to ascertain whether it is possible for said candidates to fulfill all requirements for graduation before the date of the commencement exercises. Deficiencies shall be noted and the Dean concerned and the ADAA shall be duly informed. If a question is raised regarding a candidate, his/her name shall not be deleted from the list of candidates for graduation, but footnotes to that effect shall be given.

Five weeks before the end of a semester or trimester, the Registrar shall prepare and publish a complete list of duly qualified candidates for graduation for that semester or trimester and provide a copy thereof to the Colleges and the ADAA in case of the Campuses. The final list of qualified candidates for graduation in all Campuses shall be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval, upon the recommendation of their respective Academic Councils. (Art. 293, TUP Code of 1986)

**ARTICLE 286. Removal of Deficiencies.** All candidates for graduation must have their deficiencies completed and their records cleared not later than five (5) weeks before the end of their last semester or trimester, with the exception of the subjects they are currently enrolled in.

Graduation of students in the Graduate School shall be allowed only after the completion of the academic requirements, the passing of the student in the comprehensive examination, the successful defense of the capstone requirement, thesis or dissertation and such other requirements as provided in pertinent University rules and regulations.

No student with deficiencies at the time of the commencement exercises shall be allowed to join the same. (Art. 294 TUP Code of 1986)

**CHAPTER 2. GRADUATION WITH HONORS**

**ARTICLE 287. Graduation With Honors, Undergraduate Students.** Students who have completed their baccalaureate programs with the following grade point averages shall be graduated with honors:

Summa Cum Laude.....1.00 to 1.20

Magna Cum Laude.....1.21 to 1.45

Cum Laude.....1.46 to 1.75

All grades in all courses prescribed in the curriculum where the student shall graduate shall be included in the computation of the average. The candidates for Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude honors must not have obtained a grade lower than 2.50 in any subject, and no grades lower than 2.00 for candidates for Summa Cum Laude, or such grades which may be provided by relevant University rules.

**ARTICLE 288. Minimum Number of Units Per Semester for Candidates For Honors.** Students who are candidates for graduation with honors in the undergraduate must have taken no less than fifteen (15) units during each semester or twelve (12) units for each trimester, or the normal load prescribed in the curriculum, except when such normal load is less than the said number of units. The taking of a load higher or lower than the normal load shall be determined in accordance with appropriate University rules.

**ARTICLE 289. Residence Requirements for Candidates for Honors.** Students who are candidates for graduation with honors must have completed in the University at least 75% of the total number of academic units for graduation. Graduate School students must have finished the requirements of their program within four (4) years for Masters including thesis, and five (5) years for Doctoral including dissertation.

**ARTICLE 290. Graduation With Honors, Graduate School.** Graduate School students, either in the Masters or Doctoral programs, may qualify for honors if their weighted average for all the academic subjects taken is 1.20 or higher and their grade in the oral defense for thesis or dissertation is 1.25 or higher, provided that, the computation of the average shall be based on 40% for thesis or dissertation, and 60% for course work.

Any grade lower than 2.00 in the Masters and 1.75 in the Doctoral shall disqualify a student from graduating with honors. Any "Incomplete" or "Dropped" remark in their academic record shall likewise disqualify a student from graduating with honors.