



Information Sheet

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Academic Distinction

Introduction (UNBC Graduate Calendar Regulation 17)

Each year a very small number of students will be graduated with Distinction. Selection criteria take into account the student's overall academic record and, as appropriate, the quality of the thesis; and are applied by a Dean's Committee on Graduate Honours chaired by the Interim Vice President Research and Graduate Programs. Students do not apply for graduation with distinction.

Eligibility

- In any one year, all graduate students who have degrees conferred at convocation.
- Graduation GPA should normally be above 4.10.
Note: *The GPA calculation will not include: transfer credit; any courses over and above the approved minimum degree requirements or otherwise taken as 'extra' to the degree; any courses that are below the degree level being attained (e.g. undergraduate courses taken during the course of a student's UNBC Master's or Doctoral degree).*

Committee

The selection committee will comprise the Deans of Graduate Programs, CASHS, CSAM, and Regional Operations. The committee is chaired by the Dean of Graduate Programs.

Selection Criteria

The nomination from the Graduate Program (or Committee) Chair will include an evaluation of the following criteria:

1. The result of the oral examination for project, thesis, or dissertation, which should normally be 'Clear Pass.'
2. The decision of the oral examination and a list of the revisions required by the examining committee.
3. The time taken to complete the graduate program.

Number of Awards

There are normally around 15 awards of academic distinction each year.