

# Academic Regulations

*Students are expected to know regulations and policies found in this catalog and the Student Handbook. Keeping abreast of the school calendar, critical deadlines, and all University mail received in one's University mailbox and/or electronic mail is also the student's responsibility*

## Undergraduate Academic Achievement Recognition

### Honors Curriculum - University Honors Program

For more information about the University Honors Program, see Honors Curriculum in the University-Wide Academic Opportunities section of this catalog.

### Dean's List

At the end of each semester, a Dean's List is compiled consisting of undergraduate students who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 while completing at least 12 quality credits of work in the semester.

### Graduation with Honors

Honors are awarded on the basis of all academic work taken at Samford University. Students who earn at least 90 credits at Samford and a grade point average (calculated on all work done at Samford University) of 3.500 through 3.749 are graduated *cum laude*; of 3.750 through 3.899 are graduated *magna cum laude*; and of 3.900 through 4.000 are graduated *summa cum laude*.

### Honor Organizations

#### University-Wide

Alpha Lambda Delta  
Omicron Delta Kappa  
Phi Kappa Phi  
Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Med)

#### Howard College of Arts and Sciences

Biology – Beta Beta Beta  
Communication Studies – Lambda Pi Eta  
English – Sigma Tau Delta  
History, Political Science  
Phi Alpha Theta  
Pi Gamma Mu  
Pi Sigma Alpha  
Journalism/Mass Communication  
Kappa Tau Alpha  
Mathematics – Pi Mu Epsilon  
Philosophy – Phi Sigma Tau  
Psychology – Psi Chi  
Religion – Theta Alpha Kappa  
Sociology – Alpha Kappa Delta  
World Languages and Cultures  
Pi Delta Phi (French)  
Delta Phi Alpha (German)  
Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)

#### Brock School of Business

Beta Alpha Psi  
Beta Gamma Sigma  
Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics)  
Mu Kappa Tau (Marketing)

#### Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education and Professional Studies

Teacher Education  
Kappa Delta Epsilon  
Kappa Delta Pi  
Family and Consumer Education  
Kappa Omicron Nu

#### Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing

Sigma Theta Tau

#### School of the Arts

Alpha Psi Omega  
Phi Kappa Lambda

#### McWhorter School of Pharmacy

Rho Chi

#### Metro Programs

Alpha Sigma Lambda

### Class Honors Medals

Class Honors medals are awarded in the spring term to undergraduate students who have successfully completed at least 12 graded credits in the previous fall term with a Samford cumulative GPA of at least 3.75. The four Class Honors medals are:

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| Freshman Year:  | Ruric E. Wheeler |
| Sophomore Year: | Seal             |
| Junior Year:    | Tower            |
| Senior Year:    | John Howard      |

A student may earn only one certificate or class honor medal each academic year. Students in their second year who have attained sophomore status be considered for a Seal Award, even if they have enough credits to be classified as a junior. Similarly, students in their third year who have attained junior status will be considered for a Tower Award, even if they have enough credits to be classified as a senior.

#### Wheeler

Ruric Wheeler has been a faculty member and administrator at Samford University since 1953. He established a national reputation in mathematics through his textbook, *Modern Mathematics*, which has been used by generations of college students. In honoring this outstanding scholar, devoted teacher, and university leader, the Wheeler medal celebrates the pursuit of academic excellence in a Christian tradition.

#### Seal

The University seal is inscribed with an oil lamp resting on an open book. The University motto, "Deo doctrinae aeternitati," appears above the lamp. The seal reminds us that God is the eternal source of light and truth, and that his wisdom is "a light unto our path."

#### Tower

The Samford belltower has long served as the University logo. Inside the tower are the sixty bells of the Rushton Memorial Carillon, one of the largest in America. Just as the belltower makes Davis Library the focal point of the campus, the Tower medal is a reminder that knowledge and learning are at the center of university life.

#### Howard

This medal bears the name of John Howard, an eighteenth century humanitarian who campaigned tirelessly for the improvement of prisons. His statue was the first to be placed in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and it stands to this day in a place of honor near the pulpit. Howard's life symbolizes Christ's call of service to others.

## Academic Integrity

A degree from Samford University is evidence of achievement in scholarship and citizenship. Activities and attitudes should be consistent with high academic standards and Christian commitment and should be in keeping with the philosophy and mission of the University.

The Faculty Statement on Academic Dishonesty is as follows: students, upon enrollment, enter into voluntary association with Samford University. They must be willing to observe high standards of intellectual integrity; they must respect knowledge and practice academic honesty. Those who cheat on an examination or class assignment are not only academically dishonest, but also completely deficient in the scholarly maturity necessary to college study. Those detected in dishonesty are subject to severe punishment. The more dependence on cheating, the more inevitable becomes ultimate failure, often accompanied by public disgrace. Any act to obtain an unfair academic advantage is considered dishonest.

## Academic Renewal

Undergraduate students who have dropped out, withdrawn, or who have been suspended because of academic deficiencies but have demonstrated sufficient maturation may request to be enrolled as a candidate for academic renewal. (See Academic Renewal Applicant in the Undergraduate Admission Procedures and Policies section of this catalog for application procedures.)