## AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY Guidelines, Policies and Procedures

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- 1.0 Graduate students completing degree course work with a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 3.50 (with no re-sits and no repeats), will have their degrees conferred "With Distinction".
- 2.0 Graduate students completing degree course work with a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 3.50 (with no re-sits and no repeats) and a minimum percentage grade of 85% in their thesis / dissertation will have their degrees conferred "With Great Distinction".
  - 2.1 The thesis / dissertation letter grade will be recorded as Pass / Fail (and thus not used in the calculation of the CGPA).
  - 2.2 The percentage grade assigned for the thesis / dissertation will be recorded on a student's transcript.
- 3.0 Students receiving a sanction for academic misconduct will be deemed ineligible for having their degrees conferred "With Distinction" or "With Great Distinction".
- 4.0 The Policy is applicable to the following graduate degree programmes:
  - Doctor of Philosophy (Health Sciences)
  - Doctor of Philosophy (Education)
  - Master of Arts (Muslim Cultures)
  - Master of Arts (Digital Journalism)
  - Master of Education
  - Master of Health Professions Education
  - Master of Philosophy (Biological & Biomedical Sciences)
  - Master of Philosophy (Education)
  - Master of Science (Epidemiology & Biostatistics)
  - Master of Science (Health Policy & Management)
  - Master of Science in Nursing