



POLICY

Posthumous Degree

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A degree may be awarded posthumously under the following conditions:

1. A deceased student is eligible for a posthumous degree if they have completed a minimum of 50% of their degree program and are in good standing.
2. A family member of the deceased student or other interested party may complete the posthumous degree form on the Registrar's website.
3. If a deceased student has completed less than 50% of their degree program or is not in good standing, the program faculty may be petitioned for posthumous degree conferral. This includes the program faculty agreeing to waive remaining degree requirements. The Provost has the final authority to review eligibility, waive any remaining degree requirements and confer the posthumous degree.
4. The posthumous degree may be noted in the commencement program but not on the diploma. A deceased student's next of kin will be afforded a choice as to whether they want the conferral listed in the commencement program.

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