

**Policy Title:** Posthumous Degrees

**Policy Type:** Academic

**New/revised:** Revised

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**Approval level:** ☒ Board of Trustees  
☐ President  
☐ Vice President  
☐ Other (specify here)

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for awarding a degree posthumously.

**Policy:**

In the unfortunate event of a student's death during an academic term in which it may reasonably be assumed that he or she would have completed all degree requirements, a degree may be awarded posthumously to the student.

The decision as to the likelihood that the student would have completed his or her work during the term shall be at the discretion of the president.

Recommendations from the faculty and dean of the college to the president for awarding a degree posthumously should be in accordance with the established institutional process for conferral of degrees.

The special nature of the award should be reflected on all pertinent records.

3/24/2017 – approved by the Board of Trustees.