

Posthumous Degrees

Undergraduate

Undergraduate degrees and certificates may be awarded posthumously in cases where successful completion of the courses for which the student was registered at the time of death would have fulfilled all graduation requirements.

Graduate

Graduate **and professional** degrees and certificates may be awarded posthumously in cases when the student would likely have completed the degree or certificate had it not been for the intervention of death. Generally, this means that all requirements would have been completed during the term when death occurred. Completion of degree requirements during the current term must be verified by the signature of the student's graduate advisory committee.

Approval & Revisions:

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Proposed changes:

Replace first paragraph with:

Undergraduate degrees and certificates may be awarded posthumously in cases where the student officially had earned senior standing at the time of death. Completion of degree requirements during the current term must be verified by the academic unit.

Add to second paragraph:

*and professional (see above)

Questions:

- Earned senior standing (including registration if a term hasn't started?)
- Do we want to require a minimum credit hours? Example of low credits.
- Notation of Posthumous?