

Title	Posthumous Degree		
Classification	Academic	Oversight & Responsibility	Office of the VP Academic
Category	Education & Teaching	Effective Date	2014 Dec 03
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This policy is applied in a manner consistent with applicable statutory and legal obligations, including university collective agreements and terms of employment.

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A posthumous degree may be awarded to a student who dies before all degree requirements are fulfilled. To be eligible for consideration the student must:

- have successfully completed at least 50% of the course requirements for the degree program the student was registered in at the time of death; and,
- have been in good academic standing such that eventual graduation was expected.

The Dean, in conjunction with the Registrar, will initiate a review of the deceased student's file and provide a written recommendation to the Vice-President Academic and Provost regarding a deceased student's eligibility for the awarding of a posthumous degree.

Following receipt of a recommendation from the Dean, the Vice-President Academic and Provost will make a recommendation to the President. If the President approves the awarding of a posthumous degree, the deceased student's executor (or nearest relative if no executor exists) will be contacted by the President, or designate, regarding the posthumous degree.

If the deceased student's executor (or nearest relative if no executor exists) agrees, the student's name will be included in the list of graduands for Academic Council review and approval, and in the convocation program.

Where practical, the deceased student's diploma will be presented to the next of kin at the convocation ceremony.

Review and Revision History

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Next Review	
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