



## **POLICY STATEMENT**

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**SUBJECT:** Awarding of Posthumous Degrees

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### **I. PURPOSE**

To define policy with respect to the awarding of posthumous degrees. This policy does not apply to the awarding of honorary degrees.

### **II. POLICY**

In order to recognize the student's academic achievement, posthumous degrees may be awarded to students who die before scheduled times for graduation. If the student possessed appropriate academic credentials at the time of death and if the family wishes, the University may authorize the posthumous issuance of the appropriate degree.

### **III. PROCEDURE**

A student may be granted a posthumous degree if, at the time of his/her death or at the time of withdrawal from the University due to medical necessity relating to a terminal illness, the student was:

1. enrolled and in good standing at the University; and
2. an undergraduate and 20 or fewer semester hours short of the number of semester hours required to complete the degree which the student was seeking; or
3. a graduate student and 6 or fewer semester hours short of the number of semester hours required to complete the degree which the student was seeking.

The Dean, after consultation with the faculty responsible for the degree which the student was seeking, will forward a recommendation to the Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs who shall make a recommendation concerning the award to the Chancellor.

For exceptional cases, Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs may petition the Admissions and Standards Committee for an exception to the guidelines set forth in the preceding paragraphs.

AUTHORIZED Stuart E Mills 7-19-01  
Provost and Vice Chancellor Date  
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APPROVED V. Marsala 7-19-01  
Chancellor Date