

Posthumous Degrees

Responsible Official: **President** Responsible Office: **Office of the President**

Policy Purpose

This policy specifies when a degree can be awarded posthumously.

Policy Statement

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

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.

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.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 49-8-203

Previous Policy: TBR 2:01:00:02

Defined Terms

A defined term has a special meaning within the context of this policy.

Policy History

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Scope and Applicability