

SUBJECT: Awarding of Degrees Posthumously	Effective Date: 01-19-07	Policy Number: 4-404
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	Responsible Authority: Provost and Executive Vice President	

APPLICABILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY:

This policy applies to all degree-granting colleges and units.

POLICY STATEMENT:

A student who dies while actively pursuing an **undergraduate degree** may be considered for a posthumous undergraduate degree if he or she is in good academic standing at the time of death, has a 2.0 grade point average or better, and is within at least 15 semester hours or the final term of completion of all requirements for the degree.

A student who dies while actively pursuing a **graduate degree** may be considered for a posthumous graduate degree if he or she is in good academic standing at the time of death, has a 3.0 grade point average or better in the program of study, and if:

- the non-thesis student is within the last 6 semester hours or last semester (whichever is deemed more appropriate by the graduate program) and has completed graduate course work satisfactorily to that point
- the specialist student is within the last 9 semester hours or last semester (whichever is deemed more appropriate by the graduate program) and has completed graduate course work satisfactorily to that point
- the master's degree thesis option or doctoral degree student is within a semester of finishing the thesis or dissertation as recommended by the thesis or dissertation advisory committee and has completed graduate course work satisfactorily to that point

PROCEDURES:

The department, school, or college that receives notification of a student's death and a request that the undergraduate or graduate degree be awarded posthumously should complete and route for approvals the appropriate form for a degree to be awarded posthumously (see FORMS section).

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Undergraduate Posthumous Degree Procedures

<http://www.provost.ucf.edu/forms/docs/posthdegprocedures.pdf>

FORMS:

Request for Undergraduate Posthumous Degree

<http://www.provost.ucf.edu/forms/docs/PosthumousDegreeForm.pdf>

Posthumous Graduate Degree form

<http://www.graduatestudies.ucf.edu/formsnfiles/>

INITIATING AUTHORITY: Provost and Executive Vice President

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