



University Policy Statement

UPS 330.164

POSTHUMOUS DEGREE AND RECOGNITION

Students who, at the time of their death or prior to an illness or accident that leads to their death, were in good academic standing in a degree program may be awarded a posthumous degree by the President.

The purpose of the posthumous degree is a recognition of the academic achievement of the student, as well as a statement of their value to the California State University, Fullerton community.

When determining whether to grant a degree under this policy, the President will consider recommendations from the Chair, Coordinator, or Director of the program for which the degree is being conferred.

Process for Awarding a Posthumous Degree

The Chair or Coordinator of the academic unit for the student's degree program may initiate consideration of the award of a posthumous degree by contacting the Dean of the college. Upon receipt of the recommendation, the Dean shall submit their formal recommendation to the Provost for review. If the Provost concurs with the decision, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the President for final approval.

Presentation of the Degree

At the President's discretion, the posthumous degree will be awarded either at a private ceremony or at the appropriate commencement exercise. The diploma will state that the degree awarded was a posthumous degree.

Commencement Program Recognition

The commencement program will note that the degree was presented posthumously.

Honors at Graduation

Students receiving a posthumous degree under this Policy will be awarded honors at graduation for which their academic performance qualifies.

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