



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY

Policy on Degrees Awarded Posthumously

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Drafted By: Student Academic Policies and Procedures Committee

Applicability: All CSUCI Students

Purpose: To expand the current policy on the awarding of posthumous degrees to include Master's Degree level students.

Background: Our existing policy on degrees awarded posthumously did not include criteria for granting graduate level degrees. Subsequently, the revision will separate the two distinct student populations by their individual criteria.

Baccalaureate Policy:

A posthumous degree may be awarded if a student in good standing completed a) 30 units in residence; b) 60 units overall; c) 20 units in the declared major, and had a G.P.A. of at least 2.0. The Provost/VPAA may initiate a request for the awarding of the posthumous degree by communicating in writing with the Records and Registration office. Final authority for approval lies with the President or designee.

Master's Degree Policy:

A posthumous degree may be awarded if the student, at the time of death, accomplished the following: a) satisfactorily completed at least 15 units of graduate (500 level) coursework in residence; b) was within 6 semester units of finishing the number of units necessary for completion of an approved master's degree study plan; c) was in good standing with a 3.00 GPA. The Provost/VPAA may initiate a request for the awarding of the posthumous degree by communicating in writing with the Records and Registration office. Final authority for approval lies with the President or designee.