

## 11.08 Award of Posthumous Degrees

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### Policy Statement

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The universities and the health science center (academic institutions) of The Texas A&M University System (system) may award a posthumous degree in accordance with this policy.

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### Reason for Policy

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This policy provides the means by which system academic institutions may create rules to establish when the awarding of a posthumous degree is appropriate.

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### Procedures and Responsibilities

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The system offers students the opportunity to earn undergraduate or graduate degrees at its academic institutions. The pursuit of a degree may be interrupted by the untimely death of a student.

The system recognizes the culture and the unique environment of each degree-granting academic institution. Each system academic institution is responsible for determining the criteria to honor a deceased student. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for the award of a posthumous degree.

If the system academic institution chooses to award a posthumous degree, the academic institution must establish a rule to govern the process for awarding such degrees. In the formulation of the requirements for eligibility, the rule must include criteria for each of these elements:

1. current enrollment status of the student;
2. academic standing of the student;
3. progress of the student towards a degree; and
4. classification of the student if an undergraduate.

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