



POSTHUMOUS DEGREE POLICY

PURPOSE

To establish the criteria and process of awarding posthumous degrees at Long Island University

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Posthumous undergraduate degrees: May be awarded to deceased undergraduate students who have completed a minimum of all but 18 credit hours of the requirements for graduation. The remaining 18 credit hours would complete their degree requirements and meet all university, college, and department GPA requirements. The appropriate degree may be awarded posthumously on the recommendations of the student's academic department with the approval by the dean of the student's college and the Senior Vice-President of Academic Affairs. The student's transcript will show a notation that the degree was awarded posthumously.

Posthumous graduate degrees: May be awarded to deceased graduate students who have completed a minimum of all but 9 credit hours of the required course work. The remaining 9 credit hours would complete their degree requirements and meet all university, college, and department GPA requirements. The appropriate degree may be awarded posthumously upon recommendations from the student's academic department with the approval of the dean of the student's college, and the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs. For all degrees, the academic department must certify that it believes that all requirements for the degree would have been completed by the anticipated graduation date under normal circumstances. The student's transcript will show a notation that the degree was awarded posthumously.

Posthumous doctoral degrees: May be awarded when the following apply:

- The student has passed any required comprehensive exams.
- The student has successfully defended the dissertation proposal, and
- student should be within 9 credits of completing all dissertation requirements and would most likely have fulfilled all dissertation requirements and received the degree.

POLICY TYPE: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS