

## 11.08 Awarding of Posthumous Degrees

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### Policy Summary

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

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### Policy

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1. 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.
  2. The system recognizes the culture and the unique environment of each degree-granting academic institution. Each academic institution is responsible for determining the criteria to honor a deceased student. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for the awarding of a posthumous degree.
  3. If the 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:
    - (a) current enrollment status of the student;
    - (b) academic standing of the student;
    - (c) progress of the student towards a degree; and
    - (d) classification of the student if an undergraduate.
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### Member Rule Requirements

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A rule is required if the academic institution chooses to award posthumous degrees. See Section 3.

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