

POLICY STATEMENT 86

Awarding of Honorary Degrees and Posthumous Recognitions

POLICY DIGEST

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I. PURPOSE

To define the policy pertaining to the awarding of honorary degrees, posthumous degrees, and posthumous commendations in memoriam.

II. GENERAL POLICY

A. Honorary Degrees

The university awards honorary degrees to individuals of outstanding character and notable distinction who have made significant contributions to their field of endeavor or to society in general.

1. The university awards five honorary degrees associated with the individual's field:

- c. The recommendation for awarding the degree must be made by the student's graduate committee and subsequently approved by the appropriate department chair and dean, the Graduate Council, and the Dean of the Graduate School.

3. Extraordinary Circumstances

Cases that do not meet the above criteria may also be considered when extraordinary circumstances prevail.

