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A posthumous degree may be awarded to a deceased student under the following circumstances.

The student must have:

- a. Died while a student, or within 12 months of the last registration;
- b. Been in good academic standing of a high enough standard that eventual graduation was expected;
- c. For an undergraduate student in a program requiring 120 credit hours, completed at least 90 credit hours;
- d. For an undergraduate student in a program requiring 90 credit hours, completed at least 72 credit hours;
- e. For a graduate student in a course based Master's program, completed 75% of the course work;
- f. For a graduate student in a thesis based Master's program, completed all classroom-based course work and made significant progress in thesis research, normally including a draft of a substantive portion of the thesis, and receive a unanimous recommendation from the supervisory committee; and
- g. For a graduate student in a Ph.D. program, completed all classroom-based course work, comprehensive examination (or equivalent) and thesis proposal (if applicable), and made significant progress in the dissertation research, normally including a draft of a substantive portion of the dissertation, and receive a unanimous recommendation from the supervisory committee.

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