

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY RULE**



**11.08.99.P1 Awarding of Posthumous Degrees**

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**Rule Statement**

The award of a posthumous degree may be an appropriate recognition of a student's academic achievement when a student's progress would have likely fulfilled the requirements of a degree except for the occurrence of death.

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**Reason for Rule**

This Rule identifies the circumstances and criteria for granting and awarding a posthumous degree. University Administrative Procedure (UAP) 11.08.99.P0.01 Award of Posthumous Degrees provides additional information on the criteria for awarding a posthumous degree and guidance on the process to be followed. This Rule is required by System Policy [11.08 Award of Posthumous Degrees](#).

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**Official Procedures and Responsibilities**

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**1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 Prairie View A&M University may award undergraduate or graduate posthumous degrees to students whose untimely deaths interrupted their ability to complete their specific degree requirements.
- 1.2 To be eligible for a posthumous undergraduate degree, the student at the time of death has to have met the following criteria:
  - 1.2.1 The student must have substantially completed all requirements for the degree.
  - 1.2.2 The student must be enrolled in the semester in which the degree would have been conferred.
  - 1.2.3 The student must be in good academic standing.
- 1.3 To be eligible for a posthumous graduate degree, the student at the time of death has to have met the following criteria:

1.3.1 The student must have substantially completed all requirements for the degree as defined below:

1.3.1.1 For graduate degrees requiring a research product (dissertation, record of study, thesis, or research paper) the research proposal, at the time of the student's death, must have been signed by each committee member and a significant portion of the dissertation, record of study, thesis or research paper must have been reviewed by the committee and found to be acceptable. Ph.D. students must have been admitted to candidacy.

1.3.1.2 For graduate degrees not requiring a research product, the student must have been enrolled in the semester in which the degree would have been conferred and in courses that would have completed their degree requirements.

1.3.2 The student must be in good academic standing.

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#### **Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations and Rules**

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[System Policy 11.08 Award of Posthumous Degrees](#)

[UAP 11.08.99.P0.01 Award of Posthumous Degrees](#)

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