
AWARDING POSTHUMOUS DEGREES

PURPOSE: To establish the criteria and process of awarding posthumous degrees at Boise State University.

Undergraduate Degrees. Posthumous degrees may be awarded to deceased undergraduate students who have completed all but 16 credit hours of the requirements for graduation and have been enrolled as a student within the past two regular semesters. The remaining 16 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 university president. The student's transcript will show a notation that the degree was awarded posthumously.

Posthumous Graduate Degrees. Posthumous degrees may be awarded to deceased graduate students who have completed all but 9 hours of the required course work for graduation and have been enrolled as a student within the past two regular semesters. 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 on the recommendations of the student's academic department with the approval of the dean of the student's college and the university president. For all degrees, the student's advisor and/or advisory committee 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 Certificate of Recognition. In cases where it is determined that either an undergraduate or graduate student did not meet the above requirements for a degree, a "posthumous certificate of recognition" may be awarded, if appropriate, by the Registrar's Office. The certificate recognizes a student's progress toward the attainment of a degree. The certificate will be noted on the student's transcript.