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Oregon Tech Policy
OIT-15-012
Posthumous Degrees

1. Policy Statement

Oregon Tech awards posthumous degrees and posthumous certificates of completion to celebrate the life and contributions to the university community of a student who dies prior to completion.

2. Reason for Policy/Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to document the requirements for a posthumous degree and posthumous certificates of completion.

3. Applicability/Scope

This policy applies to all posthumous degrees and posthumous certificates of completion. See link, below.

4. Definitions

Good academic standing: Good academic standing is defined in the applicable General Catalog.

Posthumous: Following or occurring after death.

5. Policy

a. Posthumous Degrees

Generally, to be considered for a posthumous degree, the student should have completed at least two-thirds (2/3) of all required credit hours for graduation for the degree and be in good academic standing with the university, as determined by the Registrar. The request for a posthumous degree will be reviewed by the dean of the college in which the student was enrolled and then sent to the Provost for consideration.

If the Provost approves the request, they will direct the University Registrar to record the posthumous degree. The notation of "posthumously awarded" will be reflected on the student's transcript with the date of the award.

b. Posthumous Certificate of Completion

In cases where it is determined that a student did not meet the above criteria for a posthumous degree, a posthumous certificate of completion may be awarded, at the request of the Provost, by the University Registrar. The certificate of completion will be noted on the student's transcript.

6. Links to Related Procedures, Forms, or Information

General Catalog

7. Policy Review/Consultation

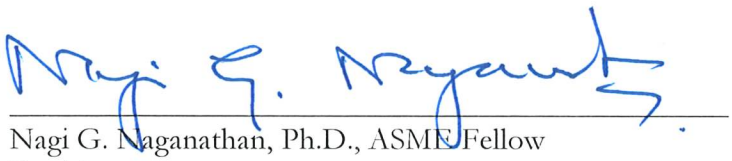
This policy was reviewed and open to consultation by the following Oregon Tech committees and/or advisory groups:

- Academic Standards Committee Spring 2025
- Faculty Senate – senate vote of approval on 6/3/2025

This policy was adopted pursuant to Oregon Tech's policy review and making process.

8. Policy Approval

Approved by the President on December 18, 2025.



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