

**Policy II-22: Posthumous Degree**

**Summary of Key Changes**

The Policy has been updated as follows:

- Updated [wording criteria to award degree](#)
- [Faculty Senate edited criteria](#)

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## POLICY

### Posthumous Degree

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### POLICY:

A degree may be awarded posthumously under the following conditions:

- ~~1. The deceased student shall have~~ is eligible for a posthumous degree if they have ~~The student was enrolled in his/her/their final term~~ the last completed a minimum of ~~27~~50% of their degree program and in good standing.
- ~~1. , or otherwise nearing completion of his/her/their his or her graduation requirements:~~
2. If a student has completed less than 50% of their degree program or is not in good standing the program may be petitioned for posthumous degree conferral. ~~At least seventy-five percent of the program faculty in which the student was enrolled agree that the student should receive the posthumous degree. This includes the program agreeing to waive remaining degree requirements.~~
- ~~3.~~
- ~~2.4.~~ The program in which the student was enrolled, as well as the ~~The~~ Office of the Provost, will also agree to waive any remaining degree requirements.
- ~~3.5.~~ The posthumous degree ~~may be so~~ may be noted in the commencement program but not on the ~~actual~~ diploma. The student's next of kin will be afforded a choice as to whether they want the conferral listed in the commencement program.

**Commented [GA1]:** We added the term deceased student because our team and Cares received a phone call from a terminally ill student who wanted to apply for a posthumous degree instead of taking Spring 23 courses. We reviewed sister school and Rider University uses the term "The deceased student" shall ...

**Commented [GA2R1]:** [ACADEMIC POLICY MANUAL \(rider.edu\)](#)

**Commented [GA3]:** Faculty Senate are suggesting:

"The student was enrolled in their final term, or otherwise nearing completion of graduation requirements" to read as "At least seventy-five percent of the program faculty in which the student was enrolled agree that the student should receive the posthumous degree."

**Commented [GA4]:** Questions that were asked:

How would this be measured?  
Does the former student need to be in good standing?

### Review History:

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