

UAM OPERATING PROCEDURE 555.1
RE: Award of Posthumous Degrees

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The University of Arkansas at Monticello seeks to extend sympathy and compassion to the families of students who pass away near the completion of their degrees and to recognize the academic achievement of students who have fulfilled the requirements of the degree. These actions must also be balanced with attention to academic and institutional integrity.

To be eligible for a posthumous degree, a deceased student must not have been dismissed or suspended at the time of death and must not have died in connection with committing a crime or other serious misconduct.

To be eligible for a posthumous Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degree, the deceased student must have earned at least 30 semester credit hours at the 1000-level or above. To be eligible for a posthumous baccalaureate degree, the deceased student must have earned at least 90 semester credit hours at the 1000-level or above. To be eligible for a posthumous master's degree, the deceased student must have earned at least 24 semester credit hours at the 5000-level or above. Eligibility will also include a 2.00 cumulative grade point average at the undergraduate level (unless the academic program requires higher) and a 3.00 cumulative grade point average at the graduate level, as well as the recommendation from his/her department, school or college faculty.

Authority for approving a posthumous degree award rests with the University's Executive Council. Requests for consideration are to be sent in writing to the Council. Any award approved by the Council will be made only after the approval of the immediate family of the deceased student. Ordinarily, the student's diploma will be released or mailed to the immediate family member who approves the awarding of the degree. There shall be no fees charged for the awarding of a posthumous degree.