UNC Charlotte Academic Policy: Posthumous Degree

I. Introduction

University policy provides for the posthumous award of a degree to students if, at the time of their death, they had not completed degree requirements but the conditions specified below are satisfied.

II. Policy Statement

For undergraduate degrees: Any student who at the time of his death was duly enrolled and had completed at least 90 semester hours toward a degree at UNCC UNC Charlotte shall, upon recommendation of the faculty of the college and approval by the University faculty, be awarded the degree posthumously.

For graduate degrees: Any student who at the time of his or her death was in good standing in a graduate degree program and had completed approximately two-thirds of the requirements toward a graduate degree, at UNC Charlotte shall, upon recommendation by the faculty of the program and approval by the University faculty, be awarded the degree posthumously.

III. Definitions

- **College** – An academic unit of the University. Each of the seven discipline-based colleges at UNC Charlotte represents an organization of related departments.
- **Degree** – Diploma or title awarded to a student who completed a prescribed course of study.
- **Faculty** – The members of the teaching and research body staff of UNC Charlotte. Faculty may hold the rank of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, lecturer, research associate, research assistant, or the equivalent of any of these academic ranks.

IV. Policy Contact(s)

- **Authority**: Faculty Council
- **Responsible Office**: Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- **Additional Contact(s)**: n/a

V. History

- Approved: May 5, 1988 (graduate degrees)
- Approved: April 17, 1975 (undergraduate degrees)

VI. Related Policies, Procedures and Resources

- [University of North Carolina at Charlotte Academic Policy: Graduation](#)

VII. Frequently Asked Questions

- Which students are covered under this policy? This policy applies to all students at UNC Charlotte.