

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

HONORARY POSTHUMOUS DEGREES

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Senate Procedure 401.1.1

[Coordinating Policy 401.1](#)

Definition

An Honorary Posthumous Degree (HPD) may be awarded by the University to recognize progress toward a degree when that progress is terminated by the death of a student. The award is in recognition of the student's goals and also of the personal and financial support of the student's family and friends, to commemorate their connection to the Michigan Tech community.

Procedure

Normally, the student's academic advisor or the student's family will initiate the request for awarding an HPD. An HPD will be conferred upon recommendation from the deceased student's major academic department or school, followed by the approval of the University. The recommendation should be submitted as a written request to the provost's office, together with documentation that the student was pursuing a degree at Michigan Tech.

Guidelines for the submission of the recommendation, and the procedures for the actual awarding of the degree, will be developed by the provost.

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