

Nipissing University

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A *posthumous degree* may be granted to a deceased student under the following circumstances:

- The student died within 12 months of the last registration;
- The student was in good academic standing such that eventual graduation was expected;
- For undergraduates in programs requiring 120 or more credits, the student completed at least 90 credits;
- For undergraduates in programs requiring 90 credits, the student completed at least 72 credits;
- The student was in an Honours program at the time of death but was not eligible for a posthumous Honours degree and so may be recommended for the corresponding General degree;
- For course based graduate programs, the student completed at least 75% of the course work;
- For graduate programs with a Major Research Project, Thesis or Dissertation, the student completed all course work and a significant amount of work towards completing their Major Research Project, Thesis or Dissertation.

A degree in memoriam may be granted to a deceased student under the following circumstances:

- The student died within 12 months of the last registration;
- The student was in good academic standing
- The student is not eligible for a posthumous degree.

An in memoriam or posthumous degree must be recommended by the Dean and approved by Senate.