POSTHUMOUS DEGREE POLICY

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**POSTHUMOUS DEGREE POLICY:**

To recognize the student’s work and as a source of solace for the family, next of kin (including child, parent, spouse, or domestic partner) may request a posthumous degree.

**General Requirements for Posthumous Degrees**

- The student must have been enrolled in any term within one year of the degree date,
- The student must be in good academic standing,
- The student must have no disciplinary sanctions pending,
- The death must not have been the result of illegal behavior on the part of the student, and
- Latin honors are not awarded on posthumous degrees.

**Associate Degree Students**

A posthumous associate’s degree will be granted to a deceased student who meets the general requirements above and who has completed a minimum of 45 credits.

*Note:* John Jay College is phasing out all associate degree programs beginning fall 2010. The associate’s degree will be conferred posthumously only as long as the College is awarding associate degrees to regular degree recipients. At present, the last award is scheduled for May 2015.

**Baccalaureate Degree Students**

A posthumous bachelor’s degree will be granted to a deceased student who meets the general requirements above and who has achieved senior standing (a minimum of 90 credits earned).

**Graduate Degree Students**

To be eligible for these recognitions, a deceased student who, at the time of termination of study, meets the general requirements above and shall have met a minimum of:

- Successful completion, when applicable, of comprehensive examinations and 75 percent of required credit hours in programs that do not require a thesis, or
- Successful completion, when applicable, of comprehensive examinations, the prospectus seminar course, and faculty acceptance of a thesis topic.