



Posthumous Degree Request Form

The University of New Mexico recognizes that an academic degree is a matter of legitimate pride in achievement for not only students, but for the family and friend who support and encourage them. UNM also recognizes that significant progress in an academic program is, under certain circumstances, an achievement which warrants special recognition.

Accordingly, UNM has made available opportunities to bestow upon a student who dies before the completion of their program a posthumous or In Memoriam degree.

Posthumous Degrees may be granted under the following circumstances and terms:

- Requests may be initiated by the student's family, faculty of the department/college, or a UNM administrator.
- The student must have been in a degree status and either currently enrolled or enrolled in the academic year prior to their passing.
- The student must have completed a minimum of half of the credits required for the degree.
- The department, college, and Faculty Senate must approve requests. In addition, the Senate Graduate Committee must review and approve all graduate level posthumous degrees.
- Degrees awarded will be noted as "posthumous" on both the diploma and transcript.

In Memoriam Degrees

In the instance that a request does not fulfill the requirements of a Posthumous Degree, a "Degree in Memoriam" may be awarded. The degree will be noted as "in memoriam" on the diploma and transcript.

Instructions for Request

Prior to completing this form, we encourage you to review the [Posthumous Degree Policy](#). Please include a letter of support along with this completed form.

Initiator of Request:

Date of Request:

Email:

Phone:

Student's Name:

Student ID:

College:

Major(s):

Concentration(s):

Minor(s):

Degree:

Number of Completed Credit Hours:

Would you like the Dean of Students to contact the family regarding this request?

Yes No

Degree Requested: **Posthumous** **In Memoriam** **Letter of Support Attached?** **Yes** **No**

Thank you for your submission. For questions or to return this form, contact Lisa Lindquist, LoboRESPECT Director at ldelgado@unm.edu.

For Use in the Office of the University Secretary

| Approval | Approver Name | Date |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------|
| Department: | | |
| College: | | |
| Grad Committee: (If Applicable) | | |
| Faculty Senate: | | |
| UNM Board of Regents: | | |
| Registrar Request: | | |