



# Posthumous Degree Request Form

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Relationship to student or UNM: Academic Advisor

Would you like the Dean of Students to contact the family regarding this request?  Yes  No

Dean of Students Notification: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name:	<u>Matthew B. Grant</u>		
Student ID:	<u>101-528-219</u>		
College:	<u>Arts+Sciences</u>	Degree:	<u>BA</u>
Major(s):	<u>Sociology</u>		
Concentration(s):			
Minor(s):			

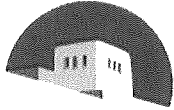
The University of New Mexico recognizes that earning an academic degree is a matter of legitimate pride in achievement not only for students themselves but also for the family members and friends who provide students with vitally important support and encouragement during the course of their studies. UNM also recognizes that not only the degree, but also significant progress in an academic program is, under certain circumstances, an achievement which warrants special recognition.

Accordingly, the University of New Mexico will make available "posthumous degrees" of appropriate type and level to be bestowed upon a student who dies before s/he is able to complete his/her program.

These degrees may be granted under the following circumstances and terms:

1. The student must be in degree status and either currently enrolled or enrolled in the academic year previous to his/her death;
2. The student must have completed a minimum of half of the credits required for the degree;
3. Requests for posthumous degrees may be initiated by the student's family, the faculty of the department and/or college, or a UNM administrator;
4. The department, the college and the Faculty Senate must approve requests for posthumous degrees. The Senate Graduate Committee must also review and provide recommendation on requests for graduate level posthumous degrees;
5. The degree will be noted as "posthumous" on both the diploma and the transcript.

Approvals	Name	Signature	Date
Department :	<u>Richard L. Wood</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12/9/14</u>
College :	<u>Stephanie Harde</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12/10/14</u>
Faculty Senate:			
Senate Graduate Committee (if necessary):			



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To: Regents of the University of New Mexico  
Faculty Senate, University of New Mexico  
Office of the University Secretary  
MSC05 3340

From: Richard L. Wood, Chair  
Department of Sociology

Date: January 15, 2015

Re: Posthumous Degree request for Matthew Grant

On recommendation of the faculty of the Department of Sociology, and with their authorization, I hereby request the posthumous award of a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology to Matthew Grant, Banner Student ID #101528219.

Mr. Grant died tragically in an automobile accident in late 2014. At the time of his death Mr. Grant was a student in good standing in the Department of Sociology at UNM main campus, and was within a semester or two of completing his degree.

By all accounts, Mr. Grant was a fine student and a delight to have in the classroom. His tragic death represents a loss to the University and to the people of New Mexico; we would like to honor his memory by awarding him this posthumous degree.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Richard L. Wood  
Chair, Department of Sociology  
University of New Mexico