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	Policy Title:	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Responding to a Student Death</h2>	

Definitions

Student: for purposes of this policy, any person who: i) has been admitted to the University; ii) participates in new Student activities or functions in anticipation of enrollment; or iii) was enrolled in at least one course in any previous term or who is or was registered for at least one course whether online or at any University location in any future term.

Policy

The University will respond with great respect for the deceased in a manner consistent with its legal and administrative obligations and in accordance with the wishes of the family or next of kin and those of the broader University community.

In accordance with this policy's Responding to a Student Death Procedures, notifications must be made to numerous offices or units to enable necessary administrative actions in a timely manner. Any information provided will be verified for accuracy and considered carefully before being conveyed to the University community, media, family, or next of kin. Use, access, and disclosure of personal information must accord with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

Related Information*

[Responding to a Student Death Procedure](#)

[Awarding Posthumous Degrees](#)

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