

# CHAPTER I

## ACADEMICS

### SECTION VI. SPECIAL DEGREES

- A. Honorary Degrees. Subject to Board of Supervisors approval of written proposals, four-year institutions are authorized to grant honorary degrees to persons who have made substantial achievements in literary, artistic, scientific, or technical fields of endeavor. Recommendations for such degree(s) must come from the president of the System, president of the university and the faculty of the appropriate college, school or division of the university (from R.S. 17:3352). *(Revised 4/26/96)*
1. No honorary degree shall be awarded that could be confused with an earned degree granted by an accredited institution.
  2. Two categories of individuals are excluded from receiving honorary degrees: faculty or staff members currently employed at the granting institution, and Louisiana elected officials in office at the time of selection and conferral.
  3. To emphasize and preserve the value of honorary doctoral degrees, each institution is limited to a maximum of two per academic year. *(Revised 2/25/2005)*
  4. Honorary degrees awarded at the baccalaureate and masters level are more uncommon, and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. *(Revised 2/25/2005)*
- B. Awarding of Posthumous Degrees. As approved by the Board, a posthumous degree may be awarded by the institution provided all coursework has been completed up to the last semester with the appropriate cumulative GPA. Such degrees will be reported to the System office as they occur. *(Revised 1/5/01)*