

 <b>Prescott College</b>	<b>Policy Number:</b> 930	
	<b>Policy Category:</b> Governance Policies	
	<b>Awarding of Honorary Degrees</b>	
	<b>Policy Summary:</b>  <i>This policy outlines the eligibility and process related to awarding an honorary degree.</i>	
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### Policy Statement

Honorary degrees may be awarded to persons who make exceptional contributions to the Prescott College mission. Prescott College is privileged and proud to be able to recognize persons who have made outstanding contributions to the institution, to higher education, and to society by the awarding of an honorary degree.

The honorary degree granted will be the L.H.D., Doctor of Humane Letters (litterarum humaniorum doctor, honoris causa). The honorary L.H.D. degree will be an academic award that recognizes distinguished accomplishments and scholarship in the arts, humanities, sciences, the professions, and public life, as well as outstanding service to humankind and the planet. Honorary degrees shall not be awarded for any accredited degree granted by Prescott College.

Anyone who is not currently a Prescott College administrator, faculty, staff, or member of the Board of Trustees is eligible to be nominated for an honorary L.H.D. degree. Nominees shall be:

- a. individuals who have made outstanding contributions in scholarly or creative areas;
- b. individuals who have acquired a national or international reputation for excellence in a specific field or endeavor; or
- c. individuals with a recognized record of distinguished community or public service.

Any member of the Prescott College community (alumni, administrators, faculty members, staff, and students), department, or program may nominate someone for the honorary L.H.D. degree through submission of the appropriate materials to the President.

The President, representing the President's Council, shall transmit a recommendation to award an honorary degree to the Board of Trustees for final approval. The award must be accepted by the nominee and awarded within two years of receiving a favorable response from the Honorary Degree Committee, the President's Council, and the Board of Trustees.

### Definitions

**Reason for Policy**

To outline the eligibility and process for awarding honorary degrees.

**Responsibilities**

For following policy:	Board of Trustees, all employees
For enforcement of policy:	President
For oversight of policy:	President
For procedures implementing the policy:	President
For notification:	Policy Librarian

**Procedures****Cross Referenced Policies****Revision History**