

11.07.99W1/AA Granting of Honorary Degrees
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1. West Texas A&M University is governed by The Texas A&M University System's *System Policies and Regulations Manual (SPRM)*. The University rule on granting honorary degrees governs the University in matters not detailed in SPRM.
 - 1.1 Purpose of Honorary Degrees Awarded by WTAMU:
 - 1.1.1 To recognize excellence in fields of public affairs, the sciences, humanities and the arts, scholarship and education, business and philanthropy, and social services which exemplify the mission, role and scope of WTAMU;
 - 1.1.2 To honor meritorious and outstanding service to WTAMU, the State of Texas, The United States, or humanity at large; and
 - 1.1.3 To recognize persons whose lives exemplify the aspirations of the University or its students.
 - 1.2 Criteria for Selection of Degree Recipients:
 - 1.2.1 Degree recipients shall be individuals who have distinguished themselves in sustained scholarly activity in the fields of public affairs, humanities and the arts, the sciences, education, business and philanthropy, or services to humanity.
 - 1.2.2 A degree may be awarded to an individual from industry or government who has achieved national or international distinction by significant contributions to society at large and scholarly pursuits in particular.
 - 1.3 Persons not Eligible:
 - 1.3.1 Current employees of West Texas A&M University;
 - 1.3.2 Individuals who have direct political, legal or budgetary authority over WTAMU; or
 - 1.3.3 Individuals in consideration for past, present, or future gift or other benefaction to WTAMU.

