

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Honorary Degree General Information

CRITERIA

The honorary degree may be awarded to recognize distinguished contributions in the service to humanity, scholarship, government, business, creativity, science, or the community.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Nominations shall be accepted on a nomination form (see attached) from any member of the University community.
2. Nominations shall be sent to the chair of the Honorary Degree Committee by November 1.
3. The committee shall thoroughly evaluate each nominee in relationship to the approved guidelines (criteria). The name(s) of the selected candidate(s) shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the University Senate.
4. Name(s) approved by the Senate Executive Committee shall be forwarded to the University President and announced to the University Senate at an appropriate time.
5. The University President shall submit the name(s) of the recommended candidate(s) to the Council of Trustees for approval and submission to the Board of Governors.

DEGREE DESIGNATIONS

Honorary degrees are limited to degrees not given as earned degrees by any institution of post secondary education authorized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to grant such degrees and may include, but are not limited to, the following:

L.H.D.	Doctor of Humane Letters	First awarded in the 1880s. Usually given to persons who have distinguished themselves in the humanities.*
L.L.D.	Doctor of Laws	First conferred in 1773. Most popular honorary degree now awarded. Despite a wide variety of recipients in the past (clergy, aviators, bankers, sportsmen, and scholars), it is now regarded as the most appropriate degree for a person distinguished in general service to the state, to learning, and to mankind.*
Litt.D.	Doctor of Letters	First awarded in 1892. Considered to be appropriate as a reward for scholarly work of a somewhat restricted nature. Usually conferred upon scholars in particular disciplines.*
Ped.D.	Doctor of Pedagogy	It would seem to be highly desirable for the Doctor of Education to be given exclusively as an earned degree and the Doctor of Pedagogy exclusively as an honorary degree, thus conveniently differentiating the two types of doctorates in the important field of education.+
D.P.S.	Doctor of Public Service	
Sc.D.	Doctor of Science	First conferred in 1884. Unfortunately is also awarded as an earned doctorate at several prominent universities, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Despite this confusion, it is an increasingly popular award for persons who have made distinguished contributions and performed services in the sciences.*

*Knowles, *Handbook of College and University Administration*, 1970

+Ells and Haswell, *Academic Degrees*, 1960

*Kutztown University of
Pennsylvania
Honorary Degree Nomination*

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINEE

Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____

Degree Designation Suggested: _____

Brief Statement of Recommendation

Attach supportive documentation, which should include, if applicable, earned degrees (please list names and addresses of institutions), positions held, special recognition, honors, awards, vitae and letters of support. The Committee requires that nominators keep their nominations confidential.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NOMINATOR

Submitted By: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: November 1
NOMINATIONS SHALL BE CONFIDENTIAL
RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS TO:
Chair, Honorary Degree Committee
Kutztown University
Kutztown, PA 19530**

