



**Angelo State University**  
**Operating Policy and Procedure**

**OP 04.03: Honorary Degrees**

**DATE:** March 25, 2014

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Operating Policy Procedure (OP) is to ensure understanding and a standardized approach regarding honorary degrees.

**REVIEW:** This OP will be reviewed in March every three (3) years, or as needed, by the President.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE**

**The following policy on honorary degrees has been approved in accordance with Section 12.04, Regents' Rule.**

1. Honorary degrees may be conferred to recognize excellence in the fields of scholarly pursuits and education, the sciences, humanities, the arts, public affairs, business, philanthropy, and social services that exemplify the missions and scope of the Texas Tech University System.
2. Honorary degrees shall not be awarded to employees of the University or members of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System, unless the person has been separated from the Texas Tech University System for at least two (2) years; or to individuals who have direct political, legal or budgetary authority over the University; or officials currently holding elective office.
3. Nominations for honorary degrees may be made by faculty, students, staff, administrators, current or former members of the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System, and alumni.
4. Nominations shall be evaluated by an advisory committee appointed by the president of Angelo State University, with administrative, faculty and student representation, and recommendations shall be made to the president.
5. Honorary degrees to be conferred by Angelo State University shall be recommended by the president to the chancellor and authorized by the Board of Regents of the Texas Tech University System.
6. The chancellor will inform the board of nominations at least one month prior to the board meeting when candidates are scheduled to be considered for approval.
7. Honorary degrees shall be awarded at a commencement ceremony or at a time and place mutually agreeable to the president, chancellor, board, and the recipient.