

## **Types of Honorary Doctorate Degrees Utica College May Grant (Approved by NYSED):**

According to New York State law, any accredited institution of higher education authorized to award any earned baccalaureate or higher degree may confer any registered honorary degree. Community colleges may award any registered honorary associate degree. Below is a list of registered degrees. ([Source](#) accessed 18 March 2015.)

Based on the candidates' qualifications and accomplishments, the Office of the Registrar will determine what type of honorary degree to present.

- Doctor of Civil Law (D.C.L.) *is a degree offered by some universities, such as the University of Oxford, instead of the more common Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degrees.*
- Doctor of Commercial Science (D.C.S.)
- Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) *is an advanced or honorary academic degree in divinity.*
- Doctor of Fine Arts (D.F.A.) *is a doctoral degree in fine arts, typically given as an honorary degree (a degree honoris causa). The degree is typically conferred to honor the recipient who has made a significant contribution to society in the arts.*
- Doctor of Hebrew Letters (D.H.Litt.)
- Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) *The degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (Latin: Litterarum humanarum doctor; D.H.L.; or L.H.D.) is always conferred as an honorary degree, usually to those who have distinguished themselves in areas other than science, government, literature or religion, which are awarded degrees of Doctor of Science, Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, or Doctor of Divinity, respectively.*
- Doctor of Jewish Theology (D.J.T.)
- Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) *is a doctoral degree in law. The application of the term varies from country to country, and includes degrees such as the Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D. or S.J.D), Doctor juris (Dr. iur. or Dr. jur.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Juris Doctor (J.D.), and Legum Doctor (LL.D.).*
- Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.) *(Latin: Litterarum doctor; D.Litt.; Litt.D.; D. Lit.; or Lit. D.) is an academic degree, a higher doctorate which, in some countries, may be considered to be beyond the Ph.D. and equal to the Doctor of Science (Sc.D. or D.Sc.). It is awarded in many countries by universities and learned bodies in recognition of achievement in the humanities, original contribution to the creative arts or scholarship and other merits. When awarded without an application by the conferee, it is awarded as an honorary degree.*

- Doctor of Music (Mus.D.) *is a higher doctorate awarded on the basis of a substantial portfolio of compositions and/or scholarly publications on music. The D.Mus. is also distinct from the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in music, which is awarded in areas such as music history, music theory, and musicology. The Doctor of Music degree has also been awarded honoris causa when presented to musicians and composers.*
- Doctor of Pedagogy (Pd.D.) *is awarded honorarily by some US universities to distinguished teachers (in the US and UK, earned degrees within the instructive field are classified as an Ed. D., Doctor of Education or a Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy).*
- Doctor of Sacred Theology (S.T.D.) *(formerly Sacrae Theologiae Professor (S.T.P.), Professor of Sacred Theology), is the final theological degree in the pontifical university system of the Catholic Church.*
- Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) *(Latin: Scientiæ Doctor), usually abbreviated Sc.D., D.Sc., S.D., D.S., or Dr.Sc., is an academic research degree awarded in a number of countries throughout the world. In some countries, "Doctor of Science" is the title used for the standard doctorate in the sciences; elsewhere the Sc.D. is a "higher doctorate" awarded in recognition of a substantial and sustained contribution to scientific knowledge beyond that required for a Ph.D. It may also be awarded as an honorary degree.*