

Occidental College

Honorary Degree Revocation Policy

In keeping with the traditions of American higher education, Occidental College awards honorary degrees to recognize extraordinary individual accomplishment across the wide spectrum of human endeavor.

The College does not revoke this award absent exceptionally unusual circumstances such as conduct that brings the integrity of the degree recipient into significant disrepute. Lawful speech shall not constitute grounds for revocation of an honorary degree.

An honorary degree shall be revoked if a majority of the College's Board of Trustees determines in its discretion that circumstances warranting revocation are established, and that the failure to revoke would have a material and deleterious effect on the well-being of the College community or core College values.