In accordance with R.S. 17.3352, and subject to the Board of Supervisors approval, the LCTCS colleges are authorized to grant an Honorary Associate of Arts in Humane Letters to any individual who has made substantial achievements in their respective field of endeavor. No degrees, whether honorary or earned, shall be conferred except by vote of the board upon the recommendation of the President of the system, Chancellor of the college, and of the Chief Academic Officer of the college.

Honorary degrees shall not be granted in a specific discipline and shall not be printed in a manner to be mistaken as an earned degree granted by an accredited institution. Two categories of individuals are excluded from receiving honorary degrees: (1) faculty or staff members currently employed at the granting institution, (2) Louisiana elected and/or appointed officials in office at the time of selection and conferral. In order to emphasize and preserve the value of honorary degrees, each institution is limited to a maximum of two honorary degrees per academic year.