

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY
AND UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF LAW – DARTMOUTH
ESTABLISHING A 3+3 PROGRAM LEADING TO A BACHELOR’S DEGREE AND A
JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE**

Worcester State University (“Worcester State”) and the University of Massachusetts School of Law – Dartmouth (“UMass Law”) 3+3 Program (the “Program”) is a rigorous accelerated degree program that allows selected applicants to complete both their undergraduate studies and law degree in six rather than seven years.

I. PROGRAM SUMMARY AND RATIONALE

The program is open to academically qualified Worcester State undergraduate students who are committed to pursuing a law degree at UMass Law. Participants complete the first three years of their undergraduate studies and meet matriculation requirements specified below. In their fourth year, participants matriculate at UMass Law as first-year law students, and they earn credit toward completion of the undergraduate degree by completing their first-year law courses. In effect, students save one year of college tuition by substituting their first year of law school for their senior year of college.

The program is designed for students who enter Worcester State with a strong interest in law already formed or who develop such an interest early on and whose career goals and interest in legal education can be well served by UMass Law. Completion of the program will yield a baccalaureate degree from Worcester State as well as a juris doctor from UMass Law.

WHEREAS, UMass Law seeks to expand opportunity for high quality legal education to capable, motivated students interested in the study of law.

WHEREAS, Worcester State seeks to provide current and future Worcester State degree candidates the opportunity to obtain undergraduate and law degrees on an accelerated basis.

WHEREAS, Worcester State and UMass Law seek to establish a collaborative relationship.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, obligations, terms and conditions set forth herein, Worcester State and UMass Law will offer an accelerated undergraduate and juris doctor program that allows participants to complete their undergraduate degree and a juris doctor degree subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

II. WORCESTER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- A. Oversight for the Program at Worcester State will rest with the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences.
- B. Program options at Worcester State include the minor in Pre-Law offered through the Department of History and Government; the minor in Philosophy and Law

offered through the Department of Philosophy; and the Bachelor of Science or the minor in Criminal Justice offered through the Department of Criminal Justice.

- C. Interested students should meet with as early as possible with a pre-law adviser from one of the above-listed departments to ensure they are able to complete all Program requirements.
- D. Program entrance requirements are commensurate with those of the above-listed minor and major programs.
- E. Credit hour and course requirements are commensurate with those of the above-listed minor and major programs.
- F. Students should consult the Student Success Center about filing a leave of absence for their year of study at UMass Law.

III. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO UMASS LAW

Worcester State students who meet the following requirements are guaranteed admission to UMass Law under the terms of the program:

- A. In compliance with American Bar Association Standard 502, successful completion of at least three-quarters of the work acceptable for the bachelor's degree at Worcester State (i.e., no fewer than 90 credits) prior to matriculation at UMass Law.
- B. Successful completion of all Worcester State requirements for the bachelor's degree, other than: (1) free electives; and (2) requirements for which a first-year law school course is a substitute acceptable to the student's major and college.
- C. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 during the three years of undergraduate study.
- D. A minimum score of 150 on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).
- E. Submission, with the application for admission to the law school, of a written recommendation from a Program adviser at Worcester.
- F. Fulfillment of all admissions requirements normally imposed by UMass Law
- G. Satisfactory character and fitness appropriate for admission to law school.
- H. Students with a cumulative GPA or LSAT score below the minimums listed above are not guaranteed admission but will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

IV. UNDERGRADUATE SENIOR YEAR/LAW SCHOOL FIRST YEAR

- A. Program students normally will be admitted only as full-time students in the law school and will follow the usual course of study for full-time first-year law students.
- B. Credit for courses completed at UMass Law will transfer to Worcester State as free elective credits.
- C. The student's first-year law grades will not be included with the student's undergraduate grades in calculating the undergraduate grade point average.
- D. Worcester State students in their first-year at UMass Law will pay the same tuition and fees to the law school as do other first-year students. Worcester State

tuition and fees will be waived. Students may apply for financial aid through UMass Law.

- E. Students who fail to complete successfully the first year of law school or who elect for other reasons to withdraw, may return to Worcester State the following semester.

V. OTHER STIPULATIONS

- A. The Worcester State Program advisers will make clear to students that participation in the program is not a guarantee of admission to the law school. However, the intent of the program is to attract qualified students.
- B. The Worcester State Program advisers will make every effort to ensure students receive timely and accurate advising at all stages of the program; however, it is the participating student's responsibility to meet the Program's academic and eligibility requirements, to prepare adequately for the Law School Admission Test, and to comply with all admission procedures required by UMass Law.
- C. There is nothing to prevent a Program student from applying for early admission to another law school or from transferring at a later date from UMass Law to another law school. However, it is the intent of the program to appeal to students who make a conscientious choice to attend UMass Law and complete their juris doctor degree there.

VI. Communications and Advising

Communication and advising is central to effective transfer/articulation. Recognizing this:

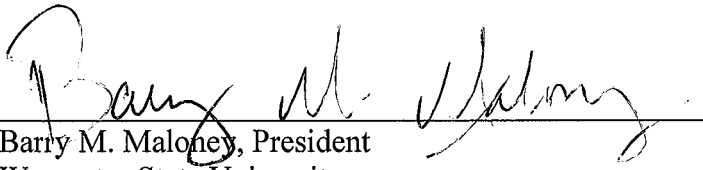
- A. Both institutions agree to include information about this articulation agreement in relevant publications for the purposes of promotion and advising.
- B. Both institutions agree to jointly develop appropriate transfer guides and make these available to students and advisors as appropriate.
- C. Both institutions agree to notify each other promptly, in writing, of substantive changes in curricula that might affect the Agreement.

VII. IMPLEMENTATION AND TERMINATION

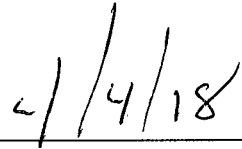
- A. The program will begin operation on the date this agreement is executed by representatives of Worcester State and UMass Law and will remain in effect until terminated or amended, in writing.
- B. Either party to this agreement may terminate this agreement with written notice to the other party, provided that such termination will not be permitted to impact students already in the program.
- C. This Agreement does not preclude either party from entering into similar agreements with other institutions of higher education.

Signatures

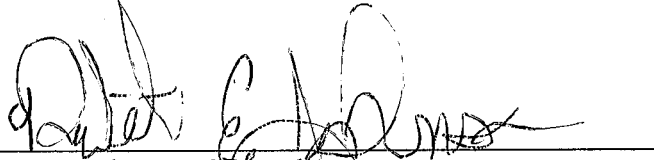
All undersigned parties agree to the covenants contained herein.



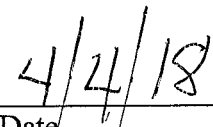
Barry M. Maloney, President
Worcester State University



Date



Robert E. Johnson, Chancellor
University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth



Date