

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Frostburg State University and University of Baltimore

Dual-Degree Law Program

This Memorandum of Understanding shall serve as an amendment to the existing MOU between Frostburg State University and the University of Baltimore School of Law dated July 1, 1990, for a dual-degree law program. This amended MOU updates the parameters for the dual-degree law program. These new parameters will be effective July 1, 2022, for students enrolled at Frostburg State University who have successfully completed 90 semester hours. The students, if accepted to the University of Baltimore School of Law, will attend law school for three years as a full-time student or for 4 years as a part-time student.

After completing all academic requirements at Frostburg State University (including all general education requirements) and completing at least 30 semester hours at the University of Baltimore School of Law, the student, upon application for graduation from Frostburg State University, will be awarded a bachelor's degree from Frostburg State University in their major program(s).

After completing all the requirements for graduation at the University of Baltimore School of Law, the student will be awarded the Juris Doctor degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the dual-degree law program is to permit highly qualified Frostburg State University students the opportunity for early entry into the University of Baltimore School of Law whereby the first 30 semester hours of law study would also qualify as the final 30 semester hours of baccalaureate study.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

Frostburg State University students seeking admission to the University of Baltimore School of Law through the dual-degree law program must meet the following criteria:

1. Successful completion of at least 90 undergraduate semester hours (at least 30 of these from Frostburg State University), including the completion of all Frostburg State University academic requirements for the baccalaureate degree (excepting the final 30 semester hours out of 120).
2. Provide written approval from the appropriate Frostburg State University official indicating that the applicant will meet all Frostburg State University graduation requirements for early entry to the School of Law prior to enrolling in law school.
3. While no specific areas of study or disciplines are required for the dual-degree law program, students must choose a major program and obtain at least 18 semester hours with a C or better contributing toward that major, with at least 6 of those semester hours at the 300-400 level.
4. Be accepted to University of Baltimore School of Law either through its established rolling admissions process or through the school of law's established Early Automatic Admission process.

PROCEDURES

Frostburg State University students who meet these criteria must apply to the University of Baltimore School of Law, including submission of LSAT scores, through its normal application process by the

deadline specified on the School of Law Admissions website. The decision to accept a qualified student into the dual-degree law program will be made by the University of Baltimore School of Law.

The University of Baltimore School of Law will review the student's application under one of two existing application review processes.

1. Early Automatic Admissions Process: Students who meet the LSAT and cumulative cross-institutional grade point average criteria published on the University of Baltimore School of Law website will be automatically admitted to the University of Baltimore School of Law. Early Automatic Admissions criteria are updated annually by the School of Law.
2. Rolling Admission Process: Students who do not meet the criteria for Early Automatic Admission will be reviewed by the School of Law in the same manner as any applicant applying for regular admission.

Upon admission by the University of Baltimore School of Law, the student must submit a copy of the letter of acceptance to Frostburg State University. Prior to the student's matriculation to the Law School, Frostburg State University will provide documentation to the University of Baltimore School of Law acknowledging that the student has completed all Frostburg State University requirements necessary for participation in the dual-degree program.

A Frostburg State University student accepted into the dual-degree program may count 30 University of Baltimore School of Law semester hours toward completion of the Frostburg State University baccalaureate degree. Award of baccalaureate degree by Frostburg State University requires completion of all Frostburg State University graduation requirements. Frostburg State University will waive the undergraduate degree requirement for a student accepted into the dual-degree program by the University of Baltimore School of Law that all semester hours beyond 90 be completed at Frostburg State University provided the student will complete all other undergraduate degree requirements from Frostburg State University. A student accepted into the dual-degree program by the University of Baltimore School of Law must complete all University of Baltimore School of Law requirements in order to receive the J.D. degree. Despite the fact that the last 30 semester hours of the baccalaureate degree are also the first 30 semester hours of the J.D. course of study, the award of the baccalaureate degree is entirely separate from the award of the J.D. degree. Upon completion of the 30 law school semester hours, students must submit a University of Baltimore School of Law transcript to Frostburg State University and apply for graduation at Frostburg State University. The student is required to submit an official transcript from Frostburg State University indicating that a bachelor's degree was conferred to the School of Law.

REVISIONS TO EARLY AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The University of Baltimore School of Law will review the criteria for Early Automatic Admissions every year to ensure that the criteria are appropriate for admission and to assure they are aligned with current admission practices allowed under standards approved by the American Bar Association. Updated criteria will be posted on the School of Law's website.

TUITION

Students will pay the University of Baltimore School of Law tuition rates for all courses taken at the School of Law. This includes semester hours used to complete the undergraduate degree at Frostburg State University.

TERM

This agreement shall be effective with the date of the last signature on this agreement and shall be reviewed every 5 years for currency. Either party may terminate the agreement with or without cause with 90 days of notice. Students who are already accepted and registered, as well as those who are matriculated, will be allowed to continue with the dual degree.

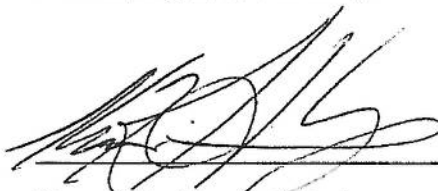
SIGNATURES OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES AT THE COOPERATING INSTITUTIONS

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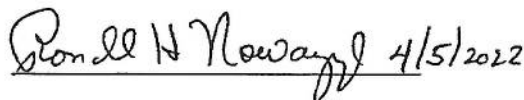
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