

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Fitchburg State University and Massachusetts School of Law

AGREEMENT:

Made this 27th day of October 2025 between Fitchburg State University ("FSU") and the Massachusetts School of Law at Andover ("MSLAW").

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Agreement is to approve the mechanism by which students from FSU may be admitted to the MSLAW, upon completion of a specified curriculum of studies at FSU. This Agreement by FSU and MSLAW recognizes that common objectives, content, and student competencies exist in programs in specific disciplines common to both institutions. Based on the identification of common course content and competencies, an appropriate arrangement can be made for students having completed the required specified course of studies at FSU to enter MSLAW and to be awarded a Bachelor of Arts/Science at FSU following one year of prescribed studies at MSLAW and a MSLAW Juris Doctor upon satisfactory completion of the courses and credits MSLAW requires for graduates.

CONDITIONS FOR ARTICULATION:

The following conditions of articulation are hereby set forth:

1. The student must meet all FSU admissions requirements and enroll in FSU as a matriculated student in good standing to be eligible for credit via articulation.
2. The student must complete 90 credits at Fitchburg State University, including all degree requirements minus free electives. A cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.7 (B-) must be achieved for FSU courses, and in year three, no lower than a grade of "C-" may be awarded.
3. A student who enrolls in this program with a GPA of 3.0 or better at FSU will be eligible for a \$5,000.00 scholarship (per academic year) toward their tuition at MSLAW. To continue receiving this scholarship, students must achieve and maintain satisfactory academic standing at MSLAW (GPA of 2.0 or better).
4. The student must complete the first 30 credits required by MSLAW's curriculum and for which articulation credit is being awarded at FSU. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better.

5. The Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs of FSU (or designee) must certify to MSLAW that any courses accepted by FSU from another accredited institution are the educational equivalent of the FSU courses.
6. The student must apply to MSLAW using normal application procedures, meet all applicable deadlines, and pay all application fees. MSLAW requires applicants to take the MSLAT as part of the completed application. The LSAT is not required.
7. At the request of the student, the university pre-law advisor (or a designee) will evaluate each student's transcript and certify that the conditions in paragraphs 2 and 4 above have been met. The pre-law advisor of FSU will then forward to MSLAW an official student transcript with an appropriate recommendation based on the stated conditions in this Articulation Agreement. In making this recommendation, the university pre-law advisor of FSU will consider the student's moral character and academic promise as factors in arriving at a recommendation.
8. Upon receipt of the student's application and FSU's pre-law certification, favorable recommendation, and finding that the conditions in paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 above have been met, MSLAW will admit the student as a regularly matriculated first-year law student unless the student is not of sufficient moral character.
9. Notwithstanding the above recommendation, the student must complete the FSU curriculum and meet the provisions outlined in paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 above before beginning at MSLAW.
10. This Agreement shall commence upon the date of execution of this Agreement and shall continue until such time as the Agreement is terminated by either of the parties.
11. This Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by either party giving a full 30 days' notice in writing to the other party. However, such termination shall not take effect with regard to students already enrolled until such time as those students have completed their respective course of study.
12. Each school will charge students its normal tuition and fees and will keep the entirety of these funds. Graduation fees normal to each school will be paid to each.
13. Students wishing to receive the Bachelor Degree from FSU under this Agreement must meet the normal FSU application deadlines and pay the normal FSU graduation fees. Students in this program will be eligible for FSU graduation after completing thirty (30) credits of study with a GPA no lower than a 2.0 at MSLAW.



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11/18/25
Date



Donna Hodge
President, Fitchburg State University

10/30/2025
Date