AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO COLLEGE OF LAW
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE MASTERS GRADUATE
PROGRAM

TO ESTABLISH A CONCURRENT JD/PSM DEGREE

Effective Spring 2013

Introduction:

With this agreement, the University of Idaho College of Law (henceforth the “College of Law”) and the University of Idaho Professional Science Masters Program within the University Wide Programs reporting structure (henceforth the “PSM Program”) form a concurrent degree agreement wherein students can be concurrently admitted to the College of Law and the PSM Program. Students concurrently enrolled may take courses in the College of Law and the PSM Program, enabling them to earn both the Juris Doctor (“J.D.”) and Professional Science Masters (“PSM”) degrees.

Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, each degree program continues to operate separately, maintaining its own academic standards. A student must satisfy the requirements of each college, as well as the requirements of the Concurrent J.D./PSM program as outlined in this agreement, to receive both degrees. Students are subject to all policies and procedures outlined in the College of Law’s Student Handbook, the College of Law Honor Code, the PSM Graduate Student Handbook, the University of Idaho Student Code of Conduct, and the University of Idaho’s Catalog, except as noted herein.

1. Administration:

The Associate Dean for Students and Administration (or designee) in the College of Law (the “Law Associate Dean”) and the PSM Program Director serve as “Program Advisors” and administer the concurrent program. The Program Advisors are responsible for overall coordination of the concurrent program and for providing advice and recommendations to the deans and faculty of both colleges and programs concerning curricular issues and operations. Each Program Advisor administers her/his respective separate degree requirements and serves as a liaison to her/his respective college or program for notices and updates to this agreement.
2. Admission:

A student must apply separately and be admitted to both the College of Law and the PSM Program in order to be eligible for this Concurrent Program. In addition, the student must be accepted by the College of Law and College of Graduate Studies for admission to the Concurrent Program. A student may apply for admission to the Concurrent Program at any time prior to receipt of either degree. However, we recommend students either (1) obtain admission to both the J.D. and the PSM Programs prior to beginning either program, or (2) apply to the PSM Program and the Concurrent Program during their first year of law school.

3. Tuition and Fee Policies:

Students pay normal tuition and fees to the University of Idaho.

During the first three years of study in the Concurrent Degree Program, students pay the additional law student professional fee but do not pay the PSM student professional fee.

During all subsequent years of study in the Concurrent Degree Program, students pay the additional PSM student professional fee, if any, but do not pay the law student professional fee.

The Law Associate Dean will coordinate with the Registrar to ensure that the law student professional fee is not assessed after the third year of the program.

4. Course of Study:

A student enrolled in the Concurrent Program may commence studies in either the College of Law or the PSM Program, but no credits earned in the PSM Program prior to the completion of the first year of study in the College of Law will apply towards the J.D. degree. This limitation is required by American Bar Association accreditation standards and cannot be waived.

Up to twelve (12) PSM graduate school credits are allowed towards the J.D. degree. To receive this credit, a student must receive a grade of B or higher in a course approved by the Law Associate Dean of Students or the College of Law faculty for law credit. For all such courses, a grade of P, rather than the actual grade, will appear on the student’s law school transcript. A student will be required to complete the Concurrent Program, as well as the requirements for receipt of both degrees, for the College of Law to count twelve credits towards satisfaction of the graduation requirements for the J.D. If a student fails to receive the PSM, a maximum of six semester credits earned in the PSM Program can count towards satisfaction of the graduation requirements for the J.D. with the approval of the Law Associate Dean. Upon approval by the Law Associate Dean or law faculty, the student must complete and submit a “Course Level Adjustment Form” indicating which non-law courses will be used toward the J.D. degree. This form should be submitted during the semester in which the course is taken.

Up to six (6) law school credits are allowed toward the PSM degree for all concurrent degree students (see paragraph 5 for the list of courses approved as part of this agreement).
It is recommended that students begin the Concurrent Program by first completing the first year of study at the College of Law. The first year of study at the College of Law must be taken as designed by the College of Law for all entering law students. Subsequent years of the Concurrent degree program can be designed by the individual student and the student’s faculty advisor, subject to any restrictions or required classes noted herein.

By the end of the first year in the program, students must complete a study plan with the advice and approval of both the PSM and Law faculty advisors.

5. **Opportunity for Credit Toward the PSM Degree for Courses Taken in the J.D. Program:**

As indicated in paragraph 4, up to six (6) law school credits are allowed toward the PSM degree for all concurrent degree students. JD/PSM students can use Law classes to satisfy any two of the subgroups as part of the Professional Skills Courses Requirement.

Law School courses approved for credit toward the PSM degree:

- Law 906 Natural Resources Law Seminar
- Law 907 Administrative Law
- Law 934 Land Use Law and Planning
- Law 939 Law and Science
- Law 937 Wildlife Law and Policy
- Law 938 International Environmental and Water Law
- Law 939 Natural Resource and Environmental Law and Science Seminar
- Law 942 Water Law I
- Law 946 Water and Energy Policy Seminar
- Law 947 Environmental Law
- Law 948 Introduction to Natural Resources Law
- Law 949 Native American Law
- Law 951 Environmental Policy
- Law 969 Water Law II
- Law 979 Native American Natural Resources Law

Additional courses in the law school may be used toward the PSM degree with the approval of the student’s PSM advisor and the PSM Program Director.
6. **Academic or Other Discipline; Termination of Concurrent Degree Enrollment:**

Students enrolled in the Concurrent Program will be subject to the UI College of Law Honor Code, the University of Idaho Student Code of Conduct, and all other applicable codes of conduct at the University of Idaho. Each College and Program agrees to notify the other if a student enrolled in the Concurrent Program is disciplined, suspended, expelled or put on probation for academic or other reasons. If a student is officially disciplined by either College or Program for any reason, the Program Advisors will review these actions and make a decision whether the student will be dropped from the Concurrent Program. Students enrolled in the Concurrent Program must agree to waive their right to confidentiality to the extent necessary to effectuate this provision.

7. **Effective Date**

This Agreement will be effective Spring 2013.

8. **Notices.**

In the event either the UI College of Law or the PSM Program effects any change to its curriculum which affects the Concurrent Program, or in the event that any action by the University of Idaho affects any aspect of the Concurrent Program, notice of such event shall be given to the other party in writing by the following means:

To the College of Law:

By email to the email address of the Law Associate Dean, with a paper copy mailed by U.S. Post to:

University of Idaho College of Law  
875 Perimeter Drive MS 2321  
Moscow, Idaho 83844-2321  
Attention: Associate Dean for Administration and Students.

To the PSM Program:

By email to the email address of the PSM Program Director, with a paper copy mailed by U.S. Post to:

University of Idaho  
Professional Science Masters Program  
875 Perimeter Drive MS 3006  
Moscow, ID 83844-3006  
Attention: Program Director
The University of Idaho College of Law, Professional Science Masters Program, and the College of Graduate Studies approve this Agreement to create a concurrent J.D./PSM degree in Law and Profession Science Masters.

For the University of Idaho, Office of the Provost

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Douglas D. Baker                               Date
Provost and Executive Vice President

For the University of Idaho, College of Graduate Studies

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Jie Chen                                        Date
Dean, College of Graduate Studies

For the University of Idaho College of Law

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Donald D. Burnett                               Date
Dean, College of Law

For the University of Idaho Professional Science Masters Program

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Jan Boll                                       Date
Program Director, Professional Science Masters

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