# 3+3 BACCALAUREATE/JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE PROGRAM AGREEMENT Regis College

# And Suffolk University: Law School

This agreement between Regis College ("Regis") and Suffolk University on behalf of Suffolk University Law School (the "Law School") establishes a 3+3 Baccalaureate/Juris Doctor Degree Program Agreement (the "Agreement") for the purpose of providing an early law school admission opportunity for qualified Regis undergraduate students.

# I. Purpose of the Agreement

- 1. Subject to the terms specified below, this Agreement will allow qualified current Regis students to:
  - a. Apply for Law School admission prior to completion of the Regis Baccalaureate degree, and;
  - b. If admitted, transfer up to thirty (30) Law School credits towards a Regis Baccalaureate degree.

#### II. The Law School agrees as follows:

- 1. The Law School shall consider applications for admission to its full-time J.D. program from any current Regis student who at the time of application will have earned at least 50 percent of the credits required for a Regis baccalaureate degree and will have earned at least 75 percent of the credits required for a Regis baccalaureate degree before their enrollment at the Law School, provided that the following conditions are met:
  - a. The student must apply for admission to the Law School's full-time, regular J.D. program. Upon approval of the appropriate Law School official(s), students who matriculate in the Law School's full-time, regular J.D. program pursuant to the program established by this Agreement may switch to part-time status after completing their first year of full-time study.
  - b. The student must complete a standard Law School application through the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) system by no later than March 15 of the calendar year in which the student hopes to matriculate at the Law School. These materials include, but are not limited to, a valid Law School Admissions Test ("LSAT") score, a complete Law School Admissions Council ("LSAC") Credential Assembly Service ("CAS") report, letters of recommendation, resume, and personal statement. The student must provide complete answers to all character and fitness questions in the application. Application packets completed after March 15 of the calendar year in which the students hopes to matriculate at the Law School will be considered only on a space-available basis.
  - c. The student is advised to take the LSAT in the October or December administration of the test, but must take the LSAT no later than February of the calendar year of the

fall term in which the student hopes to matriculate at the Law School. For example, if a student hopes to matriculate at the Law School in the fall of 2021, then the student would be advised to take the test in October or December of 2020, but no later than February, 2020. LSAT scores for administrations of the LSAT later than the February test of the calendar year in which the student hopes to matriculate at the Law School will be considered by the Law School only on a space-available basis.

- d. The student must submit to the Law School admissions office through LSAC a Regis transcript with grades earned for credits counted toward Regis's baccalaureate degree. In order to fulfill this requirement in a timely manner, students should update their CAS reports through LSAC as soon as possible after the relevant grades are released by Regis.
- e. The student must have earned a cumulative grade point average ("GPA") of 3.30 or higher at Regis for the credits counted toward the Regis baccalaureate degree at the time of application. The Law School will not consider an application from a Regis student until furnished with proof that this GPA requirement has been met. The Law School will require Regis students admitted to the Law School's J.D. program to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.30 before enrollment at the Law School. A drop in an admitted student's cumulative GPA below 3.30 during such period may cause the Law School to rescind its decision to admit the student. All grades earned at any post-secondary institution will be considered by the Admissions Committee of the Law School, including grades from courses transferred into Regis from other colleges.
- f. The student must score at or above the median LSAT score for matriculants at the Law School for the previous admission year. The Law School will not act on an application from a Regis student until furnished with proof that this LSAT score requirement has been met. Potential applicants should contact the Law School admissions office in advance of registering to take the LSAT to find out what the median LSAT score for matriculants at the Law School was for the relevant admission year.
- g. The student must submit to an interview by a Law School admissions officer to help assess the student's readiness for the study of law. Students may complete the interview in person or by Zoom or other videoconference platform.
- 2. The Law School shall permit Regis students who apply for admission to or matriculate in the Law School's J.D. program pursuant to the program established by this Agreement to apply for any and all applicable scholarships and other financial aid at the Law School on the same terms as any other students, and shall consider the applications of such Regis students for scholarships or other financial aid on the same terms as the applications of any other students. Total scholarships awarded, including external scholarships, may not exceed the Law School's tuition cost. The Law School's scholarship award may be reduced if a student's total scholarship exceeds tuition cost.
- 3. Nothing in the Agreement shall require the Law School to admit to its J.D. program any Regis student whom the Law School, in its sole discretion, deems to be unqualified for

admission to the program on any grounds, regardless of whether the student has met the threshold GPA, LSAT, and other conditions for the consideration of an application established by this Agreement. The Law School normally considers, but need not be limited to considering, the applicant's academic credentials (including undergraduate GPA and LSAT score)letters of recommendation, personal statement, and satisfaction of the Law School's admission requirements related to character and fitness in making its admission decision.

- 4. Nothing in this Agreement shall require the Law School to permit any Regis student admitted to the Law School's J.D. program to matriculate in that program unless the student has earned at least 75 percent of the credits required for conferral of Regis's baccalaureate degree by the time of the student's expected matriculation at the Law School.
- 5. Once enrolled in the Law School, students admitted under this Agreement must adhere to, and their continued enrollment will be subject to, the policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Law School, including but not limited to its academic standing requirements for first year law students.

### III. Regis agrees as follows:

- 1. Regis shall accept as transfer credits the first 30 credits earned at a grade of C or better in the Law School's J.D. program by any Regis student, shall count such credits toward the requirements of Regis's baccalaureate degree, and, provided that the student has satisfied all degree requirements, shall confer that degree on such student as soon as such credits have been transferred.
- 2. Upon a student's completion of Regis's baccalaureate degree requirements, Regis shall furnish the Law School with an official, final transcript confirming such completion.
- 3. Regis shall publicize the existence of the program and make available to its current and prospective students information about the institutional collaboration established by this Agreement. Regis shall host Law School representatives on Regis's campus for recruitment activities during the academic year at the option of the Law School.
- 4. Nothing in this Agreement shall require any Regis student to apply for admission to the Law School's J.D. program.

## IV. Tuition and Merit Scholarships:

- 1. Tuition will be charged at the Suffolk Law School rate. Regis students will be eligible to apply for scholarships and financial aid available through the Law School.
- 2. Students will not be eligible for undergraduate level federal, state, or institutional aid from Regis (e.g., Pell, TAP, or Regis Scholarships)

#### V. Both parties agree to the following general provisions:

- 1. Except as modified by this Agreement, all admission criteria, other admission requirements, academic program requirements, and graduation requirements applicable to the students seeking to benefit from the institutional collaboration established by this Agreement will be as specified in the respective academic catalogs, standards, and other materials that otherwise would apply to those students.
- 2. This Agreement is effective as of the date of its execution by all required signatories, and shall terminate five (5) years from that date. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice to the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, either party may terminate this Agreement immediately in the event that the continued implementation of this Agreement might give rise to a violation of any requirement of federal or state law, or the requirements of any accrediting institution having jurisdiction over either party.
- 3. The parties may amend this Agreement at any time, provided that both parties agree to any such amendment in writing.
- 4. Each party grants to the other a non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the other party's trademarks, servicemarks, and logos in furtherance of the institutional collaboration established by this Agreement, including for the purpose of informing prospective and current students of the nature and purpose of such collaboration. Neither party grants to the other party any proprietary interest in the other's trademarks, servicemarks, or logos of the other party will comply with the use policies established by the party that owns such trademarks, servicemarks, and logos. Each party shall cease and desist from the use of the other party's trademarks, servicemarks, and logos, and shall return any and all promotional and other materials bearing such trademarks, servicemarks, or logos to such party, upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement. If either party requests in writing that the other party stop a particular use of the requesting party's trademark(s), servicemark(s), or logo(s), then the other party shall cease and desist from such use immediately.
- 5. The relationship between the parties for all purposes shall be that of independent contractors. Each party shall have sole control over its own performance of its obligations under this Agreement. In no event shall the agents, representatives, or employees of either party be deemed to be agents, representatives, or employees of the other party.
- 6. This Agreement may be executed by a duly authorized representative of each party including by electronic or facsimile transmission. Each copy executed in accordance with the foregoing provision shall be considered to be an original.
- 7. Any notice or other communication that this Agreement requires either party to deliver to the other shall be in writing, and shall be addressed as follows:

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or shall be addressed to such other persons or places as either party may designate from time to time by written notice to the other.

- 8. The institutions may exchange information that could be confidential and not (a) generally known to the public, (b) already known, through legal means, to the party receiving the information, or (c) legally obtained from a third party. Each institution agrees to use the other's confidential information solely for the purpose contemplated by this Agreement and not to disclose such confidential information to any person or entity other than as necessary for such purposes or as required to be disclosed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, administrative body or governmental body, or by subpoena, summons or legal process, or by law, rule or regulation.
- 9. In course of dealings between the parties, and in accordance with the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act (and the Federal Trade Commission's implementing regulations) and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, each party represents, warrants and covenants that it is capable of maintaining appropriate safeguards for non-public personal financial information, student education records, and other protected information ("Protected Information") relating to students to which all parties involved in this Agreement will be provided access to. Protected Information shall be held in confidence and may only be used or accessed for the purposes set out in this Agreement or as required to be disclosed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, administrative body or governmental body, or by subpoena, summons or legal process, or by law, rule or regulation. Each party will protect such Protected Information in accordance with generally accepted commercial standards and no less rigorously than it protects its own confidential information.
- 10. The 3+3 program created by this Agreement shall become effective beginning in the 2019-2020 admissions cycle for students desiring to begin law school in the fall of 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by a duly authorized representative(s).

**Suffolk University** 

Date:\_\_\_\_2/26/2020\_\_\_\_

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