



**UNIVERSITÀ
DI PARMA**

Widener University of
Delaware Law School

**DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WIDENER UNIVERSITY DELAWARE LAW
AND
CORSO DI LAUREA MAGISTRALE A CICLO UNICO IN
GIURISPRUDENZA
UNIVERSITÀ DI PARMA**

PARTIES

Widener University Delaware Law School, (hereinafter “Delaware Law”), a private institution with a professional focus on law, located at 4601 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Delaware 19803, represented by Andrew Workman, Provost and Todd Clark Dean, Delaware Law, and the **Università di Parma**, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Studi politici e internazionali, Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Giurisprudenza (hereinafter “Parma”), a public university, accredited in Italy, located at Str. dell’Università, 12, 43121 Parma PR, Italy represented by Prof. Paolo Andrei, Legal Representative and Rector of the University, and Prof. Giovanni Basini, Director of the Department of Law, Politics and International Studies.

DATE

On this ____ of _____, 2023 Delaware Law and Parma (hereinafter “Universities”) do hereby enter into this Dual Degree Program Agreement (hereinafter “Agreement”) for either “LLM in Corporate Law and Finance” or “General LLM with Concentration in Human Rights and Dignity Law”).

ARTICLE I: PROGRAM OF STUDY

- a. Whereas a Master of Law at Delaware Law requires 24 US academic credits of successful completion and whereas a “Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico in Giurisprudenza” at Parma requires 300 UNIPR academic credits of successful completion, the Universities have hereto agreed to accept the “double counting” of certain academic credits attached hereto as Appendix A toward an LLM at Delaware Law and a Laurea Magistrale in Giurisprudenza at Parma.
- b. The program of study shall be mutually agreed upon between the Universities. It is contemplated that the Universities shall allow an equivalent of up to 12 US academic credits each University (24 UNIPR credits). The compulsory subjects of both

Universities are attached at Appendix 1. It is intended that the students from Parma that complete 12 academic credits at Delaware Law shall have its credits validated at Parma.

- c. The Universities will facilitate the emission of students enrolled in the Dual Degree Program. Each University will grant a separate academic degree bearing only its name, seal, and signature. Delaware Law will provide the Diploma of graduation after the successful completion of both Delaware Law and Parma courses.
- d. A participating student from Parma will spend the spring semester at Delaware Law School. Upon the satisfactory registration at the Master Course, the student of Parma can apply for the Dual Degree Program, and, after the selection process, complete the courses and degree requirements requested by Parma.
- e. Delaware Law and Parma agree to provide to the Dual Degree Program students informational literature and materials regarding its academic programs of both Universities, as well the Universities agree to promote and support these programs to its undergraduate and graduate law students.
- f. Support and promotion by Delaware Law and Parma shall encompass, but not be limited to, distribution of materials regarding the academic programs, periodic webinars, zoom meetings with the administrators and counseling of students interested in the Dual Degree Program.
- g. The goal of the Dual Degree Program is to provide students with the knowledge and analytical skills to successfully engage in the practice of law with scholarly insight and practical expertise.
- h. Delaware Law and Parma are committed to promoting academic production through scientific articles and books during the period in which the student is bound to one of the signatory institutions of this agreement.

ARTICLE 2: TERMS

- a. Students shall apply separately to both Universities, and admission is each University's sole discretion.
- b. During the stay at Delaware, students shall also retain their student status at Parma University.
- c. While attending Delaware Law, the Dual Degree Program students from Parma shall have the same status as Delaware Law LLM students, being subject to the rules, regulations, rights, and privileges of Delaware Law students.
- d. All campus facilities will be available to the Dual Degree Program students at Delaware, with the same conditions and privileges awarded to the non-Dual Degree Program students. This privilege does not extend to spouses and/or dependents.
- e. Delaware Law School is responsible to inform the Dual Degree Program students of the courses that are available at Delaware and the courses that can be used to meet Dual Degree Program requirements, attached as Appendix A.
- f. Under the terms of this Agreement, neither University is obligated to make any payments of any kind to the other University.

- g. This Agreement will, in no way, be interpreted as creating an agency or employment relationship between the Universities, or as giving rise to a joint venture or partnership between the Universities.
- h. This Agreement is intended to benefit both Universities and is not intended to create rights in any third party.
- i. If this Agreement is terminated, students who have already been admitted to the Dual Degree Program shall have the opportunity to complete their degree.
- j. The "LLM in Corporate Law and Finance" and the "General LLM with Concentration in Human Rights and Dignity Law" don't represent a title to sit for the Delaware Bar Exam.

ARTICLE 3: PURPOSE

- a. The purpose of this Agreement is to foster a spirit of cooperation between these Universities and thereby provide students with an opportunity to earn a Dual Degree.
- b. It is agreed and understood that each University has the right and responsibility to make changes to its curricula and enrollment standards to maintain its academic integrity and meet accreditation standards. Such changes, if any, will be promptly communicated to the other University in writing.
- c. At the request of either University, a meeting can be held to resolve any problems, monitor the progress, and develop any improvements.

ARTICLE 4: ADMISSION

- a. A student who expresses an interest in the Dual Degree Program must meet the prerequisite requirements for obtaining a "Laurea Magistrale a ciclo unico in Giurisprudenza" from Parma and an LLM from Delaware Law. In particular, the students from Parma need to be at their fifth year in a regular course of study at the moment of his/her mobility to Delaware and need to have passed at least 240 UNIPR credits.
- b. The interested students must apply to participate in the selection process at each University.
- c. The Office of Student Affairs of both Universities are responsible for officially informing the other University of the approved students and each selection process.
- d. The Universities shall promptly inform the other party if a student withdraws or does not successfully complete the required credits.
- e. Delaware Law and Parma do not discriminate on the basis of color, race, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status in its educational programs, employment programs, or activities.
- f. All Dual Degree courses are required to reflect a performance of a "D-" or better, according to the American and European grading system (see Appendix C)
- g. All Dual Degree students shall possess language ability sufficient for comprehension of lectures and for completion of assignments/research at both Universities. Parma students selected for the Dual Degree Program will meet a minimum of B2 English Level.

- h. Delaware Law will advise the appropriate documents for the issuance of a student visa in accordance with national laws.
- i. Each student is responsible for timely obtaining a student visa from their home country and for all necessary immunizations, insurance, and any other required documents completed for admission before arrival.
- j. Students who successfully complete the Dual Degree Program will be eligible to participate in commencement ceremonies, if applicable, at both Universities. The students who intend to take part to the Degree Ceremony in Delaware have to sustain all the costs (e.g. for the trip and housing). In order to take part to this ceremony, the University of Parma will not sustain any costs nor give scholarship.

ARTICLE 5: FUNDING

- a. Dual Degree Program students shall be responsible for payment of tuition and all fees to Delaware Law and Parma.
- b. Dual Degree Program students seeking financial assistance shall apply for public or private scholarships in their country of origin before arrival.
- c. Dual Degree Program students will be responsible for all costs associated with academic credit, travel, books, health insurance, health care, and other necessary insurance, transportation, accommodations, living expenses and any other costs associated with the Dual Degree experience (see Appendix B).

ARTICLE 6: ACCOMMODATIONS

Delaware Law shall, within the limits of their resources, responsibly assist Dual Degree Program students in securing suitable accommodations such as dormitories or off-campus affordable accommodations.

ARTICLE 7: PRIVACY

- a. Each authority will provide the other with confidential information necessary for the execution of this Agreement and admission of Dual Degree Program students.
- b. All information utilized within the Universities will only be shared with administration, staff or faculty as necessary to comply with the terms of this Agreement.
- c. Notwithstanding the provisions above, each University may disclose information belonging to the other party if demonstrated that the information:
 - 1. was publicly available;
 - 2. was legally received; and/or
 - 3. was already in possession of the party prior to disclosure.

ARTICLE 8: OVERSIGHT

Each University will appoint oversight authority to an office within the University or designed individual. For the purpose of this, the oversight authority will rest upon the following:

Delaware Law:

Name: Eileen A. Grena
Title: Assistant Dean & Director of Graduate Programs
E-Mail: eagrena@widener.edu

Parma:

Name Prof. Fabio Salvatore Cassibba
Title Full Professor in Criminal Procedure Law
E-Mail fabiosalvatore.cassibba@unipr.it


ARTICLE 9: DURATION/AMENDMENTS


- a. This Agreement may continue until terminated by written notice of either party within ninety (90) day's written notice that ongoing activities will come to a conclusion.

ARTICLE 10: DISPUTES/INTERPRETATION

- a. The English and Italian versions shall reflect exactly the agreement between the parties without any substantial difference.
- b. Any dispute related to the interpretation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably between the parties. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws in the jurisdiction of the State of Delaware in the United States of America for any conflict relating to Delaware Law and will be governed and interpreted in accordance with the Italian laws in case of any conflict related to Parma.

Widener University Delaware Law School and Università di Parma has caused its fully authorized representative to execute this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

On behalf of
WIDENER UNIVERSITY
Andrew A. Workman
Provost 
Signature _____
Date 10/6/2023

DELAWARE LAW SCHOOL
Todd Clark Dean and Professor of Law
Widener University Delaware Law School
Signature 
Date 10/10/2023

On behalf of
UNIVERSITÀ DI PARMA

Prof. Giovanni Basini
Director of the Department of Law, Politics and International Studies

Signature _____

Date _____

2 LUG, 2023

Prof. Paolo Andrei
University Rector

Signature _____

Date _____

29 AGO, 2023



APPENDIX A (ATTACHED)

The students must complete 12 US CREDITS (24 UNIPR credits) within 24 months, in accordance with the internal regulations of each Universities.

If, notwithstanding this opportunity, the student does not successfully pass all the exams listed in the study plan in Annex A, the dual degree certificate cannot be awarded. In such a case, Delaware Law will provide the student with a certificate (Transcript of Records) including the list of the exams and grades awarded. These exams may be recognized at the discretion of the Home University, although not giving way to any Dual Degree option.

APPENDIX B (ATTACHED)

FEES AND DUES

APPENDIX C (ATTACHED)

EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN THE GRADING AND CREDIT SYSTEMS OF PARMA AND DELAWARE LAW

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APPENDICE A

PARMA DOPO TITOLO LLM

Parma Credit Breakdown	Codice Insegnamento Parma	Denominazione insegnamento Parma	Parma CFU	Transfer DLS Credits	Transfer DLS Credits	DLS Course Number	DLS Course Name
Primo anno	IUS/08	Diritto Costituzionale	9 cfu	4	T	LAWD-601	Constitutional Law I
	SECS/P01	Economia politica	9 cfu				
	IUS/20	Logica e argomentazione giuridica	9 cfu				
	IUS/01	Istituzioni di diritto privato	12 cfu				
	IUS/18	Istituzioni di diritto romano	12 cfu				
	IUS/19	Storia del diritto italiano	9 cfu				
		Totale	60 CFU				
Secondo anno	IUS/01	Diritto civile I	9 cfu				
	IUS/07	Diritto del lavoro	15 cfu				
	IUS/01	Diritto di famiglia	6 cfu	3	T	LAWD-636	Family Law
	IUS/17	Diritto penale I	12 cfu				
	IUS/08	Tutela costituzionale dei diritti	9 cfu				
		English Skill - B1	6 cfu				
		TOTALE	57 CFU				
Terzo anno	IUS/14	Diritto dell'Unione Europea	9 cfu				
	IUS/17	Diritto penale 2	12 cfu				
		uno ei seguenti: delitti di genere e contro le persone vulnerabili					
		Delitti contro la vita e l'incolumità personale					
	IUS/15	Diritto processuale civile	15 cfu				
		uno dei seguenti:					

		Diritto processuale civile e dell'esecuzione forata						
		Diritto processuale civile e delle procedure alternative di composizione delle controversie						
	IUS/10	Diritto amministrativo	9 cfu	3	T	LAWD-530	Administrative Law	
	IUS/01	Diritto civile 2	9 cfu					
		uno dei seguenti:						
		Il contratto						
		Responsabilità civile						
	IUS/13	Diritto internazionale	9 cfu					
		TOTALE	63 CFU					
Quarto anno	IUS/13	Diritto internazionale privato e processuale	6 cfu	2	T	LAWD-754	International Law	
	IUS/04	Diritto commerciale	15 cfu					
	IUS/16	Procedura penale	15 cfu					
	IUS/12	Filosofia del diritto	6 cfu					
		Diritto processuale amministrativo	9 cfu					
	IUS/10	uno dei seguenti	9 cfu					
		1) Storia del diritto romano						
		2) Tecnica dell'Argomentazione						
		3) Diritto romano						
		TOTALE	60 cfu					
Quinto anno	IUS/12	Diritto tributario	6 cfu					
I semestre	IUS/21	Diritto pubblico comparato	9 cfu					
II semestre (Delaware)		LLM 12 US Credits*	24 cfu unipr					
		Tesi UNIPR	21					
		TOTALE	60					

* Lo studente può scegliere uno (s) o CORPORATE LAW

HRT review of courses available at Widener DLS

Course No	Course Name	Credits	
LAWD-6214	DIGNITY RIGHTS CLINIC	US (6 UNIPR)	required
LAWD-6205	DIGNITY LAW	US (6 UNIPR)	required
LAWD-6224	HUMAN RIGHTS COLLOQUIUM	US (6 UNIPR)	required
LAWD-6075	LLM Directed Research	US (2 UNIPR)	required
		10 US (20 UNIPR)	
	choose 1 depending on availability		
LAWD-820	EQUAL PROTECTION LAW	US (4 UNIPR)	
LAWD-634	CHILDREN AND THE LAW	US (4 UNIPR)	
LAWD-765	DISABILITY LAW	US (4 UNIPR)	
LAWD-657	EDUCATION LAW	US (4 UNIPR)	
LAWD-754	INTERNATIONAL LAW	US (4 UNIPR)	
LAWD-849	INTERVIEWING & COUNSELING	US (4 UNIPR)	
LAWD-965	SEMINAR: LAW AND POVERTY	US (4 UNIPR)	
TOTAL		12 US (24 UNIPR)	

CORP review of courses available at Widener DLS

Course No	Course Name	Credits	
LAWD-873	ADVANCED CORPORATIONS	2 US (4 UNIPR)	required
LAWD-631	BUSINESS ORGANIZATION	4 US (8 UNIPR)	required
LAWD-733	BUSINESS PLANNING	2 US (4 UNIPR)	required
LAWD-6158	FEDERAL BUSINESS REGULATORY	2 US (4 UNIPR)	required
		10 US (20 UNIPR)	
	choose 1 depending on availability		
LAWD-892	WHITE COLLAR CRIME	2 US (4 UNIPR)	
LAWD-849	INTERVIEWING & COUNSELING	2 US (4 UNIPR)	
TOTAL		12 US (24 UNIPR)	

University of Parma
ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE
Dual Degree LLM Program

The following represents the average expenses of full-time students enrolled during the program:

Description	Cost
Tuition ^a	\$6,500.00*
Application Fees	Waived
Medical Insurance ^b	\$900.00**
Room ^c	\$3,500.00
Student Activity Fee	\$50.00
Graduation Fee	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$11,050.00^d

^a Tuition has been set by agreement.

*No more than 12 credits. Additional course credits to be paid by student at agreement rate.

^b International students are required to purchase the University medical insurance.

**This is an estimated cost for a full semester.

^c Delaware Law School offers residence halls on campus for students.

^d Payment plans may be available. Students should contact DelawareLawBursar@widener.edu to discuss options.

Students must also have money to cover required course books and living expenses such as food and other costs and fund their travel to Delaware. NOTE: these expenses are *in addition to* tuition and fees.



IPOTESI DI CONVERSIONE TRA

IL SISTEMA DI VALUTAZIONE ADOTTATO DALLE UNIVERSITÀ ITALIANE E QUELLO ADOTTATO DALLE UNIVERSITÀ STATUNITENSI

30 CUM LAUDE	A	outstanding
30	A-	excellent
29	B+	very good to good
28	B	
27	B-	
26	C+	satisfactory to adequate
25-24	C	
23	C-	
22-21	D+	poor to barely adequate
20-19	D	
18	D-	minimum passing grade
< 18	F	fail

Qual'è il sistema di valutazione dello studente nelle università statunitensi

I voti (*grades*) vengono calcolati su una scala percentuale e sono espressi in lettere dell'alfabeto: A (100-91)=eccellente; B (81-90)=buono; C (71-80)=medio; D (65-70)=inferiore alla media (ma sufficiente); E o F=insufficiente. Le lettere possono essere seguite da un "+" o un "-".

La media dei voti - *Grade Point Average* (GPA) si calcola tenendo conto dei *credits* di ogni corso e della votazione espressa in numeri. La media dei voti si articola in una scala da 0 a 4.0.

Nota bene

Non esiste un accordo per il riconoscimento dei titoli tra l'Italia e gli Stati Uniti, pertanto la tabella di conversione ha solo un valore indicativo

APPENDIX C

EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN THE GRADING AND CREDIT SYSTEMS OF PARMA AND DELAWARE LAW

- a) Considering that 1 US credit equals 15 hours of lessons in class and 1 Italian credit equals 6-8 hours of lessons in class, the following correspondence is proposed: 1 US credit = 2 Italian credits
- b) Equivalence of US grading system in relation to Italian grading system (according to a Fulbright Proposal of equivalence. See also the original document attached)

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