

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
AFFILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY AND WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY**

Bridgewater State University (BSU), 131 Summer Street, Bridgewater, MA, 02325, and Worcester State University (WSU), 486 Chandler Street, Worcester, MA, 01602, do hereby enter into this Affiliation Agreement (Agreement) on the date that this Agreement is signed by the authorized administrative representatives of both institutions.

Purpose

1. BSU and WSU wish to foster a spirit of cooperation between these two educational institutions.
2. This Agreement facilitates the application to, admission to, and completion of, the Master of Science in Criminal Justice Degree at BSU for WSU students who meet program requirements.

Eligibility

3. This Agreement applies to qualified WSU students who graduate through May 2021.
4. WSU students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the benefits contained in this Agreement:
 - i. Anticipated successful completion of a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from WSU in May of their senior year;
 - ii. A minimum overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 at WSU;
 - iii. Submission of general GRE scores (for applicants with an overall GPA between 3.00 – 3.49; applicants with an overall GPA of 3.5 and above are not required to submit general GRE scores); and
 - iv. Official transcripts for all undergraduate work and proof of completion when awarded.

Benefits

5. At least two (2) qualified WSU students each year (applying for the fall semester following graduation from WSU) will be eligible for admission into reserved spots in the BSU Criminal Justice graduate program and completion benefits contained in this Agreement. BSU has sole discretion in selecting the two (2) students pursuant to this Agreement. BSU may select more than two students and may extend admission to any or all WSU students who meet the requirements. These students are eligible for:
 - i. A waiver of the graduate program admission application fee;
 - ii. The option to delay enrolling in the program for up to one (1) year while remaining eligible for the benefits contained in Section 5.

Admission Process:

6. Potential applicants should be referred to the BSU Office of Graduate Admissions: gradadmissions@bridgew.edu; (508) 531-1300; Maxwell Library, Room 019, 10 Shaw Road, Bridgewater, MA 02325. Individuals with questions about the Criminal Justice graduate curriculum or degree should contact Dr. Jennifer Hartsfield at jhartsfield@bridgew.edu and/or 508.531.4718.
7. Applicants must complete the online admission application at www.bridgew.edu/apply. A list of requirements is included below:

Admission Requirements

- Completed online application
- Resume
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate course work
- A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- GRE Scores required for applicants with a GPA below 3.5
- Three appropriate letters of recommendation
- [Personal statement \(click for details\)](#).

8. Applicants must send official transcripts directly to the BSU Office of Graduate Admissions at Maxwell Library, Room 019, 10 Shaw Road, Bridgewater, MA, 02325.

Promotion of the Agreement:

9. A designated WSU faculty member will provide the names of qualified students to the BSU Director of Graduate Admissions before the application deadline each year. Students may be current WSU students or alumni. WSU will work cooperatively with BSU to promote the Criminal Justice graduate program and this Agreement to potentially eligible WSU students. WSU should make efforts to inform appropriate academic and administrative personnel and students about this opportunity. Communication would include verbal, written or electronic notification to students on a timely and regular basis. Additionally, a representative of the BSU Criminal Justice Graduate program will make periodic visits to WSU to present to and speak with potential applicants about the graduate program and this Agreement. The institutions will work together to create co-branded marketing materials.

Designated Contact Persons:

10. All notices sent pursuant to this Agreement shall be sent via regular and electronic mail to the following contact person, unless the parties specify otherwise in writing:

For WSU:

For BSU:

Dr. Russ Pottle
Dean, School of Humanities + Social Sciences
Worcester State University
486 Chandler Street
Worcester, MA 01602
508-929-8257
rpottle@worchester.edu

Dr. Lisa Krissoff Boehm
Dean, College of Graduate Studies
Bridgewater State University
10 Shaw Road
Bridgewater MA 02325
508-531-2006
LBOEHM@bridgew.edu

Amendment of the Agreement:

11. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between BSU and WSU with respect to its subject matter.
12. Either party may take the initiative to amend this Agreement by submitting suggestions in writing to the Designated Contact Person in section 13. No addition, modification, or deletion of this Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing and signed by authorized administrative representatives of both institutions. An amended Agreement will become effective when signed by the authorized administrative representatives of each institution.
13. BSU and WSU acknowledge that the Designated Contact Persons authorized to receive notice are not authorized to change the terms of this Agreement.

Curricular Changes:

14. It is agreed and understood that each party 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 communicated in writing between the parties of this Agreement as they occur.

Non-Discrimination Policies:

15. BSU and WSU will each adhere to its respective institution's non-discrimination policy.

Indemnification:

16. Each party hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party against all losses, damages, liabilities and other expenses of every kind and nature, including reasonable attorney's fees, sustained by or incurred by the other party as a result of any debts, actions, causes of action, claims, suits, liabilities, obligations or damages whatsoever resulting from the indemnifying party's (i) breach or default under this Agreement; or (ii) the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnifying party in fulfilling their responsibilities under this Agreement. The right to indemnification set forth herein shall be in addition to, and not derogation of, any other rights contained in this Agreement.

Dispute Resolution:

17. This Agreement and any disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without regard to its conflict of law principles.
18. In the event of a conflict or dispute pertaining to the terms of this Agreement, the parties agree to use their best efforts to resolve their differences in good faith.

Duration and Termination of the Agreement:

19. This Agreement becomes effective on the date that it is signed by all authorized representatives of both parties and will remain in effect until June 1, 2021. Each party will evaluate, determine, and notify the other party no later than June 1, 2020 as to whether or not a renewal of this Agreement is desired.
20. This Agreement may be terminated by either institution by giving written notice to the other institution at least ninety (90) days prior to the entrance of the next class of BSU students, and any such termination shall not affect students who have applications pending or have already been accepted into the graduate program. Termination shall be without penalty. If this Agreement is terminated, neither WSU nor BSU shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses that may result.

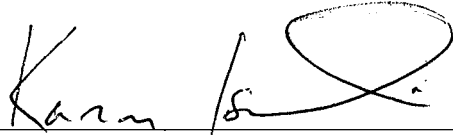
Intellectual Property:

21. The parties recognize and acknowledge that all rights and goodwill in their respective intellectual property are the exclusive property of their separate organizations. Except as stated herein, the parties agree not to use the other's name or other trademarks in advertising, marketing or other materials without the prior written permission of the other.

Attest:

Duly authorized representatives of Bridgewater State University and WSU executed this Agreement as of the day and year given below.

FOR BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY



Karim Ismaili, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Bridgewater State University
Bridgewater, MA

Oct 18/19
Date

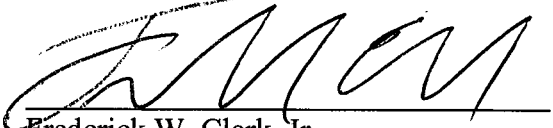
FOR WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY:



Lois A. Wims, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Worcester State University
Worcester, MA

10.18.19
Date

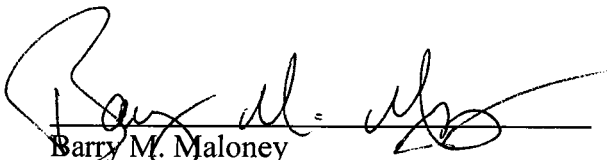
FOR BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY



Frederick W. Clark, Jr.
President
Bridgewater State University
Bridgewater, MA

10-18-19
Date

FOR WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY



Barry M. Maloney
President
Worcester State University
Worcester, MA

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