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DUAL DEGREE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

This Dual Degree Collaboration Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the Southern University and A&M College's Nelson Mandela College of Government & Social Sciences ("NMC") represented herein by its dean, and the Southern University Law Center ("SULC") represented herein by its chancellor, who agree as follows:

WHEREAS, SULC enrolls students in a course of study which culminates in the awarding of a Juris Doctor degree (the "J.D."); and

WHEREAS, NMC, through its affiliated academic departments and schools, enroll students in a course of study which culminates in the awarding of a Master in Public Administration degree (the "M.P.A."); and

WHEREAS, both SULC and NMC, in the interest of providing expanded educational opportunities for the professional advancement of their students, desire to collaborate and to create a program of study that results in awarding both the J.D. and the M.P.A. degrees (the "Dual Degree Program");

SULC and NMC agree as follows:

Agreement

- A. The instant agreement is a continuation of the 2014 contract between the two institutions (i.e., NMC and SULC), which established a Dual J.D./M.P.A. Degree program. This agreement will continue to allow law students to receive concurrent credit for coursework completed in either school. The course of study involves the student earning both degrees in four years by successfully completing a minimum of 84 hours of coursework through SULC and 36 hours of public administration graduate level coursework through the Public Administration program in the NMC. The graduate degree contemplated by this agreement will only pertain to a general, non-concentrated degree. Further, the graduate courses mentioned in the Appendix to this agreement **refer only to traditional, face-to-face instruction courses**. Any student intending to enroll in a distance education course must receive the approval of the Academic Affairs Deans from both institutions before enrollment.

This Agreement describes the terms under which the NMC and SULC will offer SULC students an opportunity to study on each mentioned campus with the possibility of earning both the J.D. and the M.P.A. degrees.



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- B. Program Objectives: The Dual Degree Program has the following objectives:
- (1) To prepare law students for work in entities involved in public administration, including but not limited to state and local governing bodies, executive branch departments, administrative agencies, public policy and governmental relations law firms, public affairs research institutions or centers, and non-profit organizations.
 - (2) To increase the students' job opportunities through an expanded set of skills that involve the intersection of law and public policy, administration, and budgeting.
 - (3) To enable SULC and NMC to attract qualified students who are interested in the practical implications of law and public administration decision making and analytical processes.
- C. Application Process: Applicants must submit a separate application for admission to each school. SULC and Southern University Graduate School. The Graduate School must first admit the student and then the application is forwarded to the department for consideration. Admission into Graduate School does not guarantee admission into the MPA program. SULC and NMC-PADM in accordance with their own respective admissions policies, must independently admit each candidate for the Dual Degree Program into their respective schools.
- SULC students may apply to be admitted into the Program during their first year of law school by submitting a statement to the Offices of Records and Registration in both SULC and Graduate School indicating their interest and applying to NMC-PADM during the spring semester of their first year of legal studies. The application, resume, and transcript must be submitted no later than the final date to apply for admission for the next academic term of the Graduate School and then forwarded to the PADM department.
- D. Program Curriculum: The Dual Degree Program will take four years to complete for full-time students and five years to complete for part-time students, including all separate course requirements for both the J.D. and M.P.A. degrees. The program requires candidates to complete 120 credit hours, 84 hours through SULC and 36 hours through the NMC. Students in the dual degree program spend the first year taking law courses at SULC. Students take classes in both SULC and NMC in their second, third and fourth years. At the end of the fourth year, students who have earned a minimum of 84 credit hours at SULC and 36 credit hours at NMC and who have satisfied all other requirements for graduation at both schools will be awarded the J.D. degree from SULC and the M.P.A. degree from NMC.

The Dual Degree Program course requirements have been updated and are summarized in the appendix to this document.



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- E. Tuition and Fees: Tuition and fees will be paid to both the Law Center and Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge Campus according to the number of credit hours for which the student is registered on each campus.
- F. Institutional Responsibilities:
- (1) SULC and NMC are individually responsible for ensuring the quality of the courses offered through this agreement. To further develop and maintain standardized criteria for students in the Dual Degree Program, as well as to ensure the quality of the Dual Degree Program, the institutions agree to share course curriculums and faculty credentials.
 - (2) Both institutions will maintain independent academic records for the Dual Degree Program candidates with respect to the courses taken by a candidate within its respective degree curriculum. Each school will determine independently the academic standing for a Dual Degree program candidate in accordance with their respective academic standards.
 - (3) Both institutions will maintain and compute separate grade point averages independently and the continued matriculation by a candidate in either or both schools will be determined by the candidate's ability to meet the independent academic standards of each institution.
 - (4) SULC and NMC (through their applicable custodian of records) agrees to exchange information on the academic standing and grades of each Dual Degree Program candidate to ensure that each candidate meets all the academic requirements necessary for continued matriculation in the Dual Degree Program, as determined by the academic standards of SULC and NMC.
 - (5) A Dual Degree Program candidate must receive certification from each school for the awarding of dual J.D. and M.P.A. degrees. Upon completion of all Dual Degree Program requirements, a candidate shall be awarded a J.D. degree from SULC and an M.P.A. degree from the NMC.
 - (6) Both SULC and NMC must reflect in their catalogs the courses being offered through the agreement and the requirements for admission to the Program.
- G. Amendments: SULC and NMC agrees that no amendments or modification to this Agreement shall be valid without the written consent of both institutions.



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- H. Duration: The terms of this Agreement shall be for four (4) years commencing on the latest date of execution by the parties hereto. This Agreement may be renewed for additional periods of time upon the mutual written consent of the parties subject to such terms and conditions as the parties shall determine in writing.

- I. Periodic Review: SULC and NMC agree to review this Agreement two (2) years after its effective date and every two (2) years thereafter to evaluate the progress of the Dual Degree Program and to enhance the quality of this collaboration. Such review shall include an evaluation of the number of students enrolled, general student and institutional satisfaction with the program, and applicable learning outcomes.



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APPENDIX A FULL -TIME JD-MPA CURRICULUMS

MASTER'S IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION | FULL-TIME CIVIL LAW

YEAR ONE

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Legal Writing and Analysis I	421	2
	Basic Civil Procedure	405	3
	Family Law	406	3
	Lawyering Process I	429	2
	Obligations I	417(A)	3
	Civil Torts I	400	3
	Total Hours		

Semester	Course		Credit Hours
Spring	Legal Research	408	1
	Legal Writing and Analysis II	421	2
	Obligations II	437	3
	Civil Torts II	401	2
	Civil Law Property	415	3
	Criminal Law	404	3
	*Lawyering Process II	430	2
	Total Hours		

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Evidence	502	3
	Constitutional Law I	413	3
	Total Hours		6

YEAR TWO

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Louisiana Civil Procedure I	504	3
	Advanced Legal Writing	426	2
	Public Administration	PADM 503	3
	Professional Responsibility	523	2
	Organizational Theory	PADM 508	3
	Trial Advocacy	521	2
	*Legal Methods		
	Total Hours		



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Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Spring	Sales & Lease	509	3
	Louisiana Civil Procedure II	506	2
	Criminal Procedure	419	3
	Applied Statistics	PADM 512	3
	Constitutional Law II	413	3
	Government Financial Mgmt.	PADM 531	<u>3</u>
	*Legal Process		
Total Hours			17

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Business Entities	511	4
	Security Devices	507	<u>3</u>
Total Hours			7

YEAR THREE

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Info Systems Mgmt.	PADM 543	3
	La. Bar Exam Prep. I	820	3
	Ethics & Public Policy	PADM 556	3
	Economics	PADM 563	3
	Clinical Education	642	2
	*Advanced Constitutional Law	625	
Total Hours			14

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Spring	PA Elective		3
	La. Bar Exam Prep. II	791	3
	PA Elective		3
	Clinical Education	642	3
	PA Elective		3
	*Advanced Tort Litigation	658	
Total Hours			15

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Successions & Donations	599	3
	Conflict of Laws	611A	<u>2</u>
Total Hours			5



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YEAR FOUR

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Internship	PADM 583	3
	Conflicts of Laws	611A	2
	Federal Jurisdiction & Procedure	601	4
	JD Elective		3
	Capstone Project	PADM 609	<u>3</u>
	Total Hours		15



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MASTER'S IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION | FULL-TIME COMMON LAW

YEAR ONE

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Legal Writing and Analysis I	421	2
	Basic Civil Procedure	405	3
	Family Law	1406	3
	Lawyering Process I	429	2
	Contract I	1402	3
	Common Law Torts I	1400	3
Total Hours			16

Semester	Course		Credit Hours
Spring	Legal Research	408	1
	Legal Writing and Analysis II	421	2
	Contracts II	1403	3
	Common Law Torts II	1401	2
	Common Law Property	1415	3
	Criminal Law	404	3
	*Lawyering Process II	430	2
Total Hours			16

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Evidence	502	3
	Constitutional Law I	413	3
Total Hours			6

YEAR TWO

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Louisiana Civil Procedure I	504	3
	Advanced Legal Writing	426	2
	Public Administration	PADM 503	3
	Professional Responsibility	523	2
	Trial Advocacy	521	2
	Organization Theory	PADM 508	3
	*Legal Methods		
Total Hours			15



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Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Spring	UCC-2	661	3
	Louisiana Civil Procedure II	506	2
	Criminal Procedure	419	3
	Constitutional Law II	413	3
	Applied Statistics	PADM 512	3
	Trial Advocacy	521	3
	*Legal Process		
Total Hours			17

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Business Associations	512	4
	UCC-9	651	3
Total Hours			7

YEAR THREE

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Uniform Bar Prep. I	822	3
	Government Financial Mgmt.	PADM 531	3
	Info Systems Mgmt.	PADM 543	3
	Ethics & Public Policy	PADM 556	3
	Clinical Education	642	3
	*Advanced Constitutional Law	625	
Total Hours			15

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Spring	Economics	PADM 563	3
	Uniform Bar Prep. II	823	3
	PA Elective		3
	PA Elective		3
	PA Elective		3
	*Advanced Tort Litigation	658	
Total Hours			15



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YEAR FOUR

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Capstone Project	PADM 609	3
	Wills & Trusts	630	3
	Conflicts of Laws	611A	2
	Federal Jurisdiction & Procedure	601	4
	Internship	PADM 583	<u>3</u>
	Total Hours		15



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APPENDIX B PART-TIME JD-MPA CURRICULUMS

MASTER'S IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION | PART-TIME EVENING (CIVIL)

YEAR ONE

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Legal Writing and Analysis I	421	2
	Family Law	406	3
	Lawyering Process I	429	2
	Obligations I	417(A)	3
Total Hours			10

Semester	Course		Credit Hours
Spring	Legal Research	408	1
	Legal Writing and Analysis II	421	2
	Obligations II	437	3
	Civil Law Property	1632	3
	*Lawyering Process II	430	
Total Hours			9

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Civil Torts I	400	3
	Constitutional Law I	413	3
Total Hours			6

YEAR TWO

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Criminal Law	404	3
	Public Administration	PADM 503	3
	Organizational Theory	PADM 508	3
	*Legal Methods		
Total Hours			9

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Spring	Civil Torts II	401	3
	Basic Civil Procedure	405	3
	Constitutional Law II	413	3
	*Legal Process		
Total Hours			9



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Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Business Entities	512	4
	Evidence	502	3
Total Hours			7

YEAR THREE

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Louisiana Civil Procedure I	504	3
	Applied Statistics	PADM 512	3
	Government Financial Mgmt.	PADM 531	3
	*Advanced Constitutional Law	625	
Total Hours			9

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Spring	Info Systems Mgmt.	PADM 543	3
	Ethics & Public Policy	PADM 556	3
	Louisiana Civil Procedure II	506	2
	Economics	PADM 563	3
	*Advanced Tort Litigation	658	
Total Hours			11

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Federal Jurisdiction & Procedure	601	4
	Successions & Donations	599	3
	JD Elective		3
Total Hours			10

YEAR FOUR

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	PA Elective		3
	Sale & Lease	509	3
	La. Bar Prep. I	820	3
Total Hours			9

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Spring	Security Devices	507	3
	Criminal Procedure	418	3
	PA Elective		3



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	La. Bar Prep. II	821	3
Total Hours			12

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Professional Responsibility	523	2
	Trial Advocacy	521	3
	Advanced Legal Writing	426	2
	PA Elective		3
Total Hours			10

YEAR FIVE

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Clinical Education	642	3
	Internship	PADM 583	3
	Capstone Project	PADM 609	3
Total Hours			9



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MASTER'S IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION | PART-TIME EVENING (COMMON)

YEAR ONE

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Legal Writing and Analysis I	421	2
	Family Law	406	3
	Lawyering Process I	429	2
	Contracts I	1402	3
Total Hours			10

Semester	Course		Credit Hours
Spring	Legal Research	408	1
	Legal Writing and Analysis II	421	2
	Contracts II	1403	3
	Common Law Property	1632	3
	*Lawyering Process II	430	
Total Hours			9

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Common Torts I	1400	3
	Constitutional Law I	413	<u>3</u>
Total Hours			6

YEAR TWO

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Criminal Law	404	3
	Public Administration	PADM 503	3
	Organizational Theory	PADM 508	3
	*Legal Methods		
Total Hours			9

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Spring	Common Torts II	1401	3
	Basic Civil Procedure	405	3
	Constitutional Law II	413	3
	*Legal Process		
Total Hours			9



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Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Business Associations	1512	4
	Evidence	502	3
Total Hours			7

YEAR THREE

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Louisiana Civil Procedure I	504	3
	Applied Statistics	PADM 512	3
	Government Financial Mgmt.	PADM 531	3
	*Advanced Constitutional Law	625	
Total Hours			9

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Spring	Info Systems Mgmt.	PADM 543	3
	Ethics & Public Policy	PADM 556	3
	Louisiana Civil Procedure II	506	2
	Economics	PADM 563	3
	*Advanced Tort Litigation	658	
Total Hours			11

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Federal Jurisdiction & Procedure	601	4
	Wills & Trusts	630	3
	JD Elective		3
Total Hours			10

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Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	PA Elective		3
	UCC-2	661	3
	Uniform Bar Exam Prep I	822	3
Total Hours			9



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Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Spring	UCC-9	651	3
	Criminal Procedure	418	3
	PA Elective		3
	Uniform Bar Exam Prep. II	823	3
Total Hours			12

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Summer	Professional Responsibility	523	2
	Trial Advocacy	521	3
	Advanced Legal Writing	426	2
	PA Elective		<u>3</u>
Total Hours			10

YEAR FIVE

Semester	Course Title	Course #	Credit Hours
Fall	Clinical Education	642	3
	Internship	PADM 583	3
	Capstone Project	PADM 609	<u>3</u>
Total Hours			9



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APPENDIX C

MPA CURRICULUM (36 credit hours)

MPA Curriculum/Plan of Study | EFFECTIVE: 1 AUGUST 2020

Traditional Curriculum | 36.00 Credit Hours

Course Numbers	Core Courses	Credit Hours
503	Public Administration (PADM 503)	3.00
508/564	Organizational Theory (PADM 508)/ Organization & Systems Mgt. (PADM 564)	3.00
512	Applied Statistics (PADM 512)	3.00
530	Public Finance (PADM 530)	3.00
543	Info Systems Mgmt. (PADM 543)	3.00
556	Ethics & Public Policy (PADM 556)	3.00
563	Economics (PADM 563)	3.00
Other Required Courses		
	First PADM Elective* or Concentration Course	3.00
	Second PADM Elective* or Concentration Course	3.00
	Third PADM Elective* or Concentration Course	3.00
583	Internship (PADM 583)	3.00
609	Capstone Project (PADM 609)	3.00
Total Credits Required for Degree		36.00



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APPENDIX D

MPA Core and Required Course Descriptions

PADM 503. Principles of Public Administration. This course offers an introduction to the study of public administration. Students are introduced to basic concepts and foundational theories relating to bureaucratic analysis, organizational theory and behavior; functions of public management such as personnel administration, budget decision making, government regulations and administrative law.

PADM 508. Organizational Theory. This course addresses basic principles of the internal management of organizations with a focus on public organizations. Topics addressed include authority, communication, productivity, planning, morale, and change.

PADM 564. Organization and Systems Management. This course develops system-based frameworks for analyzing and understanding policy and management in the public sector and applies systems theory to public management.

PADM 512. Research Methods. This course covers advanced topics in applied research. Topics to be covered include the various steps in the creation of a research proposal, including development of a research question, a literature review, and an appropriate methodology.

PADM 530. Public Finance. This course covers basic concepts, principles, and procedures of public sector economics. Public expenditures and revenue are discussed with a focus on state and local government tax and non-tax revenue sources and expenditures, and variations in intergovernmental aid programs and state and local expenditure policies and practices.

PADM 543. Information Systems for Public Managers. This course analyzes computer software applications including word- processing, spreadsheet, database management, graphics, desktop publishing, and statistical analysis software.

PADM 556. Ethics and Public Policy. This course provides students with the tools and techniques for ethical analysis of public policies. This class is designed to enhance understanding about the ethical debate that surrounds most public policies and to deepen the awareness of the ethical standards in public administration or public services, in general. Starting with the foundations of ethical study, this course introduces: the major ethical philosophies; the application of these principles to decision making for a better understanding of the values that underpin or prescribe public policies, and the codes and standards of ethics in public administration.

PADM 563. Managerial Economics (Microeconomics). This course acquaints students with the basic concepts, principles and procedures of both micro and macroeconomic relevant to public policy analysis; provides and understanding of relationships between consumers and producers in a contemporary economy; acquaint students with methods of analysis relevant to decision making in both public and private sectors of the economy.



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PADM 583. Internship. The purpose of the internship is to provide students the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom to issues in an agency. Each student, unless exempted, must complete an internship with a public or quasi-public agency. Placement is arranged by or must be approved by the Departmental Internship and Placement Director.

PADM 609 (3 hours). Research Project. Students are expected to work closely with their faculty advisors towards completion of their research/thesis projects.