MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
AND  
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF HISTORY AND LEGAL STUDIES  
BACHELOR OF ARTS/JURIS DOCTORATE  
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  

Note: This agreement is specifically for Mount Wachusett Community College (herein, MWCC) students graduating from the A.S. degree in Paralegal Studies (PLD) who plan to earn a Juris Doctorate degree from the Massachusetts School of Law (herein, MSL) after completing a B.A. degree in History and Legal Studies from American College of History and Legal Studies (herein, ACHLS).  

Description and Regulations  

In order to provide greater opportunity for students to continue to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees at a reasonable cost, Mount Wachusett Community College and the American College of History and Legal Studies enter into a degree completion articulation agreement that would allow MWCC graduates to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Legal Studies from ACHLS and, if the student desires, a Juris Doctorate degree from Massachusetts School of Law. Talented students whose grades make them eligible for an accelerated program will be able to obtain both a B.A. and a J.D. in six years rather than the customary seven. The following parameters guide the program:  

• The student will spend the first two years at MWCC satisfying the Paralegal Studies Associate Degree requirements. The student is encouraged to take numerous courses which are intellectually rigorous and help the student to develop strong analytical and writing skills. A description of a typical general education block and other suggested courses that constitute 60/62 transferrable credits is attached hereto.  
• A student in ACHLS B.A. program will take 60 credit hours in the ACHLS’ program in her final two years, and will then graduate with a B.A. in History and Legal Studies.  
• A student who qualifies for the B.A./J.D. program will spend one year taking 30 hours of credit at ACHLS and will then enter law school at Massachusetts School of Law. The individual will receive a B.A. degree from ACHLS after successful completion of 30 credit hours at the law school and the transfer of those credits to ACHLS. He will then earn J.D. degree after successful completion of the remaining 60 credit hours at the law school.
Admission Criteria and Process

Information about the MWCC/ACHLS Program will be housed in the Advising and Counseling Center at MWCC. Students interested in the program should discuss this articulation agreement with their advisor or the Transfer Planning Services office at MWCC hopefully doing so early in their studies towards their degree.

Admission of MWCC’s graduates to the B.A. or B.A./J.D. Degree Program will require the following:

• A 2.7 cumulative G.P.A. at the time the Associate Degree is conferred. (A student whose grade point average falls between 2.3 and 2.69 may still apply to the program but will not be admitted unless the student’s record and application materials clearly demonstrate that the individual possesses the requisite skills to successfully complete the program.)
• Submission of an official MWCC transcript demonstrating no grade less than a C in all of the courses designated as preparation for the ACHLS B.A. track.
• Submission of a letter from the MWCC Assistant Dean of Student Services attesting to good conduct by the student as demonstrated by no judicial board or academic review sanctions or disciplinary action of any kind.

Students considering applying to the B.A. or B.A./J.D. Degree Program should consult with their advisor or the Advising and Counseling Center, during the academic year in which the student is to graduate. A student should apply to the ACHLS program by March 15th of the year the student is graduating. The application will include:

• Completion of the ACHLS application form and payment of the application fee.
• Submission of official transcripts from all institutions of higher education that the student has attended.
• An interview with MWCC’s Transfer Counselor or like official who will provide a letter of recommendation describing the student’s qualifications.
• An additional letter of recommendation from a faculty member or an associate at work.
• A personal statement.
• Interview with an admission’s officer at ACHLS and completion of an essay.

In considering applications, ACHLS will pay special attention to detailed qualitative Paralegal Studies Agreement assessments of the students’ capabilities as they are articulated in the letters of recommendation.

Additional information about ACHLS and its application criteria may be found at
www.achls.org or in the ACHLS Catalog. Potential applicants should consult these publications prior to application.

Students who qualify and are in good standing for the B.A./J.D. program will receive automatic admission to MSL upon attaining a 2.7 Grade Point Average at the end of their first year of study at ACHLS and completion of the law school’s application. Upon successful completion of the student’s first 30 credits at the law school, those credits will then be transferred to ACHLS to satisfy the remaining credit requirements for the B.A. in the ACHLS program. The student will then receive his or her B.A. degree from ACHLS. The student will receive a law degree from MSL after successful completion of the remaining 60 law school credit hours needed for a J.D. degree. The student must, of course, satisfy all posted graduation requirements for a Juris Doctor degree.

Students who obtain a 2.3 G.P.A. at the completion of 60 credits at ACHLS, are in good standing and obtain their B.A. degree, are eligible for automatic admission to MSL’s J.D. program upon completion of the law school’s application and satisfactory completion of the law school’s essay admission test. Students who obtain below a 2.3 GPA at the completion of 60 credits at ACHLS are eligible for admission to the law school in the ordinary application process.

This agreement shall go into effect on the date of the final signature and shall be in effect on an ongoing basis with the provision that the terms specified herein will continue to apply to graduates who transfer from MWCC to ACHLS in either the day or evening division, within one year of the expiration of this agreement. This agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis by both institutions, for review and to discuss and implement any changes and/or modifications that may affect this agreement.

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Date of final signature
ASSOCIATE DEGREE TRANSFER CREDIT

The courses listed below comprise one transfer block that satisfies the general education and core requirements of ACHLS. This transfer block helps to ensure that students are adequately prepared to successfully complete their B.A. requirements at the ACHLS.

The 2-year college may modify the transfer block to accommodate specific courses within their particular institution or a different transfer block than the one below with ACHLS approval; such blocks will also prepare students to be successful at the ACHLS.

Students who have obtained their Associate Degree with 34/35 credit hours of general education credits that partly fall outside the transfer block listed below, and outside a transfer block created by their particular community college, are still eligible for admission to the ACHLS. ACHLS will evaluate their general education courses on a case-by-case basis.

**ACHLS Gen Ed Transfer Block for MWCC Paralegal Program**

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<td>PSY 246 Psychology and the Law, BUS211 Business Law, AND</td>
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<td>CIS127 Computer Technologies</td>
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<td>HIS121 History of the Constitution, PLS250</td>
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<td>Legal Research and Writing I, AND</td>
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<td>THE113 Speech</td>
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<td>Any BIO, BTC, EAS, OR ENV</td>
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<td>MAT126 Topics in Mathematics</td>
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Additionally as part of the General Education block, or of the remaining 26/27 credit hours, to the completion of the Associate degree that a student may transfer to ACHLS, it is suggested, but not required, that students take:

**Suggested Courses for Remaining Credits**

- PLS101 Introduction to Law 18 credit hours
- PLS104 Introduction to Family Law
- PLS110 Litigation,
PLS262 Estate Planning,  
PLS106 Introduction to Real Estate Law, **AND**  
PLS270 Legal Studies Seminar  
ECO101 Macroeconomics **OR**  
ECO102 Microeconomics  
POL211 Massachusetts and the Federal System  
PER126 **OR** 130 Health, Fitness & Wellness Elective  

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