Proposal Transmittal Sheet

Submit proposals to: Office of Academic Programs, Assessment, and Accreditation, 500 Kerr Administration Building – Oregon State University

Please attach Transmittal Sheet; Proposal; Letters of Support (external to OSU); Library Evaluation* (performed by the Library), Liaison Correspondence (internal to OSU), and Budget Information (both OSU and HECC budget sheets)

* Not required for other proposals unless requested

New Programs
Final Approval for new degrees and extension to OSU branch campuses: Oregon State Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC).

Final Approval for new certificate programs Statewide Provost’s Council.

Check one:

- New Degree Program
- New Certificate Program
- Extension to OSU Branch Campuses

Other Proposals
Final Approval: OSU Provost

Check one:

- Establish: new college, school, department or program
- Rename: Change existing program name
- Reorganization: move responsibility for an academic program from one unit to another
- Suspend or Reactivate: an academic program or academic unit
- Terminate: an academic program or academic unit
- Merge or Split: an academic program or academic unit

Title of Proposal:
Accelerated Baccalaureate (BA/BS)/Law (JD) Degree Program – Oregon State University and Lewis & Clark Law School

Effective Date:
3/15/2015

School/Department/Program:

I certify that the above proposal has been reviewed by the appropriate Department, School, and College administrators and committees. I approve this proposal.

Sign (Dean, College of Liberal Arts) 2/25/15 03/30/15
LARRY RODGERS
Date

Print (Dean, College of Liberal Arts) 3/6/15

Sign (Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs)  Date
REBECCA WARNER

Print (Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs)
Proposal for Delivery of an Existing Program to a New Location

Institutions: Oregon State University 
and 
Lewis & Clark College

Colleges: 
OSU College of Liberal Arts 
and 
Lewis & Clark Law School

Program: Joint Program between Oregon State University's 
College of Liberal Arts and Lewis & Clark Law School to 
Offer an:

Accelerated Baccalaureate (BA/BS) / Law (JD) Degree Program

1. Program Description

a. Program title, level, and delivery sites.

Accelerated Baccalaureate/Law Degree Program, in cooperation with Lewis & Clark Law School, for OSU undergraduates on the Corvallis campus.

b. Department and school/college that would offer the program. Include the name of the institution program coordinator.

Schools in OSU’s College of Liberal Arts that will initially be participating in this joint agreement:

- Arts and Communication (Speech Communication)
- History, Philosophy, and Religion (History, Philosophy)
- Language, Culture and Society (Anthropology; Ethnic Studies; Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; World Languages and Cultures)
- Public Policy (Economics, Political Science, Sociology)
- Writing, Literature, and Film (English)

The program home will be the College of Liberal Arts. The Pre-Law Coordinator will serve as the program director and will have responsibility for coordinating the program, corresponding with Lewis & Clark Law School and the OSU central administrative offices regarding the courses, requirements, admission criteria, financial aid inquiries, catalog entry, questions regarding enrollment statistics, and entries into the Student Information Systems.
c. Briefly describe the academic program. List all course titles, including number of credits.

The proposed program will enable qualified OSU students to earn a BA or BS degree and a law degree in a total of six years. OSU students can be admitted to the proposed program anytime during their first two years of undergraduate study. (Post-baccalaureate students are not eligible for this program.) At the end of their third year, having completed all degree requirements for an identified BA or BS degree in a program in the College of Liberal Arts, with the exception of 45 hours of upper-division electives, qualified students can be admitted to the Lewis & Clark Law School where their first-year law courses will satisfy the elective requirements for their OSU degree. After completing the additional two years at Lewis & Clark, participating students will have completed both the Bachelors and J.D. degrees in six years (or three years enrolled at OSU and three years enrolled at Lewis & Clark Law School).

Program Title:
- Joint 3 + 3 OSU and Lewis & Clark College Pre-Law and Law Degree Program

Participating OSU Baccalaureate Degree Programs:
- BA, BS in Anthropology
- BA, BS in Economics
- BA in English
- BA, BS in Ethnic Studies
- BA in French, BA in German, BA in Spanish
- BA in History
- BA, BS in Philosophy
- BA, BS in Political Science
- BA, BS in Sociology
- BA, BS in Speech Communication
- BA, BS in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Requirements for admission to the Baccalaureate/Law Program are:

- Minimum combined SAT score of 1950 or composite ACT score of 29;
- Minimum high school GPA of 3.5;
- A submitted essay describing the student’s reason for applying to the program and the capacities that will enable the student’s success in an accelerated program;
- An in-person interview with the Baccalaureate/Law Program Admission Committee demonstrating the qualities of maturity, focus, and discipline required of program participants; and
• Participation in a Baccalaureate/Law Program orientation session.

Students in the program apply for admission to the Lewis & Clark Law School during the junior year of their undergraduate work. By the end of their junior undergraduate year, Baccalaureate/Law students must:
• Complete all requirements for a major in OSU's College of Liberal Arts;
• Complete all requirements for the Baccalaureate Core and the CLA Core;
• Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher;
• Complete the equivalent of 135 credits, including a minimum of 45 credits as admitted students at Oregon State University immediately prior to matriculating at Lewis & Clark Law School;
• Achieve a Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score in their junior year that is no lower than the median LSAT for the prior year's entering class of the Lewis & Clark Law School; and
• Complete all required Law School application materials and comply with all other Law School admission requirements.

Students who do not meet all of these requirements, and are not admitted to the Law School, will presumably complete their undergraduate degree at OSU (or elsewhere), after which they have the options available to all college graduates (including the admission to a law school, including Lewis & Clark Law School, through the normal application process).

OSU agrees, under the provisions of Academic Regulation 25, to accept in transfer from Lewis & Clark Law School up to 48 credit hours for the first year of the Law Degree program. The credit hours will apply as the senior year requirements towards an OSU BA or BS degree from one of the participating academic units in the College of Liberal Arts. The courses at the Lewis & Clark Law School that will transfer to OSU as upper-division elective credits are:

Fall Term – all credits converted from semester credits to quarter credits:
• Civil Procedure I (4.5 credits, converted from semesters)
• Constitutional Law I (4.5 credits)
• Contracts I (4.5 credits)
• Legal Analysis and Writing I (4.5 credits)
• Legal Methods (3 credits)
• Torts (6 credits)

Spring Term – all credits converted from semester credits to quarter credits
• Contracts II (4.5 credits)
• Civil Procedure II (3 credits)
• Criminal Procedure I (4.5 credits)
• Legal Analysis and Writing II (3 credits)
• Property (6 credits)
Lewis & Clark Law School agrees to ensure that any changes in the Law Degree program's first year curriculum will be communicated to the Dean's Office in the College of Liberal Arts as they occur. Students failing to successfully complete the prescribed first year of the Law Degree curriculum at Lewis & Clark Law School will not be covered by the MOU.

An exception to the one year for completion rule could be made if a student has extraordinary and compelling reasons preventing completion of the courses in one year. Decisions as to exceptions will be made by the Oregon State University and must be pre-approved.

Students will be requested to meet with the Pre-Law Coordinator of the College of Liberal Arts as early in their degree program as possible if their intent is to apply for admission into this joint Baccalaureate/Law Degree program between OSU and Lewis & Clark Law School. Advising materials outlining this program will be developed and made available to students following the final approval of the proposal by both Universities.

This MOU will be subject to yearly re-evaluation by both universities for continuance. Changes in the MOU should be communicated by either institution in writing no later than March 1 of any academic year. Changes to the degree requirements or to the courses being offered at Lewis & Clark Law School will necessitate notification as an addendum that will be attached to the MOU.

d. **Indicate in what ways the proposed program at the new location(s) will differ from the on campus program.**

The first three years of the joint program will be located on the OSU campus. During the next three to four years, the students will be in residence at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland. After the fourth year of higher education, and the first year at Lewis & Clark Law School, the student admitted into this special program will have completed a baccalaureate degree from Oregon State University.

Students in the 3-3 program must attend the first year of law school at Lewis & Clark as full-time students, and may not switch to the part-time division unless for extraordinary and compelling reasons and subject to pre-approval by Oregon State University. After completing the first year as a full-time student, and receiving the bachelor's degree from Oregon State University, a student may change from full-time to part-time on a semester by semester basis.

e. **List any special requirements or prerequisites for admission to the program at the new location(s).**

The requirements for entry into this special 3 + 3 joint-degree program are described in 1c of this proposal.
f. Is there an accrediting agency or professional society that has established standards for this program? If so, is the program currently accredited? If accredited, what steps would be needed to accredit the program at the proposed new location(s)?

There are no professional accreditations associated with any of the OSU degree programs listed as part of this proposal. In contrast, the J.D. program at Lewis & Clark Law School is accredited by the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools.

2. Demand

a. List any similar programs offered at the proposed or nearby location(s).

There is one other accelerated program in Oregon. It is between Oregon State University and Willamette University College of Law. This program is similar to that, and to 3+3 programs at more than a dozen other locations nationwide, as researched by Lewis & Clark Law School.

b. Provide evidence of need for the program at the new location(s).

This special and unique program arrangement offers talented and motivated students, at a time when the costs of higher education are a matter of increasing concern, an opportunity to complete an undergraduate and a law degree in six years, rather than the usual minimum of seven.

c. Estimate enrollment and number of graduates over the next five years. Will any enrollment limitation be imposed? If so, how will those to be enrolled be selected?

Lewis & Clark Law School agrees to accept any student meeting the admissions criteria stated in this document, who has been approved for the program by OSU.

3. Personnel

a. List the names and qualifications of faculty (regular and adjunct) who will be involved in delivering the program to the proposed location(s). Will new faculty be needed?

Besides the Pre-Law Coordinator in the College of Liberal Arts and assistance from advisors, no additional faculty will be directly involved in this special program. The student will work at an accelerated pace to complete all of the University and College requirements in three years, rather than four.

b. Estimate the number and type of support staff needed to provide the program at the new location(s).
Additional support staff, or rather the shifting of responsibilities among current staff, will be required only in the area of advising.

4. Other Resources

a. Describe facilities (e.g., buildings, labs, equipment) necessary to offer the program at the new location(s).

No additional physical facilities will be needed.

b. Indicate how library needs will be met.

No additional library resources will be needed; students in the program will have no needs beyond those currently facing undergraduates with a pre-law focus.

c. Indicate how students at the new location(s) will receive student services (e.g., academic advising, financial aid assistance, course registration, access to book/text purchases).

Students will receive student services at the institution in which they are currently enrolled. While at OSU, undergraduates will be served by the same student services available to all OSU students. Once admitted and enrolled at the Lewis & Clark Law School, they will have access to all services available on that campus in Portland. Financial aid will likewise be available at either OSU or the Law School on the same basis as for other enrolled students.

5. Alternative Delivery Methods/Formats

a. Are alternative delivery methods being used (e.g., distance learning or technology-enhanced)? Please describe.

There will be no special arrangements to deliver courses via OSU's Ecampus. Some courses may have hybrid course availability. All of the courses offered by Lewis & Clark Law School are face-to-face (lecture, discussion, seminar).

b. Will this program be delivered in an alternative format (e.g., weekend, evening, on-site)? Please describe.

There will be no alternative format used to deliver this program.

6. Budgetary Impact

a. Indicate the estimated cost of the program for the first four years of its operation. (Use the Budget Outline form, accessible from the Provosts' Council website.)

The cost for this program will be minimal, limited to marketing/recruiting materials and reallocation of .05 FTE of advisers' time. See attached.
b. If grant funds are required to launch the program, what does the institution propose to do with the program upon termination of the grant?

Not applicable.

c. Will the allocation of going-level budget funds in support of the program have an adverse impact on any other institutional program, including the on-campus program? If so, in what ways?

The impact on other CLA programs will be minimal.

d. If the program will be financed from existing resources, specifically state:
   i. What the budgetary unit will be doing as a result of the new program that is not now done, in terms of additional activities.
   ii. What these new activities will cost and whether financed or staffed by shifting of assignments within the budgetary unit or reallocation of resources within the institution. State which resources will be moved and how this will affect those programs losing resources.

A pre-law coordinator has been appointed, who will oversee the advising of these students along with other undergraduates with a pre-law focus. Advising in the major will continue as in current practices. Whatever shifting of resources that will be required will be minimal and virtually invisible to other units.