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University, MSLAW sign articulation agreement

Fitchburg State and the [Massachusetts School of Law](#) at Andover have entered into an articulation agreement that will enable students to complete their bachelor's and law degrees in six years, saving a year in time and tuition costs. The agreement was signed in a ceremony Monday afternoon.

The pact is one of several that Fitchburg State has negotiated with post-baccalaureate institutions in an effort to provide cost-effective paths to students' academic and career goals.



Massachusetts School of Law Dean Michael Coyne, seated at center, and Fitchburg State President Lapidus, sign an articulation agreement between the two institutions that will allow students to earn their bachelor's and law degrees in six years.

Participating students will complete their first three years of study at Fitchburg State, and pending admission to the Massachusetts School of Law, will be able to complete their bachelor's and juris doctor degrees after their three additional years of study. Students who complete the program will get their bachelor's degree from Fitchburg State and law degree from Massachusetts School of Law.

While normal tuition and fees will apply for both institutions, participating Fitchburg State students will be eligible for a renewable \$5,000 scholarship toward tuition at MSLAW.

"This agreement creates opportunities for students to put their careers on a fast track," President Lapidus said. "Graduates of this program will save a year in time and expense and in possession of valuable credentials."

"As a graduate of the Massachusetts state college system, I know the value of an accessible, high quality education," MSLAW Dean Michael L. Coyne said. "As educators concerned about the future of society and the legal profession, it is vital that we continue to provide pathways for students from all backgrounds to enter the legal profession and contribute to their communities."

Inauguration update

