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CSP Partners with Concordia School of Law Introducing a 3+3 Law Degree

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There is a new opportunity for students who are interested in going to law school. A 3+3 agreement between Concordia University, Saint Paul and Concordia University School of Law in Boise, Idaho, has been executed, which allows students to complete their undergraduate and law degrees in six years instead of the usual seven.

Interested students would begin the application process to law school during the fall of their junior year at Concordia, then after they have completed their general credits at CSP. They would start classes the following fall at Concordia School of Law in Boise. Upon successful completion of coursework at CUSL after the first year, 30 credits would be transferred back to CSP in order for the student to complete their undergraduate degree, leaving two more years of law school to complete the Juris Doctor program. Doing this would enable students to graduate with a law degree a year earlier than expected, and the student doesn't need to wait until the end of their legal program of education to receive their undergraduate degree from CSP.

Even though not technically "graduated", CSP students participating in this program will receive the 20% Concordia Graduate discount for law school tuition. Even though students would transfer from Concordia Saint Paul to Boise, Idaho, students are able to continue studying at a Lutheran institution with the same ideals and commitment to service that anyone will

find at all of the Concordia campuses. These students are also able to use their law degrees from CUSL to practice law in Minnesota, because the CUSL is accredited and affiliated with the Uniform Bar Examination.

Interested students also need to have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in CSP coursework, though students with a 2.75 – 2.99 may be considered for a custom-track admissions option.

Students also need a letter of recommendation from a designated official at CSP, such as a faculty advisor, endorsing the student's participation in the program.

The student should have a minimum LSAT score of 152 as well. Dave Woodward will be working with students to apply to the program, and looking at other potential law schools.

This opportunity is available to any student at CSP regardless of what major program they are pursuing.

The only catch is that the student complete 96 semester hours by the end of their third year, and only have elective credits remaining to complete their undergraduate degree.

If you are interested in this program or would like more information, please speak to Academic Advisor Gretchen Walther, or visit law.cu-portland.edu.



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