

JULY 25 1985

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

132 L. C. JOHNS HALL, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13210

June 20, 1985

Dr. Donald F. Behrend  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
College of Environmental Science and Forestry  
227A Bray Hall  
Campus

Dear Don:

Enclosed is the original document of the revised guidelines for concurrent degree enrollment. I was pleased to sign this on behalf of Syracuse University. The program is an excellent one which merits continued support by our respective institutions.

Sincerely,



John James Prucha

JJP:mb  
cc: Dr. Volker Weiss  
Enclosure

GUIDELINES FOR CONCURRENT GRADUATE DEGREE ENROLLMENT  
BETWEEN SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY AND  
SUNY COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

These guidelines describe an arrangement between Syracuse University (S.U.) and the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (C.E.S.F.) for students to pursue concurrent graduate degrees in specified areas. Within these programs the individual institutions retain their separate authority and responsibility concerning curriculum, course content, degree requirements, granting of degrees, and related matters.

The programs described in these guidelines allow for flexibility to meet the needs of individual students. The agreement is based upon the belief of both S.U. and the C.E.S.F. that interdisciplinary study can broaden and enhance a student's education and training and that through an agreement such as this, the objective can be efficiently achieved.

Concurrent degree programs are restricted to five specified areas of study at Syracuse University. These are: (1) J.D. Degree, Law; (2) M.P.A. Degree, Maxwell School; (3) M.A. and M.S. Degrees, Newhouse School of Public Communications; (4) M.B.A. Degree, School of Management; (5) M.S. Degree, School of Education. Students will not be permitted to pursue concurrent degree programs involving other fields of study offered at Syracuse University.

The intention of the concurrent graduate degree program is for the student to integrate the two curricula to achieve desired career and professional objectives. Consequently, simultaneous completion of the requirements for the two programs is desirable and expected.

#### ADMISSION

##### Concurrent Degree Programs NOT Involving the Juris Doctor Degree:

A student must matriculate at either institution and complete at least one semester of graduate level coursework prior to being considered for the concurrent degree program. Only those students who have performed at an outstanding level will be accepted into the program.

Students who have met these criteria and wish to be considered for the concurrent graduate degree program must submit a petition and program statement of intent to the Assistant Vice President for Academic Programs at C.E.S.F. and the Vice President for Research and Graduate Affairs at S.U.

##### Concurrent Degree Programs Involving the Juris Doctor Degree:

Concurrent degree programs involving the Juris Doctor Degree normally do not begin until after completion of one academic year of full-time study. Accordingly, consideration for admission to C.E.S.F. may be accomplished after matriculation in the College of Law and completion of the first semester of law study. Only those students who have performed at an outstanding level will be accepted into the program.

Students who have met these criteria and wish to be considered for the concurrent graduate degree program must submit a petition and program statement of intent to the Assisatant Vice President for Academic Programs at C.E.S.F. and the Dean of the College of Law at S.U. In addition, every applicant must file with the Colege of Law Inter-disciplinary Programs Committee a petition for admission to the appropriate concurrent degree program. Such petition must set out the applicant's program objective and comprehensive plan of proposed study and must be approved by both the College of Law and C.E.S.F.

## CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

### Concurrent Degree Programs NOT Involving the Juris Doctor Degree:

Students who are seeking two masters' degrees must earn at least 80 percent of the combined number of graduate credits required normally for each of the separate degrees. However, two 30 credit masters' degrees shall not be awarded for fewer than 51 graduate credits. The specific coursework requirements shall be established by the student's steering committee which shall consist of co-major professors (one from each program) and at least one other individual from each institution. In addition to coursework, all other degree requirements usually required by either institution shall be satisfied.

Students who are seeking a master's degree at one institution and a doctoral degree (other than the Juris Doctor Degree) at the other, must complete at least four years of full-time study or its equivalent. The specific coursework requirements shall be established by the student's steering committee which shall consist of co-major professors (one from each program) and at least one other individual from each institution. In addition to coursework, all other degree requirements usually required by either institution shall be satisfied.

A written statement for each student in a concurrent degree program must be prepared. This statement shall indicate required coursework, number of electives and any guidance for their selection, language or other research tool requirements, thesis or other capstone requirement, examinations, and an approximate timetable for completion of requirements.

It is suggested that for programs which anticipate a significant number of students who will wish to pursue concurrent degrees, a statement be developed between the respective programs which details the requirements, so that students can gain an understanding of what would be expected of them before they apply.

### Concurrent Degree Programs Involving the Juris Doctor Degree:

Students who are seeking a master's degree at C.E.S.F. and a Juris Doctor Degree at S.U. must complete at least four academic years of full-time study or its equivalent. In addition, all applicable requirements for the relevant degrees prescribed by the respective institutions must be satisfied, as must the special academic rules of the College of Law governing concurrent or joint degree programs.

Every student in a concurrent degree program must prepare a comprehensive plan of proposed study (to include program objectives; elective and required coursework; internship, thesis or other capstone requirements; approximate timetable for completion) with the assistance and approval of his or her faculty advisors from C.E.S.F. and the College of Law. The specific requirements for the student's concurrent degree program shall be established by approval of such comprehensive plan, and periodic review and revision thereafter, by C.E.S.F. and the Interdisciplinary Programs Committee of the College of Law.

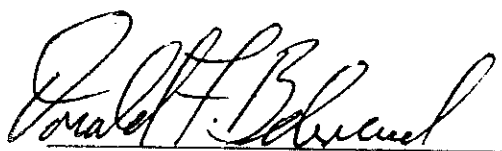
#### REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Students enrolled in concurrent degree programs shall have designated as the primary institution that one in which they first matriculated. The primary institution shall provide all the support normally provided to graduate students.

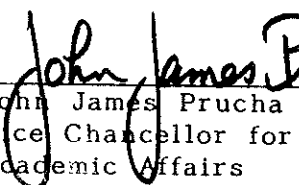
Students shall pay tuition and other fees in effect for the primary institution. The courses taken at the secondary institution shall be accounted for under the terms of the accessory instruction contract.

It is intended that the number of students claiming each institution as primary shall be approximately equal.

Annual review of these guidelines shall be conducted to determine any appropriate changes.

  
 Donald F. Behrend  
 Vice President for  
 Academic Affairs  
 SUNY College of Environ-  
 mental Science and Forestry

6/17/85  
 Date

  
 John James Prucha  
 Vice Chancellor for  
 Academic Affairs  
 Syracuse University

6/18/85  
 Date