



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

and

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY

Purpose

The attached agreement summarizes an educational partnership between Louisiana Tech University and Grambling State University to provide senior accounting majors in the GSU College of Business accelerated entry into the Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program at Louisiana Tech University. This partnership between the two Colleges of Business enables concurrent enrollment in both the GSU baccalaureate program and the Louisiana Tech graduate coursework for students who are within 30 semester credit hours (SCH) of completing their GSU baccalaureate requirements and have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.2 on all undergraduate work attempted.

Name of Articulation

Accelerated Pathway to the Louisiana Tech University Master of Accountancy Degree through Concurrent Enrollment.

Terms

This agreement shall continue until terminated by either party giving written notice to the other party in order to protect all students transferring between institutions.

Louisiana Tech University

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Dr. Leslie K. Guice, President

Grambling State University

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Richard J. Gallot, President

Grambling State University – Louisiana Tech University Accelerated Pathway to the Louisiana Tech University Master of Accountancy Degree Through Concurrent Enrollment

The Concurrent Baccalaureate and Master of Accountancy (MAcc) Program enrollment is available to Grambling undergraduate accounting program seniors who are within 30 semester credit hours (SCH) of completing their Grambling baccalaureate degree requirements and have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.2 on all undergraduate work attempted.

Students in this category may apply for Concurrent enrollment (see below), specifying a Master of Accountancy (MAcc) degree at Louisiana Tech towards which they may earn graduate credit in the Concurrent enrollment program. If these students pursue the MAcc after earning the Baccalaureate degree, an application to the Graduate School will be processed without an application fee, the graduate credits earned thus far will apply towards the Master's degree, and GMAT required of regular applicants may be waived by the program. Students in the Concurrent program earn graduate level credit but are not admitted to the MAcc until completion of their undergraduate degree and successful completion of Concurrent program requirements. The following criteria and regulations apply:

- Students retain undergraduate status at GSU until they are awarded the baccalaureate degree.
- Courses taken for graduate credit cannot be used to satisfy undergraduate requirements at GSU and will appear on the student's Louisiana Tech University transcript as graduate credit hours.
- Once admitted, students must enroll in one graduate course in the admitted term to retain Concurrent status and are expected to continue enrolling in subsequent regular terms, (i.e., Summer enrollment is not expected, unless the admitted term is Summer).
- Students may earn no more than 12 graduate credit hours while completing baccalaureate requirements, at the typical rate of three graduate credits per term. Enrollment for up to six graduate credit hours in one term may be allowed upon written approval of the student's Dean at GSU, and Louisiana Tech's Dean of the Graduate School.
- While in the Concurrent program, the student shall maintain a minimum cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 and remain in good academic standing as a graduate student at Louisiana Tech.
- The maximum number of consecutive terms (excluding Summer) in the Concurrent enrollment program shall be four.
- Tuition and fees for graduate level courses taken while a student is in the Concurrent program are paid directly to Louisiana Tech University.
- Financial aid derived from TOPS or through the GSU Office of Financial Aid may not be applied to the Concurrent Program.
- Merit-based scholarship opportunities for the Concurrent program are available through the College of Business. Upon completion of the GSU undergraduate degree, the student may apply for financial assistance from the Louisiana Tech University Office of Financial Aid.

Applying to the Concurrent Baccalaureate and Master of Accountancy (MAcc) Program

An application for Concurrent admission should be completed through Louisiana Tech's Graduate School website (along with payment of the application fee), and submitted along with official transcripts, two letters of recommendation from faculty members at GSU, and a letter from the student's Dean of the College of Business at GSU, certifying that the applicant:

- (a) is within 30 hours of completing the requirements for the Baccalaureate degree,
and
- (b) has a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher in all undergraduate work pursued thus far.

A concurrently enrolled student will be required to submit a letter from the Dean of the College of Business at GSU each quarter certifying that the student continues to make satisfactory academic progress towards the baccalaureate degree.

A concurrently enrolled student may lose concurrent status in the following ways:

- If, after being admitted to the Concurrent enrollment program, a student fails to enroll for a graduate course at Louisiana Tech in the admitted term.
- If, after entering the Concurrent enrollment program, the student does not enroll in graduate courses for more than one quarter. Students in this category will have to apply for re-admission to the Concurrent enrollment program to continue earning graduate credits.
- If, after entering the Concurrent enrollment program, a student enrolls in a graduate course that is not applicable to the MAcc degree program.
- Upon completion of the baccalaureate program, a student decides to pursue a Master's degree other than the MAcc.
- The quarterly and cumulative graduate GPA drops below the minimum required 3.0. Concurrent students in this category will be dropped from the Concurrent program and must appeal for reinstatement prior to any further graduate admission or enrollment.

Students losing Concurrent enrollment status but who wish to pursue a Master's degree at Louisiana Tech will be expected to meet the same admission requirements as regular applicants to the program. They will have to apply for admission to the Graduate School with application fee; the waiver of GRE and GMAT mentioned above may no longer apply; and the applicability of any graduate credits earned thus far towards the Master's degree sought will be determined by the program.