

**Bergin University of Canine Studies**  
10201 Old Redwood Highway, Penngrove, CA 94951  
**Student Enrollment Agreement for Master Degree**

**Agreement for Educational Services:**

This is an agreement for educational services to be provided by Bergin University of Canine Studies to the student named below. As Master of Science students are not on campus at the beginning of the degree program, they are to carefully review, initial **EACH** page, and sign the Enrollment Agreement **prior** to the beginning of the fall semester. A staff member will review the Enrollment Agreement with students the first day of the fall on-site session. It is the student's responsibility to read this Agreement carefully and contact Student Services via phone or email with any questions. Once this document is signed by you and approved by Bergin University, it legally obligates both Bergin University and you. This agreement covers your attendance in the below named program for four semesters.

*Any questions a student may have regarding this enrollment agreement that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 N. Market Boulevard, Suite 225 Sacramento, California 95834. Telephone: (888) 370-7589; (916) 574-8900; Fax: (916) 263-1897; Web site: [www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov)*

**Student Information:**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current address of student: \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent address of student: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Program of Instruction:**

Title of program: Master of Science in Human-Canine Life Sciences  
Academic Degree Awarded Upon Successful Completion of Master Degree Program

**Program completion requirements:**

Total credits: 36 semester credits  
Start date: August 17, 2020 Scheduled completion date: December 17, 2021

Semesters: Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2021. The Master of Science program requires completion of 36 semester credits over a period of 4 semesters (sessions). The maximum program length for the M.S. degree is six (6) semesters (4 x 1.5). Additional semesters are permitted when allowance is required for scheduling of courses that are offered every other year.

Bergin University of Canine Studies reserves the right to modify program requirements, content, and the sequence of program offerings for educational reasons which are deemed necessary to fulfill its role and mission.

**Program Course Attendance:**

The Master's program is comprised of 36 credits scheduled over four semesters. Students are not required to be on campus during the entire semester. The semester begins with assignments from each instructor to be completed prior to the on-campus session. The student then attends the intense two-week session on campus. The semester concludes with additional assignments from the semester's instructors. Students may only start the Master's program in Fall. While onsite for two weeks at the University, the course schedule is Monday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm with one evening each week ending at 9:00 pm. Sessions are scheduled for November 2, 2020 – November 14, 2020, February 15, 2021 – February 27, 2021, June 21, 2021 – July 3, 2021, and September 20, 2021 – October 2, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bergin University has changed the Master of Science program to a hybrid format. The fall session will be held online with live online classes throughout the semester. **If possible**, spring, summer and next fall session classes will be held on campus.

**Information about Bergin University of Canine Studies:**

Name of school: Bergin University of Canine Studies

Address of school: 10201 Old Redwood Highway, Penngrove, CA 94951

Telephone: 707/545-3647 E-mail: [info@berginu.edu](mailto:info@berginu.edu)

**Delay of Program Start Date**

I understand that the program calendar start dates and onsite session locations are tentative in nature and can change due to weather delays, fire, lack of enrollment, act of God, etc. Bergin University of Canine Studies will alert the student of any such changes and will work to minimize any disruption. Bergin University of Canine Studies is not responsible for any accommodation or flight costs associated with such changes. Bergin University of Canine Studies will do its best to begin programs within 30 days of an event that delays program start date; this will require the program end date to extend. Students will have the option of a full refund should they wish to cancel enrollment due to this delay of program start date.

**Receipt of Catalog and School Performance Fact Sheet**

Prior to signing this enrollment agreement, you must be given an electronic version of the University’s Catalog and a School Performance Fact Sheet, which you are encouraged to review prior to signing this agreement. These documents contain important policies and performance data for this institution. This institution is required to have you sign and date the information included in the School Performance Fact Sheet relating to completion rates, placement rates, license examination passage rates, and salaries or wages, and the most recent three-year cohort default rate, if applicable, prior to signing this agreement. **Student Initials\_\_\_\_\_**

**I certify that I have received the Catalog, School Performance Fact Sheet, and information regarding completion rates, placement rates, license examination passage rates, and salary or wage information, and the most recent-year cohort default rate, if applicable, included in the School Performance Fact sheet, and have signed, initialed, and dated the information provided in the School Performance Fact Sheet. I understand and agree to Bergin University of Canine Studies’ policies published in the catalog.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**STUDENT'S RIGHT TO CANCEL**

You have the right to cancel this enrollment agreement and obtain a refund of charges paid through attendance at the first class session, or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later.

If you cancel, any payment you have made and any negotiable instruments signed by you shall be returned to you within 45 days following the receipt of your notice to withdraw from the program.

If you have received any equipment, you must return the equipment within 3 days of the date you signed your notice of withdrawal. If you do not return the equipment within this 3-day period, Bergin University of Canine Studies may keep an amount out of which you paid that equals the cost of the equipment. The total amount charged for each item of equipment shall not exceed the equipment's fair market value. The institution shall have the burden of proof to establish the equipment's fair market value. The school is required to refund any amount over that as provided above. See equipment list attached. The Bergin University dog/puppy remains the property of Bergin University and must be returned or criminal charges will be made.

To cancel your enrollment in Bergin University of Canine Studies, deliver a signed and dated written notice and all equipment on the attached list to:

Chief Academic Officer  
Bergin University of Canine Studies  
10201 Old Redwood Highway, Penngrove, CA 94951  
Phone Number: (707) 545-3647

**REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST CANCEL IN WRITING.** You do not have the right to cancel by just telephoning the school or by not attending class.

Date you must cancel by: 8/24/2020 **Student's initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete only if you are canceling enrollment.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ choose to cancel enrollment  
(print name)  
in the \_\_\_\_\_ Program within the first seven (7) calendar  
days as stated above in the Student's Right to Cancel policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

## **DISMISSAL AND REINSTATEMENT**

Student termination may result from unsatisfactory academic progress, unsatisfactory course completion, failure to achieve the appropriate proficiency level within the prescribed timeframe, use of controlled substances on campus, carrying of weapons on campus, conduct detrimental to the institution, failure to comply with financial aid regulations, non-observance of other student regulations, any harm to campus dogs, or if attitude or conduct is not in accordance with the ideals and standards of the University. A student who is dismissed may appeal to the Chief Academic Officer, who will make the final determination. To file an appeal, a student should submit a written letter to the CAO stating why termination should not occur with supporting documentation. A meeting between student and CAO will be arranged to further discuss the termination/appeal. The CAO will make the final determination within 10 days of the meeting.

## **TUITION REFUND POLICY**

Bergin University of Canine Studies follows the State of California's Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education refund policy. This policy is applicable whether or not a student has begun training by physically attending the classes. A student has the right to receive 100 percent of the amount paid for institutional charges, less the non-refundable fees not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) if notice of cancellation is made through attendance at the first class session or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later. All monies paid by an applicant will be refunded if requested within three (3) days after signing an enrollment agreement and making an initial payment.

A student who has been enrolled for more than seven (7) days and less than 60% of a program's term (Semester, Session, Seminar, Course) and finds it necessary to withdraw from a Bergin University educational program may be eligible for a partial refund of their paid tuition. Tuition and fees (including assessment fees, student service fees and book fees) are refundable at a pro-rata rate to 60% term, program, or course completion. The student must adhere to the "Withdrawal" policy stated in the Bergin University's Catalog. The effective date of withdrawal will be set as the date the student meets all the requirements of the withdrawal policy including written notice of withdrawal and returns all school property. Exceptions can be made for students called to active duty (copy of service orders is required) or in the event of the student's death or disability.

For purpose of determining your obligation for the time attended, you will be considered to have withdrawn from the program when any of the following occurs:

- When you notified the school of the withdrawal or the actual date of withdrawal, whichever is later.
- If you fail to return from your approved Leave of Absence (LOA), the date of withdrawal shall be the first date of the leave of absence.
- If the school terminates your enrollment.

After the beginning of the enrollment period, a student is liable for the cost of textbooks and supplies provided by Bergin University. In addition, the student is liable for tuition charges for the term during which the student withdrew or was dismissed including all other outstanding charges from prior terms, as per the following schedule.

All terms of all degree programs:

Depending on when in the term the withdrawal or dismissal occurs, the student is liable for:

Prior to or during the first week = 0% of the term's total tuition charges

Up to 60% of the term, a prorated rate of the term's total tuition based on number of required days of attendance.

After 60% of the term, no refund is given.

Students who withdraw before completing 60% of the program's term are eligible for a pro rata refund less the non-refundable fees. The pro rata refund amount is determined by the daily charge for the program term multiplied by the number of days the student attended, or was scheduled to attend,

prior to withdrawal. If a student is eligible for a refund, the refund will be made within 30 days of the effective withdrawal date.

**Refund Example:**

Process	Example
A student withdraws after completing 45 class days of a Master of Science in Human-Canine Life Sciences semester. If the semester is 80 days in length, and the student has completed 45 out of 80 days or 56.3 percent of the semester.	Student = 45 days of attendance Semester = 80 class days Total Semester Tuition Charge = \$4,687.50 Daily tuition/support services & supplies charge = $\$4,687.50/80 = \$58.594$ per class day Tuition charge for 45 days = $45 \times \$58.594 \sim \$2,636.73$
If the student has paid \$4,687.50 in tuition/support services & supplies, she or he will receive a tuition refund of \$2,050.77.	Tuition paid = \$4,687.50 Tuition charge = <u>- \$2,636.73</u> Refund = \$2,050.77

All refunds based on the Bergin University Refund Policy are calculated by the Business Office manually. All refunds due to student shall be made within 30 days of formal cancellation by the student or formal dismissal by the school. The student is notified of the results of the refund calculation and notified of his/her liabilities in writing. A follow-up phone call is made by the Business Office. The Financial Aid Office performs the Title IV refund calculation and determines the student’s and the institution’s liability for program specific return of overpayments to the Department of Education.

If you have received federal student financial aid funds, you are entitled to a refund of moneys not paid from federal student financial aid program funds.

**STUDENT TUITION RECOVERY FEE**

The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition.

You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.

It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. **Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 N. Market Boulevard, Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834, (916) 574-8900 or (888) 370-7589.**

**NOTICE CONCERNING FEDERAL OR STATE GOVERNMENT LOAN DEFAULT**

If a student has received a loan to pay for an educational program, the student will have the responsibility to repay the full amount of the loan plus interest, less the amount of any refund. If a student is eligible and receives a loan guaranteed by the federal or state government and subsequently defaults on the loan, both of the following may occur:

- The federal or state government or a loan guarantee agency may take action against the student, including applying any income tax refund to which the person is entitled to reduce the balance owed on the loan.
- The student may not be eligible for any other federal student financial aid at another institution or other government assistance until the loan is repaid.

## **NOTICE CONCERNING COMPLAINTS**

A student or any member of the public has the right to file a complaint with the University's state regulatory agency (BPPE) and/or the University's accrediting agency (ACICS):

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education - BPPE  
1747 N. Market Boulevard, Suite 225  
Sacramento, CA 95834  
Phone: (888) 370-7589

Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools - ACICS  
1350 Eye Street NW, Suite 560  
Washington DC 20005  
Phone: (202) 336-6780

## **NOTICE CONCERNING TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS AND CREDENTIALS EARNED AT BERGIN UNIVERSITY OF CANINE STUDIES**

The transferability of credits you earn at Bergin University of Canine Studies is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the degree you earn in Canine Studies is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the credits, or degree that you earn at this institution are not accepted at that institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending Bergin University of Canine Studies to determine if your credits, or degree will transfer.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Graduation ceremonies are held in May and July. Students are encouraged to attend and celebrate their accomplishment.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Bergin University of Canine Studies is not an employment agency. No employment information or career service provided by the Bergin University to any student or graduate will be considered by the student or graduate, either expressly or implied, as a guarantee or promise of employment, a likelihood of employment, an indication of a level of employment or compensation any student or graduate may expect, or an indication of the types or job titles of positions for which students or graduates may qualify.

## **NOTICE CONCERNING ENGLISH**

Bergin University of Canine Studies only conducts recruitment of applicants and enrollment of students in English. All students accepted into Bergin University of Canine Studies' programs are proficient in English.

## **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF STUDENT AND SCHOOL**

You will make all of the payments and perform all of the other acts required of you in this agreement, subject to your rights to cancel the agreement and withdraw from the course, and the school will furnish all of the services and perform all of the acts required of it in this agreement, in the school's catalog, and in any solicitations or advertisements made on behalf of the school.

## **PROGRAM FEES**

The following is a breakdown of the total amount that the student is obligated to pay for the program of instruction and all other services and facilities furnished or made available to the student by the school, including any charges made by the school for tuition and including any other fees and expenses that the student will incur upon or after enrollment.



<b>Tuition:</b>	<b>\$ 18,450</b> or \$ 4,612.50/semester	Refundable according to the tuition refund policy
<b>Support and Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 300</b> or 75/semester	Dog acquisition and maintenance, equipment, EBSCO (online library), internet access
<b>Non-Refundable Fees:</b> Application Fee Registration Fee Returned Check Fee STRF	<b>\$ 50</b> <b>\$ 100</b> <b>\$ 20</b> <b>\$ 0</b>	Payable when submitting an application Payable upon accepting enrollment into a Program Payable at each occurrence
<b>Other Expenses:</b> Training outings Books	<b>\$ 200</b> <b>\$ 500</b>	Approximate out-of-pocket cost of fieldtrips Approximate total, cost of books may vary
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 18,900</b>	Approximate total: book cost and field trip costs are variable

**Program Completion Requirements**

Program Title: Master of Science in Human-Canine Life Sciences	Total Semesters: Four
Graduation Requirement: Cumulative GPA of 'B' (3.0)	Total Credits: 36

**\$ 4,837.50 TOTAL (ESTIMATED) CHARGES FOR SEMESTER ONE**

**\$18,900.00 TOTAL (ESTIMATED) CHARGES FOR THE ENTIRE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**\$ 4,837.50 TOTAL (ESTIMATED) CHARGES THE STUDENT IS OBLIGATED TO PAY UPON ENROLLMENT**

Tuition must be paid prior to attending the first class. Bergin University of Canine Studies reserves the right to adjust tuition and fee charges on an annual per-program basis. **Students currently enrolled in the program will not be affected by adjusted tuition.** Increased tuition will be noted in the newest revision of the Bergin University of Canine Studies Catalog and on the website. Bergin University of Canine Studies accepts payment in the form of credit card, check, money order or cash. The University does not accept installment payments. Federal Financial Aid and GI Bill payments are also accepted. No degree will be awarded until balance is paid in full.

**CERTIFICATION BY SCHOOL**

**I am an authorized representative of Bergin University of Canine Studies, and I certify that the institution's cancellation and refund policies have been explained to the student.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of University Registrar

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CERTIFICATION BY STUDENT**

**I understand that this is a legally binding contract. My signature below certifies that I have read, understood, and agreed to my rights and responsibilities, and that the institution's cancellation and refund policies have been clearly explained to me.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Attachment A

### EXPLANATION OF COSTS

#### Books, Support Services and Supplies

The cost of Support Services and Supplies includes the online library and use of Bergin supplies for dog training.

#### Room, Board and Transportation

Food is the student's responsibility and varies as a result of individual taste.

Off campus housing: Most students attending classes at the University will need to find their own housing. You can find listings online through the local newspaper at [www.pressdemocrat.com](http://www.pressdemocrat.com), [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org) or a variety of other online listings or local rental agencies. Please also contact Student Services to join the University's Housing Facebook page. Since Sonoma County is home to one junior college and one other college, numerous rooms are available for student rental starting as low as \$700-\$1,000/month for shared housing.

Short term stays: Extended stay hotels and motels are available but are generally more expensive than other forms of accommodation. Students make arrangements directly with the facility.

Transportation: With gas prices changing dramatically now, it is hard to estimate total commute expenses. Gas costs to commute to and from the University average \$35 per week for a typical vehicle. The University is on a county bus service route.

Note: All fees are reviewed each year and adjusted as appropriate. Fees are subject to change without notice.

#### Student loans:

If any portion of your tuition was paid from the proceeds of a loan, then the refund will be sent to the lender or to the agency that guaranteed the loan, if any. Any remaining amount of the refund will first be used to repay your financial aid programs from which you received benefits, in proportion to the amount of the benefits received. Any remaining amount will be paid to you. If there is a balance due, you will be responsible for paying that amount. If you have obtained or are applying for any educational or private loans for the purposes of paying tuition, please supply us with the following information:

Name of Lender: \_\_\_\_\_

Lender Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Proceeds are being forwarded directly to the University? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Name of Lender: \_\_\_\_\_ Department of Education \_\_\_\_\_

Proceeds are being forwarded directly to the University? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No



# Bergin University of Canine Studies

## Enrollment Agreement Receipt

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Enroll Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read, understand, and have received a copy of my signed Enrollment Agreement.*

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**Student Signature**

**Date**