

COLLEGE 101

FOR UL LAFAYETTE PARENTS & FAMILY



FIRST STOP: ORIENTATION!

School is out, summer is in, and orientation season is officially underway! Although not mandatory, we highly encourage all parents or guardians supporting first-time freshmen to attend [Parent & Family Orientation](#). At orientation, you'll learn all about the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, our academic programs, our many student services, and how you can best support your student as they transition to college life.

Online registration for Parent & Family Orientation is available through the student orientation registration system. When your student registers for orientation online, they will have the option to register up to two guests to attend Parent & Family Orientation. Not sure if you're registered? Have your student log back into the system to view or change your reservation.

Unable to attend Parent & Family Orientation in person? No worries! We also offer an [Online Parent & Family Orientation](#). This virtual orientation contains a variety of helpful resources for the parents and guardians of new students.

While Parent & Family Orientation is optional, **students are required to attend New Student Orientation** and we can't wait to welcome them to campus this summer! [Read more about New Student Orientation requirements](#) on our website.

First-Year Essentials

Not sure who to contact with your questions? Send them to us:
parents@louisiana.edu

Office of Orientation

337-482-1391
orientation@louisiana.edu
Buchanan Hall, 3rd Floor
111 Boucher St.

SOUL Camp Dates

- **SOUL Camp 337:**
July 11-13, 2023
- **SOUL Camp A:**
August 5-7, 2023
- **SOUL Camp B:**
August 9-11, 2023



Service, Outreach, Unity, & Leadership

The transition from high school to college can certainly be a challenge, but SOUL Camp is here to help! [SOUL Camp](#) is an optional, extended orientation program that emphasizes leadership development and Ragin' Cajuns spirit. Through a combination of social activities, a community service project, educational speakers, interaction with faculty, staff, and upperclass student mentors, team building, and much more, students leave camp prepared to be engaged members of our campus community. **Spots fill up quickly, so register soon because this is an opportunity that your student will not want to miss!**

Visit the [SOUL Camp website](#) to read about the benefits, cost, registration, and other important information. **Questions? Contact soulcamp@louisiana.edu.**

Transferring Credits to UL Lafayette

If your student has dual enrollment credit, AP credit, CLEP credit, or any type of credit that could potentially transfer to UL Lafayette, make sure they follow the proper procedure to get the credits transferred.

Dual Enrollment Credit - Official college transcripts must be sent to the UL Lafayette Office of Admissions. Have your student contact the college or university that awarded the credits and request that official documentation be sent to UL Lafayette.

AP and CLEP Credit - Must be provided by the organization itself, not the student or parent. Visit their website in order to request that the credits to be sent to UL Lafayette.

Find out if your student's [credits transfer](#). Students can contact our Transfer Coordinator at transfer@louisiana.edu with questions.

University Housing

Don't forget to [sign up for on-campus housing](#)! Students can submit their Housing Application through the StarRez Housing Portal in ULink. Within the portal, students will navigate through a self-service program to register for housing, select roommates, and receive housing information.

If you have any questions throughout the process, please contact the [Office of University Housing](#) at 337-482-6471 or oncampusliving@louisiana.edu.



FALL 2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

(Subject to change)

August 17

New Student Convocation
& Cajun Connection

August 21

Tuition & Fees Payment Deadline

August 21

Classes Begin

August 25

Last Day to Add/Drop Classes

September 4

Labor Day Holiday

October 12-13

Fall Holiday

October 16-27

Advising Session for Spring

November 2

Last Day to Drop Class with "W"

November 23-24

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 29 - December 3

Dead Days

December 1

Last Day of Classes

December 4-8

Final Exams

December 8

Semester Ends



LLCs Offered

- *Business Secrets*
- *Darwin (Biology)*
- *Engineering*
- *Gateway to the Arts*
- *Honors*
- *Lifetime Recreation*
- *Nursing*
- *Service & Leadership*
- *Travel, Language, & Culture*

Living Learning Communities

Freshmen have the unique opportunity to live in the residence halls with a group of students who have similar interests. LLCs allow students to take classes with this group AND live together. Visit the [LLC website](#) to learn more and check availability. If a student has not applied for housing, they can apply for an LLC when the housing application is filled out through ULink. If a student has already applied for housing, please contact the Office of First-Year Experience directly at ofye@louisiana.edu.

Money Matters

It is common for students and their parents or guardians to have questions about college finances. Luckily, we have several offices on campus to help! Learn more about each of the financial-related offices below and how they can assist you and your student.

Financial Aid Office

About: Assists with questions about TOPS and financial aid, including grants, loans, and work-study.

Email: finaid@louisiana.edu

Phone: 337-482-6506

Website: financialaid.louisiana.edu

Helpful Tip: Virtual appointments can be scheduled on the [Financial Aid website!](#)

Student Cashier Center

About: Financial manager of student accounts; Collects tuition and fees and disperses refunds.

Email: bursar@louisiana.edu

Phone: 337-482-6385

Website: bursar.louisiana.edu

Helpful Tip: To access your student's statement of account, you must be registered as an [Authorized User](#).

Scholarship Office

About: Awards and processes scholarships for UL Lafayette students.

Email: scholars@louisiana.edu

Phone: 337-482-6515

Website: scholarship.louisiana.edu

Helpful Tip: [Additional scholarship opportunities](#) become available as your student progresses through their degree!

The Money Matters portion of [Online Parent & Family Orientation](#) provides extensive details about all of these campus offices and more!

Student Health Services

- Located on campus in the Saucier Wellness Center.
- Appointments are required, but same-day appointments are often available.
- Open during semester breaks and University administrative office hours.
- Provides care for minor illnesses, injuries, and stable chronic conditions, as well as some minor surgeries and procedures.
- **Contact information:** SHS@louisiana.edu or 337-482-1293

Additional Services Provided:

- Physical exams
- Women's health
- Immunizations
- Allergy shots
- IV therapy
- [and more!](#)



Immunizations

Before attending orientation, all students must submit a [Proof of Immunization Compliance Form](#) to the Office of Student Health Services. If you have any questions, speak to a nurse at 337-482-1293, email immunizations@louisiana.edu, or view the [Frequently Asked Questions for Immunization Compliance webpage](#).

Cajun Card

The [Cajun Card](#) will be the most important item in your student's wallet during their time at UL Lafayette! First and foremost, it serves as their student ID. But the Cajun Card is also your student's free season pass to all Ragin' Cajuns® home games (subject to availability), gives your student admission to campus events, is their library card, meal card, building, lab, and parking pass, and gets your student discounts at a variety of stores and restaurants on and around campus.

Additionally, your student can load it up with [Cajun Cash](#) and use it like a debit card on campus and at a select list of off-campus favorite shops. Visit the [Cajun Card website](#) for more information.

Students will receive their Cajun Card when they check out of New Student Orientation.



University Bookstore

Visit the [Ragin' Cajuns Store](#) for all of your student's textbook needs! Ragin' Cajuns apparel, gifts, and other merchandise are also available for purchase.

The Ragin' Cajuns Store is located inside of the Student Union and offers any textbook required for a class at UL Lafayette. The bookstore allows students to rent or buy used textbooks to help reduce costs.

We suggest using caution when buying textbooks prior to the first day of class, as some books are not required.