

COLLEGE 101

FOR UL LAFAYETTE PARENTS & FAMILY



It's Geaux Time, Cajuns

It's officially August, which means the start of the Fall 2023 semester is right around the corner! From housing move-in through the first week of classes, there are tons of events happening to help acclimate your student to campus life.

Housing Move-In

As a reminder, Housing Move-In for freshmen takes place August 12-13, **by appointment only**. Students should refer to their StarRez Housing Portal in ULink for information about their housing assignment, move-in date and time, and roommate information.

Housing move-in is a BIG day with a lot of moving parts. To help the day run as smoothly as possible, it's important for you and your student to review all of the information on the [Move-In Central website](#). **Students should also be closely monitoring their University email for additional updates as move-in approaches.**

Parents and guardians are encouraged to follow [UL Lafayette University Housing on Facebook](#) for updates and tips.

Welcome to Campus!

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

University Housing

337-482-6471
oncampusliving@louisiana.edu
Buchanan Hall, 2nd Floor

Office of First-Year Experience

337-482-6599
ofye@louisiana.edu
Lee Hall, room 106

Office of Student Engagement & Leadership

337-482-6272
getinvolved@louisiana.edu
Student Union, room 162

August 17, 2023: Cajun Connection & New Student Convocation

All first-year students are required to attend Cajun Connection and New Student Convocation on August 17, 2023.

Cajun Connection

[Cajun Connection](#) introduces students to their UNIV 100 instructor, classmates, and peer mentor while providing an opportunity to get acquainted with available campus resources. The information provided in Cajun Connection is essential to each student's college success and helps students immerse themselves in the UL Lafayette lifestyle.

Students will receive an email the week before Cajun Connection that indicates where their UNIV 100 class will meet that day. Keep in mind, the Cajun Connection classroom may not be in the same location assigned for their UNIV 100 class.

Cajun Connection takes place from **2:00-4:00 PM on August 17**. Students must arrive in the designated classroom between 1:30-1:50 PM. New Student Convocation will immediately follow Cajun Connection.

New Student Convocation

[New Student Convocation](#) is the official academic welcome for first-year students and marks their entrance to UL Lafayette. At Convocation, students, administrators, and faculty will share their own experiences and advice — about making the most of your time at UL Lafayette, finding your people, and making your mark.

Convocation will be held at the **Cajundome**, with doors opening at 4:30 PM and free food provided! Convocation begins at **5:30 PM**.

Transportation from main campus to the Cajundome will be provided. Student parking is also available at Cajun Field.

After the Convocation Ceremony, students will participate in the official Class Photo and the evening will close out with a fireworks show!



Questions about Cajun Connection & New Student Convocation?

Contact the [Office of First-Year Experience](#) at
ofye@louisiana.edu or 337-482-6599.

Cajun Craze

From August 12 through August 25, the campus community is offering a variety of activities to make your student's first few weeks on campus fun, educational, and most importantly - welcoming! Schedule highlights include:

- *Swamp Party*
- *Target Run*
- *Rock 'n' Bowl Night*
- *Downtown Alive*
- *Residence Hall Floor Meetings (required for residential students)*
- *Class Locator Tours*
- *On-Campus Job Expo*
- *Get on Board Day*
- *Rec Fest*
- *Zydeco Brunch*
- *First-Year Info Sessions*
- *And much more!*

[Share the full Cajun Craze schedule with your student today.](#)

Summertime in Louisiana means inclement weather happens. Encourage your student to follow @ulfirstyear and @ulgetinvolved on Instagram for weather updates!

Getting involved and attending on-campus events are great ways for students to connect with the campus community and start making UL Lafayette their home away from home!



Important Details about Cajun Craze

- Cajun Craze events are open to both residential and commuter students. All students are encouraged to join in on the fun!
- Students should bring their Cajun Card to all Cajun Craze events.
- Parking and transportation details can be found on the [Cajun Craze website](#).
- Cypress Dining Hall will be open for Cajun Craze and meal plans will be active. Dining Hall Hours of Operation are as follows:
 - August 12-18 open 11 AM - 7 PM
 - Normal Fall hours will begin on August 19. Follow [UL Lafayette Dining Services](#) for updates.
- [The Rec Center](#) is open during Cajun Craze. Students can visit Bourgeois Hall to enjoy the fitness center, aquatic center, rock wall, and much more! View the [Cajun Craze website](#) for hours of operation.