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ORIENTATION

PREPARATION GUIDE



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M-Th: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. | F: 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Welcome

We look forward to meeting
YOU in the coming months.

Thank you for registering for New Student Orientation at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Attending Orientation is an important step in your journey to becoming a successful Ragin' Cajun!

This Orientation Preparation Guide outlines everything you need to know and do **before** attending your registered Orientation session. Please review the details in this guide carefully to ensure a smooth and enjoyable Orientation experience.



About one week before your registered Orientation session, you'll receive an email from the Orientation Office that includes finalized details about the schedule of events, parking, check-in, and more. **Continue to monitor your personal and University email throughout the spring and summer for important updates and information.**



REFUND POLICY

Should you decide to not attend the University, we must receive notice via e-mail to cancel your Orientation reservation. Please send your cancellation notice to Orientation@louisiana.edu. A full refund, less a \$10 processing fee, will be granted if we receive e-mail notice no later than 10 business days (two full weeks) before your scheduled Orientation date. **NO REFUNDS** will be granted after this time.



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION OVERVIEW

New Student Orientation is a one-and-a-half-day experience designed to assist students with their transition to life on our campus. During Orientation, you will meet other incoming students, learn about university resources, discuss important tips for a successful transition to college life, meet with an academic advisor in your area of study, and register for classes. Members of our Student Orientation Staff will help you understand what it means to be a student on our campus and will guide you through the experience.

STUDENT SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE *(Subject to change)*

Students are required to attend all portions of Orientation to be cleared to register for classes. If you fail to attend all Orientation events, you will be asked to return to another session.

DAY 1* | 12:30 PM – 8:00 PM

- Student Check-In (between 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM)
- University Welcome
- Academic College Town Hall
- Discussion Groups
- Student Success Sessions
- Dinner (provided)
- Campus Tour
- Student Organization Expo

DAY 2 | 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

- Optional Breakfast (provided; served from 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM)
- Academic Boot Camp
- Discussion Groups
- Lunch (provided)
- TOPS & Financial Aid Session
- Academic Advising
- Course Registration
- Check-Out (between 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

**Note: If you are attending Early Orientation on May 21-22, 2024, and have registered for Advance Credit Exams, your exams will take place between 8:00 AM and 12:30 PM on Day 1.*

ORIENTATION HOUSING*

Whether you live locally or are traveling from out of town, we encourage you to stay overnight in Baker Residence Hall on the first evening of your Orientation session. When you arrive at overnight housing check-in, you will be paired with another student attending Orientation. If you wish to room with a friend who is also registered to attend the same Orientation, please check-in to overnight housing together. The Student Orientation Staff will be present with fun activities to help you get to know more about campus and meet your peers.

Pre-registration for overnight housing is required and is completed in conjunction with Orientation registration.

There is no additional fee to stay overnight on campus during Orientation. Students must bring their own bedding, pillow, towels, toiletries, phone charger, and other personal items needed for their overnight stay.

If you need to adjust your overnight housing reservation, follow these steps:

1. Access the Orientation registration system and log in with your ULID and password.



Scan to register for
Orientation housing.
rqco.de/orientation-register

2. On the Task List, under your “Completed” tasks, click “Register for Orientation,” and navigate to the “Dates” tab.
3. Scroll down to your selected Orientation date.
4. If you would like to stay overnight in the residence hall during Orientation, click the check box for overnight accommodations. If you do not wish to stay overnight, ensure the box is not checked.
5. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click “Save & Continue” to finalize your changes.

**This information applies only to overnight housing during Orientation. Visit housing.louisiana.edu for information about living on campus during the semester.*

Overnight accommodations are not available for family and guests. For off-campus accommodations, please view the list of local hotels on our website:

orientation.louisiana.edu/resource-center/local-hotels



WHAT TO BRING TO ORIENTATION

- Your ULID username & password
- Proof of Immunization Compliance Form (if not submitted prior to Orientation)
- Printed copies of your test scores and transcripts (if they are not on file with the University by your scheduled Orientation date)
- Photo ID (driver’s license, state ID, or school ID)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Spending money for snacks/bookstore
- Phone charger (portable charger encouraged)
- Umbrella or other rain gear
- Jacket or sweater (meeting rooms may be cold)
- Reusable water bottle
- Personal items for overnight stay, if staying in the residence hall (clothing, bedding, pillow, towels, toiletries, etc.)

PARENT & FAMILY ORIENTATION OVERVIEW

Although not mandatory, we encourage parents and guardians to attend Parent & Family Orientation. Our program is designed to assist parents and guardians in further understanding the University, our academic programs, and student services. Additionally, the program is structured to help parents understand—and better support—their student’s transition to college life.

Parent & Family Orientation information sessions occur on the first day of each New Student Orientation Session. There are additional sessions available for parents and guardians on day two, including a Hidden Gems Walking Tour, Residential & Commuter Interest Sessions, and Campus Partners Q&A.

Please note: Parent & Family Orientation is a separate program from New Student Orientation. After a combined welcome session, students will be guided through their own Orientation by our Student Orientation Staff.

PARENT & FAMILY ORIENTATION FEE

There is no additional fee for Parent & Family Orientation. However, parents will need to pay for their own meals. We will provide guests with on and off-campus dining options that showcase our famous local cuisine.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

We are unable to offer on-campus accommodations for parents and family. For a list of local hotels and rates, visit: orientation.louisiana.edu/resource-center/local-hotels



PARENT & FAMILY REGISTRATION

You had the opportunity to register up to two parents or guardians for Parent & Family Orientation when you initially completed your registration. If you need to adjust your Parent & Family Orientation reservation, follow these steps:

1. Access the Orientation registration system and log in with your ULID and password.



Scan to register for Parent & Family Orientation.

qrco.de/orientation-register

2. On the Task List, under your “Completed” tasks, click “Register for Orientation,” and navigate to the “Parent & Family Orientation” tab.
3. Add, edit, or delete parents/guardians as needed.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click “Save & Continue” to finalize your changes.

Sign up for the Freshman Parent & Family Newsletter at: orientation.louisiana.edu/parents/parent-perspectives

PARENT & FAMILY ORIENTATION AT A GLANCE (Subject to change)

DAY 1 | 12:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Parent & Family Check-In (between 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM)
University Welcome
Ragin’ Cajun Classroom
Life Outside the Classroom
Money Matters
Supporting Your Student
President’s Welcome Reception
Bus Tour

DAY 2 | 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Hidden Gems Walking Tour
Dean’s Discussion
Residential & Commuter Interest Sessions
Campus Partners Q&A
Financial Aid Appointments
Residence Hall Tours

ADVISING & COURSE REGISTRATION

At Orientation, you will meet with an academic advisor and register for classes. There are several steps you must take **now** to prepare for advising and course registration. **Don't delay!** Some of these tasks may take additional time to complete. The following tasks should be completed **at least two weeks before** your scheduled Orientation session.

HOW TO SUBMIT TEST SCORES, TRANSCRIPTS, & COLLEGE CREDIT

ACT Scores

Log into your [ACT.org](https://www.act.org) account and request that your scores be sent to UL Lafayette (school code 1612).

SAT Scores

Log into your College Board account at collegereadiness.collegeboard.org and request that your scores be sent to UL Lafayette (school code 6672).

AP and CLEP Credit

Request that your scores be sent from College Board to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

College Credit

(including Dual Enrollment)

Contact the college or university that awarded the credit (**NOT** your high school) and request that your official transcript be sent to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette or admissions@louisiana.edu if an email address is requested.

Important note about scores and credit:

If any of your scores or credits are not on file with the University by your scheduled Orientation date, you must bring printed copies of your score reports and/or transcripts with you to Orientation to ensure that you are advised accurately.

1. Confirm your Intended Major

Check your Student Profile (located on the “My Academics” card in ULink) to verify your intended major at UL Lafayette. If you want to change your intended major, submit a New Student Change of Major form at orientation.louisiana.edu/changemajor

2. Review the Academic Catalog

The University’s Academic Catalog (catalog.louisiana.edu) includes a detailed explanation of all degree programs and course requirements for each major. Find your major listed in the “Programs of Study & Minors” tab and review the requirements for your major. Here, you can also review course descriptions and pre-requisites.

3. Verify Test Scores

Ensure that the University has your highest ACT/SAT scores on file, as well as any AP or CLEP credit. To do so, access your Student Profile (located on the “My Academics” card in ULink) and click “Prior Education and Testing.” Test scores currently on file with UL Lafayette will be posted here. If any of your test scores are not on file, be sure to submit them as soon as possible.

4. Verify Earned College Credit *(if applicable)*

If you earned college credit while in high school (dual enrollment credit), you must verify that all your credits are on file with UL Lafayette. An official transcript from **each** college/university attended is required.

To check credits on file, access your unofficial transcript from the “My Academics” card in ULink. If any of your credits are missing, be sure to contact the college/university that awarded the credit and request that official transcripts be sent to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (admissions@louisiana.edu if an email is requested). This may take 1-2 weeks to complete, so it is important to submit requests well in advance of your scheduled Orientation session.

If you are **currently** enrolled in a college-level course, be sure to resubmit your college transcripts to UL Lafayette **after** your final grades have been posted. Any credit earned through UL Lafayette will be automatically posted to your transcript.



5. Complete Placement Testing (if applicable)

Depending on your major and ACT/SAT scores, you may benefit from taking a Math or English placement exam.

Mathematics

If your ACT/SAT scores do not qualify you for the first mathematics class for your major, you should take a math placement test. To determine whether or not you qualify for your major's first math class, follow these steps:

1. Visit catalog.louisiana.edu, click on the "Programs of Study & Minors" tab, and select your major.
2. Under "Freshman Year," click the first math class.
3. Review the prerequisites for your first math class. If you do not meet the minimum prerequisite requirements, you should schedule a math placement exam.

English

If your ACT/SAT scores do not qualify you for English 101 you should take the English placement exam. To qualify for English 101, you must have an ACT English subscore of at least 18, an SAT ERW of at least 500, or a 3.0 overall final high school GPA. If you do not meet one of these requirements, you should schedule the English Accuplacer placement exam.



Scan for more information about the English Accuplacer exam and to register.
orientation.louisiana.edu/accuplacer

Which Math Placement Exam should you take?

- **ALEKS PPL** – suggested for students majoring in Architecture or majors in the College of Engineering or College of Sciences. This placement test is recommended for students in degree programs that require MATH 109, 110, 143 or 270 and do not qualify for the course based on their testing score.



Scan for more information about the ALEKS PPL exam and to register.
math.louisiana.edu/aleks

- **Math Accuplacer** – suggested for students majoring in degree programs that require MATH 102 or 105.



Scan for more information about the Math Accuplacer exam and to register.
orientation.louisiana.edu/accuplacer





6. Consider Advance Credit Exams *(optional)* Advance Credit Exams offer students who meet certain eligibility requirements the opportunity to earn credit for courses at UL Lafayette. Students can take select Advance Credit Exams during our Early Orientation program* or prior to the start of the Spring, Summer, and Fall terms. Visit orientation.louisiana.edu/advance-credit-exams for a full list of exams offered.

**Only students who qualify and are registered for Early Orientation on May 21-22, 2024, have the opportunity to take select Advance Credit Exams during the morning of May 21. For additional information: orientation.louisiana.edu/earlyorientation*

7. Plan your Semester

At Orientation, you will meet with an academic advisor that will help you identify courses you should take during your first semester at the University. However, it is beneficial to go into advising with an idea of the courses you’re interested in scheduling.

- Use the Academic Catalog (catalog.louisiana.edu) to familiarize yourself with your degree requirements, including general education and course pre-requisites, and identify 4-6 course options to discuss with your advisor.
- When considering potential courses, keep your Math and English placement in mind, as well as any college-level credit you earned while in high school.
- A sample first-semester schedule may include:
 - University 100
 - English
 - Math
 - Fine Arts elective
 - Social/Behavioral Sciences elective



Questions? The Academic Success Center is here to help!

Contact success@louisiana.edu or **337-482-6818** if you need assistance preparing for advising and course registration.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEW STUDENTS
(subject to change)

Financial Aid FAFSA Priority Deadline.....	May 1, 2024
Summer Semester Tuition & Fees Payment Deadline.....	June 3, 2024
Summer Classes Begin.....	June 3, 2024
Freshman Housing Move-In (by appointment only).....	August 17-18, 2024
Convocation & Cajun Connection (Mandatory).....	August 22, 2024
Fall Semester Tuition & Fees Payment Deadline.....	August 26, 2024
Fall Classes Begin.....	August 26, 2024

For a checklist of tasks you must complete, see pages 10-11.



LIVE THE TRADITION

SOUL Camp is a unique experiential transition program that supplements New Student Orientation. SOUL stands for Service, Outreach, Unity, & Leadership. Camp is designed to provide new students with the skills and networks to help them develop leadership skills and Ragin' Cajun spirit. Through a combination of community service projects, educational speakers, social activities, interaction with faculty/staff and upperclass mentors, team building, and much more, students leave camp prepared to be an engaged member of our campus community. SOUL Camp is an optional, though highly recommended program exclusive to new students.

DID YOU KNOW?

- SOUL Camp attendees get to move into their residence hall early (not Camp 337).
- SOUL Camp students perform better academically than their peers.
- SOUL Camp does NOT interfere with Sorority Recruitment.
- SOUL Camp 337 and Camp A do NOT interfere with Band Camp.

WHEN IS IT?

Camp 337: July 9-11, 2024

Camp A: August 10-12, 2024

Camp B: August 14-16, 2024

WHERE IS IT?

All SOUL Camp activities will take place on campus and in the Lafayette community. Attending camp gives you the opportunity to explore campus and become more comfortable and confident navigating your new home away from home.

WHAT IS THE COST?

\$200, which covers the cost of meals, transportation to and from camp activities, lodging, t-shirts, bag and water bottle, and camp activities.



Register today!
Space is **VERY** limited!
qrco.de/soul-camp-register

After submitting your SOUL Camp registration form, you will be contacted with instructions for paying your SOUL Camp fee. Your SOUL Camp registration is not finalized, meaning your spot is not reserved, until your fee is paid.

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louisiana.edu/soulcamp

PRE-ORIENTATION CHECKLIST

To ensure you are fully prepared for New Student Orientation, use this checklist:

Reserve your overnight housing accommodations for Orientation. *(optional; see page 4)*

Register your parents/guardians for Parent & Family Orientation. *(optional; see page 5)*

Register for SOUL Camp. *(optional; see page 9)*

Prepare for Advising and Course Registration. *(see pages 6-8)*

- Confirm your Intended Major.
- Review the Academic Catalog.
- Verify Test Scores.
- Verify Earned College Credit. *(if applicable)*
- Complete Placement Testing. *(if applicable)*
- Consider Advance Credit Exams. *(optional)*
- Plan your Semester.

Download the official UL Lafayette App.



Submit your Immunization Compliance Form and/or the Request for Exemption from Immunizations Form (available at studenthealth.louisiana.edu) to Student Health Services.

Submit your Cajun Card Student ID Photo. Visit cajunphoto.louisiana.edu to view photo requirements and get started.

Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at fafsa.gov and request that your information be sent to UL Lafayette (school code: 002031). The FAFSA is required for all students planning to receive financial aid, including TOPS.

Priority Deadline: May 1, 2024

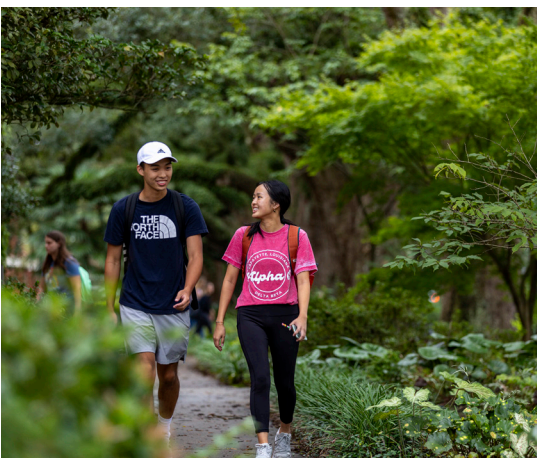
Request disability accommodations for Orientation (if needed). Please contact the Office of Orientation at least two weeks before your scheduled Orientation session to discuss your needs.

Apply for housing, if you will be living on campus. To secure your on-campus housing for the semester, submit your application and pay your deposit early. Visit housing.louisiana.edu to learn more about the freshman housing requirement and for more information.

Consider joining the Honors Program. If you have a composite ACT of 26 (SAT 1260) or better, you will be invited to join the Honors Program to enrich your educational experience. You will have the opportunity to sign up for the Honors Program during Orientation. Learn more at honors.louisiana.edu.

Complete your music audition if you are majoring in Music or Music Education. For more information on requirements and to schedule your audition, visit music.louisiana.edu/audition-requirements.

GET READY TO HAVE A GREAT TIME, RAGIN' CAJUN STYLE!





Questions?

If you have questions about New Student Orientation, Parent & Family Orientation, or SOUL Camp, visit our website or contact our office.

OFFICE OF NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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Standard Campus Hours of Operation
(may vary slightly by office)

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 AM-5 PM
 Friday: 7:30 AM-12:30 PM

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Academic Success Center	337-482-6818	success@louisiana.edu
Admissions	337-482-6467	admissions@louisiana.edu
Cajun Card	337-851-2273	cajuncash@louisiana.edu
Disability Services	337-482-5252	ods@louisiana.edu
Financial Aid	337-482-6506	finaid@louisiana.edu
Honors Program	337-482-6700	honors@louisiana.edu
Housing	337-482-6471	oncampusliving@louisiana.edu
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