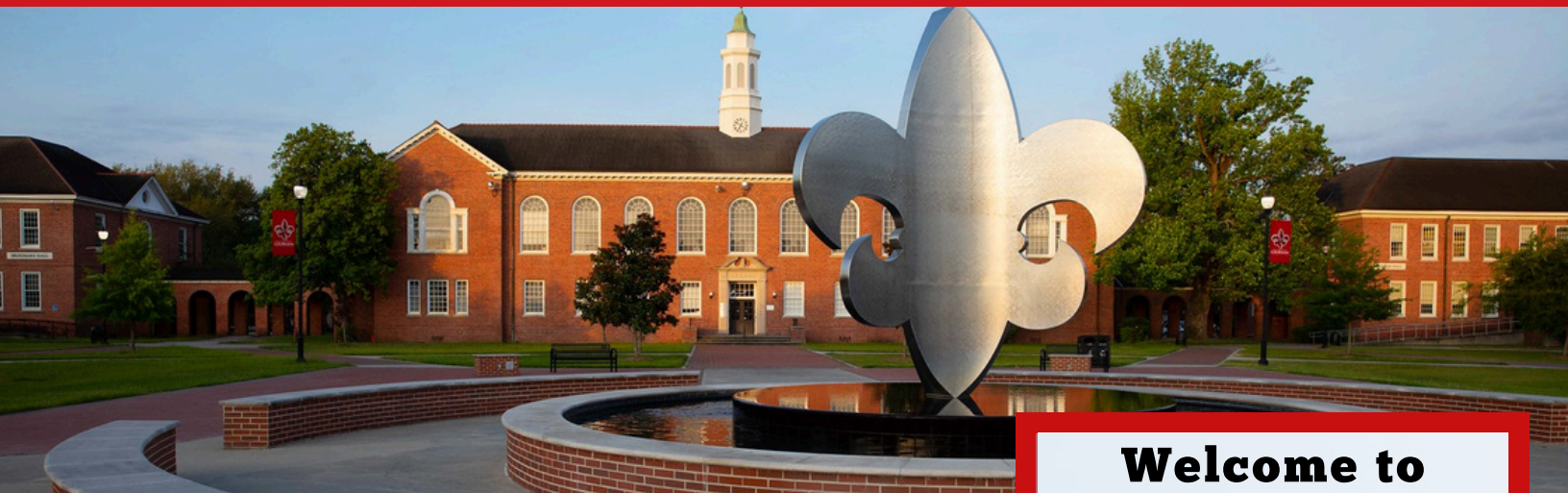


COLLEGE 101

FOR UL LAFAYETTE PARENTS & FAMILY



It's Geaux Time, Cajuns

It's officially August, which means the start of the Fall 2024 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 17-18, **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 23, 2024: New Student Convocation & Cajun Connection

All first-year students are required to attend New Student Convocation and Cajun Connection on August 23, 2024.

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 **9:00 AM** and FREE grab-and-go food and drinks will be available for students. Students are to wear their red Orientation t-shirt. Convocation begins at 9:30 AM. Transportation from main campus to the Cajundome will be provided in front of the Student Union. Student parking is also available at Cajun Field. **There is a clear bag policy in place at the Cajundome, please plan accordingly.** After the Convocation Ceremony, students will participate in the official Class of 2028 photo!

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 received an email on August 6, at their university email account, about Cajun Connection. This email explains 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 23. Students must arrive in the designated classroom by 2:00 PM.



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 17 through August 31, 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*
- *Bowl -A- Palooza*
- *Downtown Alive*
- *Make Art for your Room*
- *Class Locator Tours*
- *On-Campus Job Expo*
- *Get on Board Day*
- *Rec Fest*
- *PJ Party Social*
- *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 Lake Dining Hall will be open for Cajun Craze and meal plans will be active. Dining Hall Hours of Operation are as follows:
 - August 17 - 22 open 11 AM - 2 PM; 5 PM - 8 PM
 - August 23 - 25 times to be announced. 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.

Fraternity & Sorority Recruitment

Joining a fraternity or sorority—often referred to as “Greek Life”—is a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved, make friends, and support philanthropic causes. On average, students who join fraternities or sororities experience higher grades, higher graduation rates, and an increased sense of belonging.



Not sure if fraternity and sorority life is a good fit for your student?

It’s natural to have questions! After Move-In Day, join the Office of Student Engagement & Leadership for an information session to learn more.

Parent Info Session for Fraternity & Sorority Life

- When: August 17 & 18 at 5 PM
- Where: Student Union, Helma Constantine Forum (2nd floor)



Is your student interested in learning more?

Encourage them to attend the student information session to learn more about the process and benefits.

Student Info Session for Fraternity & Sorority Life -- Get the “Scoop!”

- When: August 21 from 11 AM - 12 PM
- Where: Student Union, Ballroom A
- Free ice cream provided!

Fraternity & Sorority Councils & Recruitment Registration

Fraternities and sororities are organized into councils, each of which has a different new member recruitment process. Learn more about each of our councils below.

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

- [About IFC](#)
- [IFC Recruitment Registration](#)
- [Follow IFC on Instagram](#)

National Panhellenic Council (NPHC)

- [About NPHC](#)
- NPHC Interest Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19. Follow [@ulgetinvolved](#) for future details
- [Follow NPHC on Instagram](#)

Panhellenic Council (PHC)

- [About PHC](#)
- [PHC Sorority Recruitment Registration](#)
- [Follow PHC on Instagram](#)

Questions about Fraternity & Sorority Life?

Contact the [Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life](#) at heidie.lindsey@louisiana.edu or 337-482-1304