



**LSU**

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**Pinkie Gordon Lane  
Graduate School**

**New Graduate  
Student Orientation**



# General Information

The LSU Graduate School offers more extended and comprehensive programs than any other educational institution in Louisiana. As the state's center of academic research and advanced studies, the Graduate School administers a more extensive and comprehensive program than any other educational institution in Louisiana.

# Degree Information

We offer doctoral programs in over 50 major fields of study. These programs offer opportunities for advanced training and research in all areas of the sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

Master's degree programs are offered in 72 major fields (15 offered exclusively online). These range from Master of Fine Arts degrees in fields such as creative writing, studio art, and theatre, to professional degree programs in social work, business administration, and library and information science.

Graduate Certificates are available in 19 fields of study (11 offered exclusively online).

# Web Resources

## Main

[lsu.edu/graduateschool/](https://lsu.edu/graduateschool/)

## Programs & Degrees

[lsu.edu/graduateschool/admissions/programs.php](https://lsu.edu/graduateschool/admissions/programs.php)

## New Student Checklist

[lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/new-graduate-students.php](https://lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/new-graduate-students.php)

## Steps to Graduation

[lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/steps\\_to\\_graduation.php](https://lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/steps_to_graduation.php)

## Contact Us

[lsu.edu/graduateschool/about-us/staff.php](https://lsu.edu/graduateschool/about-us/staff.php)

## Funding

[lsu.edu/graduateschool/funding/index.php](https://lsu.edu/graduateschool/funding/index.php)

## Grad School Deadlines

[lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/calendars.php](https://lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/calendars.php)

## Assistantships

[lsu.edu/graduateschool/funding/assistantships.php](https://lsu.edu/graduateschool/funding/assistantships.php)

## Grad School Forms

[lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/grad\\_student\\_forms.php](https://lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/grad_student_forms.php)

## Professional Development

[https://lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/professional\\_development.php](https://lsu.edu/graduateschool/students/professional_development.php)

# Community Commitment

LSU believes engagement is essential for creating a vibrant and enriching university experience. We strive to provide equal opportunities for students, faculty, and staff, ensuring that everyone has the chance to thrive and succeed. Our commitment extends to creating a safe and accessible campus, where individuals can feel secure and supported in their pursuit of knowledge and personal growth. Above all, we prioritize excellence in all aspects, aiming to uphold the highest standards of education, research, and service.

Visit the [Division of Engagement, Civil Rights & Title IX](#) website to learn more about LSU's commitment to creating an actively engaged community for all.

[President William Tate IV's Letter on Engagement](#)

# Student Advocacy & Accountability

Student Advocacy & Accountability is responsible for investigating alleged violations of university policy/standards and for implementing the accountability process as outlined in the LSU Code of Student Conduct. This is accomplished through educational outreach, accountability meetings, university hearing panels, and behavioral interventions for individual students and student organizations.



# LSU Cares

LSU Cares is a university initiative dedicated to the well-being of students and promotion of a community that cares about each of its members.

LSU offers an online reporting system to help students, faculty, staff, families, and friends submit reports about:

- potential violations of the LSU Code of Student Conduct
- concerns regarding sexual misconduct and hazing
- concerns surrounding acts of bias or discrimination
- complaints or grievances; and
- concerns about students in crisis or distress.

# Student Health Center

The mission of the Student Health Center (SHC) is to provide, promote, and support services that integrate individual health, education for health, prevention of disease, clinical treatment for illness, and public health responsibilities consistent with the educational mission of the University.

All full-time students pay the SHC fee, which is included as part of their tuition and fees. This allows full-time students to utilize most of the services the SHC offers, including mental health and counseling services from LSU Mental Health Services, at no additional charge.

Visit [lsu.edu/shc](https://lsu.edu/shc) for additional information about additional costs associated with your health care and other healthcare related topics.



# Office of the Ombudsperson

The LSU Ombuds Office is a confidential, impartial, independent and informal process for faculty, staff, administration, and students to seek assistance and guidance to resolve barriers to productivity and to increase the quality of their experience at LSU. The Ombudsperson encourages fairness and equity through issue resolution, communication and outreach, and systemic change and issue prevention identification. Through its mission, the Ombuds Office helps further LSU's commitment to pursuing educational excellence.

# Campus Safety

A list of LSU's prevention resources to stay safe and vigilant while on campus can be found at [lsu.edu/police/safety/shield](https://lsu.edu/police/safety/shield).

If traveling late, use Campus Transit, a free door-to-door service that runs nightly from 5:30 pm until midnight.

Download LSU Shield for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices to improve your safety and security on and around LSU.

LSU Campus Police: 225-578-3231  
Baton Rouge Police: 225-389-2000  
LSU Rape Hotline: 225-383-7273  
LSU Campus Transit: 225-578-5555  
LSU Division of Engagement Civil  
Rights & Title IX: 225-578-5736

# Parking & Transportation

LSU offers a bus system, campus transit system, and parking permits. The bus service is available for students, faculty, staff, and visitors, both on and off campus on the LSU, and features global positioning devices to allow passengers to monitor actual arrival times through real time visualization.

The [Tiger Trails website](#) has all of the service routes and schedules.

Visit [lsu.edu/parking/](http://lsu.edu/parking/) for information about student parking permits.



# Tiger Card

The Tiger Card is the official LSU Identification card for all students, faculty, staff and affiliates. The card also serves as an electronic key for residence halls as well as the TigerCASH account. In addition, the card allows you to use other services for which you have privileges such as libraries, Recreational Center, meal plans, and more.

Visit the [Tiger Card Office website](#) or in the LSU Student Union.

# Student Financial Aid

In order to receive financial aid, you must fill out a FAFSA form and be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours. Visit [lsu.edu/financialaid](https://lsu.edu/financialaid) for more information on eligibility requirements for a variety of grants and loans, how to apply, and the estimated cost of attendance.

Graduate Assistantships are available through more than 70 academic departments, as well as some administrative units.

It is important that you strive for financial success, and the LSU Cale P. & Katherine Smith Student Financial Management Center is one of many resources available to help you make good financial decisions and form fiscally responsible habits.

Visit [lsu.edu/career/sfmc.php](https://lsu.edu/career/sfmc.php) for more information.

# Campus Life

Enhance your time at LSU and learn through innovative leadership, service, and involvement initiatives that enrich the LSU experience. LSU Campus Life registers and supports more than 450 student organizations at LSU which you can explore via the [Tigerlink website](#).

In the meantime, download the [official LSU mobile app](#) for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices now!



# LSU Res Life

LSU Residential Life strives to provide dynamic student-focused learning communities that support development and academic success in clean, safe, and sustainable facilities that meet the needs of the campus community.

You may also use the LSU Off-Campus Housing Service to browse housing, seek roommates, and view other housing resources.

Visit [lsu.edu/reslife/](https://lsu.edu/reslife/) to view housing options for graduate students.

Visit [offcampushousing.lsu.edu](https://offcampushousing.lsu.edu) for more information.

# LSU Dining

LSU Dining provides a variety of meal plans for both residents and commuters, providing access to more than 21 dining locations across campus.

You may sign up for a Meal Plan through your myLSU account. Once you are in your account, simply go to Registration Services, then Additional Services. Enter the corresponding Service Code for the Meal Plan you would like to choose. Meal Plan charges will be added to your Fee Bill if it is before the deadline for processing. Meal plans are not active until 24 hours after you are registered for classes.

For more information about meal plans, visit LSU Dining, [dineoncampus.com/lsu](https://dineoncampus.com/lsu).

# Utility Companies



Get connected! Cox Communications and AT&T are the primary local providers for home phone, cable, and Internet.

Entergy (electricity) and Baton Rouge Water Company are the providers for utilities.





# Recreation & Athletics

LSU University Recreation (UREC) includes cardio and weight areas, personal training rooms, a climbing gym, gymnasium, classrooms, indoor pool, studios, indoor track, a challenge course, and more. Students can also get involved in intramural and club sports.

All currently enrolled, full-time LSU students are eligible to use LSU UREC by presenting their Tiger Card at the entry station. Part-time students are eligible to purchase a UREC membership at the current Student Rate.

Visit [lsu.edu/urec](https://lsu.edu/urec) for additional details.

Enrolled students are also eligible to purchase tickets for LSU Sports, including football. Visit [lsusports.net](https://lsusports.net) to view schedules and get ticket information.

# Engagement @ LSU

## The Division of Engagement, Civil Rights & Title IX

Visit [lsu.edu/engagement](https://lsu.edu/engagement) for information about student engagement initiatives, programs, and resources.

- Office of Engagement & Impact: As a unit within the division, OEI is dedicated to supporting students from all backgrounds throughout their educational journey. Visit our [Engagement Center's](#) website to learn more about the [African American Cultural Center](#), [LGBTQ+ Center](#), [Intercultural Center](#), [Women's Center](#) resources, and several religious centers on campus.
- Office of Civil Rights & Title IX: As a unit within the division, OCRTIX oversees the university's commitment to providing a community where members can engage, learn and work free of harassment and discrimination. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about civil rights and Title IX policies, supportive measures for parties to a complaint, or the university's ADA & Accessibility accommodations.

# For International Students

LSU International Services (IS) provides immigration advisory services and assistance for the community of non-immigrant students, scholars and employees that the University sponsors. IS is the primary office responsible for the University's compliance with US federal Immigration regulations.

Visit the [International Services website](#) for more details.

LSU [International and Cultural Student Organizations](#) promote the well-being of international students. They also promote better friendship, interaction, and understanding among international students, between international students, and other groups at LSU along with the wider Baton Rouge community.



# International Cultural Center

The International Cultural Center (ICC) is an active focal point for meetings, social functions, and temporary accommodation for matriculated and newly arrived international students. Its aim is multidimensional and includes providing services and support to international students and organizations, programs that inform international and domestic students, as well as the community, of the uniqueness of the cultural heritage within the university community, along with traditional and non-traditional educational opportunities for international students.

# Visitor Information

The websites below are great resources to find hotel discounts and local attractions.

Campus Visitors: [lsu.edu/visit](http://lsu.edu/visit)

225 Magazine: [225batonrouge.com](http://225batonrouge.com)

Visit Baton Rouge: [visitbatonrouge.com](http://visitbatonrouge.com)

The Advocate: [theadvocate.com](http://theadvocate.com)

DIG Magazine: [digbr.com](http://digbr.com)