



# FACT SHEET

## ABOUT LSU

Founded in 1853, LSU is the largest university in Louisiana with over 30,000 students, 1,500 of which are international students and 150 are exchange students.

LSU's beautiful campus is on 2,000 acres of land in south Baton Rouge and partly borders the Mississippi River. The campus has over 400 student organizations, including an active International Student Association.

## TOP TIER ACADEMICS

- The LSU Theatre department is ranked #2 in the US among public universities by OnStage Blog for 2018-2019
- LSU ranked in the top tier of the "Best National Universities" by US News & World Report for the 11th year in a row and is the only public university in Louisiana ranked in the top tier
- LSU is the only university in the US that has a live tiger as its mascot living on campus. He is named Mike the Tiger and is immensely popular among students and alumni.
- LSU's business college, The E.J. Ourso College of Business, was ranked in the Top 50 of the internationally known "Top Business Schools" in 2018 by Eduniversal.



# CONTACT INFORMATION

## OFFICE ADDRESS

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## CONTACT US

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### Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm

*U.S. Central Time*

## WHO TO CONTACT



### Partnership Agreements

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Director of Global Partnerships  
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### Outbound Students (from LSU):

#### Jill Clemmons

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### Inbound Students (to LSU):

#### Clare Schnabel

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# REQUIREMENTS

## Nomination Requirements

Send the following to [exchanges@lsu.edu](mailto:exchanges@lsu.edu):

- Students' name
- Date of birth
- Email address
- Area of study
- Desired semester(s) of exchange

## Application Requirements

- **Online Application**
  - link will be sent to students after nomination
- **Official transcript from home institution**
  - an official English translation is needed if transcripts are not in English
- **Copy of the passport's identification page**
- **Proof of English proficiency**
  - Only needed if English is not the student's first language or home university's official language
  - Requires minimum score on one of following tests:
    - TOEFL (paper 550 or internet 79)
    - IELTS (6.5)
    - PTE (58)
    - Duolingo (100)

## Nomination Deadlines

**Spring 2024:**

October 6, 2023

**Fall 2024:**

February 9, 2024

**Year (Aug-May) 2024-2025:**

February 9, 2024

## Application Deadlines

**Spring 2024:**

October 13, 2023

**Fall 2024:**

February 16, 2024

**Year (Aug-May) 2024-2025:**

February 16, 2024



# EDUCATION

## AREAS OF STUDY

Accounting, Advertising, African and African-American Studies, Agriculture, Animal Science, Anthropology, Biochemistry, Biology, Broadcasting, Business, Cajun French, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Coastal Environment Science, Communication Disorders, Communication Studies, Construction Management, Creative Writing, Dairy Food Technology, Dietetics, Disaster Science and Management, Economics, Engineering, English, Entomology, Film and Television, Finance, Food Science, Forestry, French, Gender Studies, Geography, Geology, History, Horticulture, Information Technology, International Studies, International Trade and Finance, Journalism, Liberal Arts, Literature, Management, Marketing, Mass Communication, Mathematics, Music, Nutrition and Food Science, Philosophy, Political Communication, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Spanish, Women and Gender Studies

## LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH

If English is not the student's first language or the home university's official language, a minimum score on one of the following tests is required:

- TOEFL (Score of 550 paper or 79 Internet)
- IELTS (Score of 6.5)
- PTE (Score of 58)
- Duolingo (Score of 100)

## COURSES OFFERED

<http://appl101.lsu.edu/booklet2.nsf/mainframeset>

## COURSES REGISTRATION: ONLINE

Further information will be sent directly to the students

For more info on these requirements, contact us!

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# IMPORTANT COSTS

## Medical Insurance

Exchange students are automatically enrolled in an insurance policy contracted with Gallagher Student Health/United Healthcare by LSU. Students can apply for a waiver of the insurance by supplying proof of alternate acceptable insurance coverage to LSU's Office of International Services. More information is available here:

<https://www.lsu.edu/intlpro/is/insurance.php>

### Insurance prices:

- Academic Year 2023-2024: \$2,883
- Spring/Summer 2023: \$1,847
- Fall 2023: \$1,142

## Housing, Dining, Living

### On Campus Housing

Includes apartments, shared dorm rooms, and private dorm rooms. Students who plan to live on-campus should apply upon receiving their LSU acceptance packet as on-campus housing is limited. More information is available here: [www.lsu.edu/housing](http://www.lsu.edu/housing)

### On-Campus Housing Costs

(Academic Year 2023-2024)

- Two-bedroom apartment: \$4,970/semester
- Four-bedroom apartment: \$4,565/semester

### Off Campus Housing

**Exchange students are strongly discouraged from living off-campus.**

Students who live off-campus handle finding their own housing. Students should be aware that most leases are 12 months long and do not include electricity, water, or internet access. Students should look for housing close to campus or on the TigerTrails bus routes as Baton Rouge does not offer much public transportation.

### Campus Meal Plans

- 12 meals per week: \$2,217/semester
- 15 meals per week: \$2,250/semester
- 19 meals per week: \$2,413/semester

### Estimated Cost of Living

- Textbooks: \$400-800 / Semester
- Personal Expenses: \$1000 / Semester

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## QUICK FACTS

### 2024-2025 Academic Year / Term Dates

Spring Semester 2024: Jan 16, 2024 - May 11, 2024

Fall Semester 2024: est. Aug 19, 2024 - Dec 7, 2023

### Credit and Grading System

Letter grades, US credit system

### Transcripts

Students request to have their transcripts sent to their home universities at the end of each semester they are at LSU. More information is available here:

<https://lsu.edu/registrar/student-services/transcript.php>

### Airport Pick-up Services

LSU's International Cultural Center will pick up incoming students from the Baton Rouge airport or bus station during set days. No pick-up services exist to/from New Orleans.

### Scholarships

There are no scholarships or financial support available to Exchange Students.

### Orientation

Incoming students will attend both **pre-arrival townhalls** and **in-person orientation** covering important topics like:

*immigration services, health insurance, campus services, course registration, daily life in Baton Rouge, health and safety, on-campus activities, local and state laws*

Students will receive a schedule for Welcome Week, an LSU-wide event with many engaging activities, upon arrival.



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# AREA INFORMATION

## Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge is the capital city of Louisiana and has a population of 230,000. The climate is extremely hot and humid in the summer and mild in the winter. Baton Rouge is a 1.5-hour drive from New Orleans. In 2014, Baton Rouge was ranked in the top 5 happiest cities in the US, according to a study conducted by Harvard University and the University of British Columbia.

Louisiana was a French settlement over four hundred years ago. When settlers first came to what is now known as Baton Rouge, French for "red stick", they set up a settlement that had a red stick in the town center. It is home to Southern hospitality and great Cajun food. Cajuns are a group of people in Southern Louisiana whose ancestors are from Acadia, Nova Scotia. Their food and culture remain a vital part of South Louisiana.

## Top 3 Things to do in Baton Rouge

1. Try Cajun cuisine, including gumbo, jambalaya, red beans and rice, and crawfish étouffée. Take lessons in Cajun dancing or LSU's Cajun French Language courses.
2. Attend an LSU football game or baseball game on campus.
3. During Spring Semester, enjoy the many local parades and festivals that celebrate the Mardi Gras season.



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## SPORTS AT LSU!

LSU's sports teams are known as the Tigers. Sports are a vital part of the LSU community and enjoyed by many international students, too!



- LSU's football, baseball, and gymnastics teams are consistently ranked in the top 10 in the nation.
- In 2023, our women's basketball team and men's baseball team were the NCAA champions!
- In 2019, our football team was the undefeated national champions!
- The football stadium, Tiger Stadium (also nicknamed Death Valley), has a capacity of 102,321 people, making it 6th largest on-campus stadium in the US.
- More information here: <http://www.lsusports.net/>

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