

Louisiana State University

Information Sheet for International Partner Universities

Study Abroad Office	Academic Programs Abroad
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Nomination Requirements	Email students' name, date of birth, email address, area of study, and desired semester(s) of exchange to exchanges@lsu.edu
Nomination Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall 2022 (August-December): January 28, 2022 Academic Year 2022-2023 (August-May): January 28, 2022 Spring 2023 (January-May): October TBD, 2022
Application Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online application (link will be sent to students after they are nominated) An official transcript from the home institution (An official English translation is required if transcripts are not in 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TOEFL (score of 550 paper or 79 internet) IELTS (score of 6.5) PTE (score of 58) A copy of the passport's identification page
Application Deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall 2022 and Academic Year 2022-2023: February 25, 2022 Spring 2023: October TBD, 2022
Language Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TOEFL (score of 550 paper or 79 internet) IELTS (score of 6.5) PTE (score of 58)
Language of Instruction	English
Areas of Study	Accounting, Advertising, African and African-American Studies, Agriculture, Animal Science, Anthropology, Apparel Design, 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
Courses Offered	http://appl101.lsu.edu/booklet2.nsf/mainframeset
Course Registration	Online; information will be sent directly to students
Academic Year/Term Dates	2022-2023 Academic Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Semester 2022: August 22 – December 14, 2022 • Spring Semester 2023: January 17 – May 13, 2023
Credit and Grading System	Letter grades, US credit system
Transcript Availability	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
Scholarships/Financial Support Available to Exchange Students	None
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 providing 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Year 2021-2022: \$2,722 • Fall 2021: \$1,083 • Spring 2022: \$1,639
Airport Pick-Up Services	LSU's International Cultural Center will pick up incoming students from the Baton Rouge airport or bus station. No pick-up services exist to/from New Orleans.
Orientation	Incoming students attend two orientations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Services – immigration services, health insurance, and campus services 2. Academic Programs Abroad – course registration, daily life in Baton Rouge, health and safety, on-campus activities, local and state laws <p>Welcome events are planned by the Office of First Year Experience; students will be provided with a detailed schedule at orientation</p>
Housing	On campus housing: www.lsu.edu/housing Includes apartments, shared dorm rooms, and private dorm rooms. Students who plan to live on-campus should apply as soon as they receive their acceptance packet from LSU as

space in on-campus housing is limited.

On-Campus Housing Costs (Academic Year 2021-2022)

- Two-bedroom apartment: \$4,550/semester
- Four-bedroom apartment: \$4,180/semester

These prices do not include meal plans. Meal plan costs are:

12 meals per week: \$2,217/semester

15 meals per week: \$2,250/semester

19 meals per week: \$2,413/semester

Off campus housing

Exchange students are strongly discouraged from living off-campus. Students who live off-campus are responsible for 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 as Baton Rouge does not offer much public transportation.

Cost of Living

- Textbooks: \$400 - \$800/semester
- Personal Expenses: \$1,000/semester

Location

Baton Rouge is the capital city of Louisiana and has a population of 230,000. The climate is very 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 come from a place called Acadia, Nova Scotia. Their food and culture remain a vital part of South Louisiana.

About the University

LSU was founded in 1853 and 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.

- 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 very 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.

Sports

LSU’s sports teams are known as the Tigers, and sports are a vital part of the LSU community. The football stadium, Tiger Stadium (also nicknamed Death Valley), has a capacity of 102,321 people, making it the 6th largest on-campus stadium in the US. LSU’s football, baseball, and gymnastics teams are consistently ranked in the top 10 in the nation. In 2019, our football team was the undefeated national champions!

More information here: <http://www.lsusports.net/>

Top 3 Things to do in Baton Rouge

1. Attend an LSU football game (fall semester) or baseball game (spring semester) on campus
2. Try cajun cuisine, including gumbo, jambalaya, red beans and rice, and crawfish étouffée. Several places around town offer lessons in Cajun dancing, and LSU offers courses in Cajun language (open to those who have taken at least two semester of French)
3. During the spring semester, there are many local parades and festivals that celebrate the Mardi Gras season. Take a trip to New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras in the famous French Quarter! New Orleans is a worthwhile roadtrip from Baton Rouge any time of the year.

Photos that can be used in publicity about LSU:



Tiger Stadium, home to the LSU football team



Memorial Tower



Mike the Tiger, LSU’s live mascot



Tiger Stadium



Atkinson Hall (classroom building)



campus