Research • Faculty Resources

Research and scholarly activity are fundamental to the role of the faculty and essential to the attainment of the University’s goals of academic excellence and national prominence. Research is a crucial part of graduate instruction and has profound effects upon the currency and vitality of undergraduate education. This exploration of the boundaries of knowledge is undertaken by faculty in the various departments and by the research units included in this section.

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The Center for Computation and Technology was created in response to a funding initiative created by Governor Mike Foster and the Louisiana Legislature to invest in university research and teaching programs as engines of economic development. As stated in Vision 2020, the area of information technology has been selected as one of the six areas of focus by the state of Louisiana.

The center draws on the established areas of expertise at LSU in computer science, computer engineering, and information systems and decision sciences. The center also looks to create new areas of research excellence in order to provide the state and nation with graduates who are equipped to handle the growing technology infrastructure.

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The Center for French & Francophone Studies develops and encourages interdisciplinary research in French and Francophone literatures, cultures, and language. It provides facilities and opportunities for LSU and visiting faculty as well as for student researchers. The Center is involved with all French and Francophone activities at the University and with state and national organizations. Open to faculty and students, a library of French and Francophone literature and reference materials is also housed in the Center, as is a video library containing many African francophone films.

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The LSU Hurricane Center is an interdisciplinary team of researchers addressing hurricanes and other hazards and their impacts on the natural, built, and human environments. The mission of the Center is to advance the state-of-knowledge of hurricanes and their impacts; to stimulate new interdisciplinary/collaborative research activities; to transfer this knowledge and technology to students and professionals in concerned disciplines; and to assist the state, the nation, and the world in solving hurricane-related problems.

LSU has one of the greatest concentrations of faculty studying hurricanes and their many impacts anywhere in the world. This research expertise covers a very broad spectrum. It includes such areas as remote sensing of storms and their impacts on the environment; real-time monitoring and modeling of hurricane winds, waves, storm surge, and storm surge flooding; hurricane climatology and paleotempestology; wind and flood effects on the coastal environment, buildings, and other infra-structure; evacuation and transportation issues; social support networks and access to services for disaster victims; and many others.

Major research thrusts of the Center at present include: storm surge and rainfall flood modeling and consequence assessment; modeling of travel demand and traffic for hurricane evacuation; hurricane shelter assessment and design; modeling of extreme wind effects on buildings and structures in the LSU Wind Tunnel Laboratory; and application of remote sensing and GIS tools to hazards mapping and monitoring. Integration of multi-disciplinary research findings to develop hurricane hazard mitigation strategies is handled primarily through the Center for the Study of Public Health Impacts of Hurricanes.

The LSU Hurricane Center provides an array of services to state and local governments related to education, mitigation, and emergency preparedness and response. These activities include: delivery of training courses in areas such as geospatial information systems; consequence assessment, and hurricane shelter assessment; development of hurricane exercises; storm surge and rainfall flood studies; and planning studies for shelters and refuges of last resort. When hurricanes threaten Louisiana, faculty and research staff from the LSU Hurricane Center and several collaborating units provide real-time operational support for the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, as well as other emergency management agencies. This support includes storm tracking using satellite imagery; meteorological support, storm surge flood modeling, and consequence assessment.

The Center is continuing to develop two unique academic programs to complement its research and service activities. Supported by a large award from the National Science Foundation, the Center and the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering have created several courses in the field of hurricane engineering. This new discipline covers
planning, analysis, design, response, and recovery of civil engineering systems.

Working with the College of Arts & Sciences and several other colleges, the Center has created a new minor in disaster science and management (DSM). DSM is an interdisciplinary minor that provides students interested in emergency management-related careers in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors with:

- a broad understanding of the nature and impact of disasters on the natural, built, and human environments;
- a basis for establishing strategies to effectively plan for disasters, mitigate the adverse effects, respond to disasters, and recover from them.

DSM combines traditional emergency management with a strong background in the natural sciences, social sciences, engineering, and information technology. Participating departments/schools include Architecture, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Environmental Studies, Geography & Anthropology, Landscape Architecture, Oceanography & Coastal Sciences, Social Work, and Sociology.

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**CENTER FOR ENERGY STUDIES**

**Established in January 2002,** the **Center for the Study of Public Health Impacts of Hurricanes** is funded through a LSU Hurricane Board initiative to the Louisiana Board of Regents. A five-year contract was awarded through the Board’s Millennium Health Excellence Fund (HEF) to establish the center. A pilot study was funded through the center to research the public health impacts of major flooding and hurricanes in greater New Orleans.

The center includes 16 faculty/researchers from LSU, Baton Rouge; the LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans; and the Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences Department, University of Notre Dame. It consolidates the research and expertise of social scientists, engineers, computer specialists, epidemiologists, toxicologists, and the mental health and medical communities to form a broad-based Public Health/Flood Impact Consortium.

The center’s effectiveness and practicality are enhanced by the guidance of an Advisory Panel including members from the Louisiana State Offices of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness; Governor’s Office of Coastal Activities; Louisiana Departments of Public Health, Mental Health, and Environmental Quality; LSU Health Sciences Center; and the EBR Parish Animal Control Center. Federal agencies involved include FEMA, EPA, and the CDC.

Various research components of the associated pilot study (of Greater New Orleans) include utilizing computer models for the calculation of storm surges and rainfall flooding, and for simulation of air and water movement of chemical contaminants; consolidating critical information from government databases; working with Geographic Information System (GIS) technology for the documentation of at-risk areas; and monitoring chemical and sewerage release sites. Epidemiologists, social scientists, and public health experts will determine public and mental health impacts and develop management plans for such scenarios. Federal agencies involved include the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). All aspects of the study are managed through an interactive GIS that will be exportable nationally and internationally.

The center and the New Orleans pilot study will offer a major service to the state of Louisiana. The center will have a direct positive impact on emergency preparedness to prevent or reduce fatalities, disease, pain, and suffering as a consequence of a major disaster. The center will also apply all applicable research results to other disasters such as tornadoes, chemical spills, and terrorism.

The Center funds a number of master’s and PhD students.

**Louisiana Applied & Educational Oil Spill Research & Development Program**

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Origins of the Governor’s Applied Coastal Research & Development Program (GACRDP)—a national nonprofit organization founded in 1993. The center’s GACRDP programs are funded by the state and the U.S. Department of Energy, and serve as a clearinghouse for the new and improved upstream (exploration and production) technologies for oil and gas operators.
R.S. 30:2495 of the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (Act 7) that provides funds annually for applied oil spill research.

Through an interagency agreement between the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office and LSU, the program is administered by the University's Center for Energy Studies. Working within the program's protocols and guidelines, LSU is authorized to provide subcontracts or letter agreements through the OSRADP administrator to Louisiana's 19 eligible public institutions of higher education for a broad array of research initiatives.

With the OSRADP, Louisiana has established a mechanism whereby its public colleges and universities can apply for the necessary financial resources to conduct research and coordination and cooperation with industry, government, and the University community, the program's research mission has promoted scientific endeavors that are affordable, applied in nature, and designed to guarantee that any research is relevant to oil spill-related concerns in Louisiana.

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The modern Louisiana Geological Survey (LGS) began operations at LSU in 1931 and was officially established in 1934 by the Louisiana Legislature under state legislative Act 131. The LGS is part of LSU and is administratively under the LSU Center for Energy Studies. The Basin Research Institute (BRI) merged with LGS on July 1, 2000, and is now called the Basin Research Energy Section of the Louisiana Geological Survey.

The LGS carries out applied and fundamental geologic research in the areas of Louisiana's surface and subsurface geology, coastal geology and processes, petroleum geology, environmental geology, mineral resources, and ground water. LGS does state mapping, producing maps and reports designed to encourage both economic development and environmental protection. The LGS also studies geologic hazards, landslides, and active faulting, producing maps and reports designed to identify such hazards and to minimize their impacts. Earth science educational materials are provided to school teachers when requested. The LGS works cooperatively on research projects with several state and federal agencies including the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation & Development, the Office of Emergency Preparedness, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

The Basin Research Energy Section of the LGS includes large stratigraphic research laboratories; a computer/plotting laboratory; petrographic laboratories equipped for thin-section preparation and carbonate and siliciclastic studies; and conference rooms and storage space. A separate well-log library, a core storage facility with a work lab equipped with saws, and other core processing and photographic equipment are located nearby on campus. The LGS core repository and well log library are component collections of the Louisiana Museum of Natural History. Access to other laboratory facilities for geochemical, isotope, SEM, EM, XRD, sedimentology, and paleontological analyses are available in the nearby Department of Geology & Geophysics. The LGS cartography section that produces maps, atlases, illustrations, slides, and exhibits, both in support of LGS research and for other LSU departments and State agencies. The LGS cartography section, well equipped with computer equipment, plotters, and GIS facilities, has produced several official state maps including the official state map of Louisiana.

In performing its applied mission and tasks the LGS is also charged with effectively transferring geologic information to the citizens of the state through the production of maps, bulletins, reports, newsletters, sponsored short courses, professional presentations, and publications. The LGS receives and answers a large number of inquiries from the public related to geologic matters, and its publications are available for sale at nominal prices.

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The Minerals Processing Research Institute, supported by funds from federal and state agencies and private organizations, was established at LSU in 1979. The institute conducts research on minerals processing, related business and legal issues, and environmental matters.

This research is directed at the chief minerals in the state and region, oil and natural gas, sulfur, salt, and lignite. These mineral resources are among Louisiana's most valuable assets.

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Authorization for Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College to possess, store, and use sources of radiation is stipulated in a broad-scope Radioactive Material License issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, which has vested responsibility from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission within the State of Louisiana. The broad-scope license allows the University maximum flexibility in the use of sources of radiation for teaching and research activities through the operation of an internal radiation safety and control program. Administrative authorization from the University is contained in Permanent Memorandum-30 (PM-30).

Under the direction and supervision of the Radiation Safety Committee, the Radiation Safety Office is responsible for implementing radiation control policies and ensuring safety practice in order not only to be fully in compliance with the federal and state regulations, but also to assure individual well-being and the integrity of the University.

Approval of the Radiation Safety Office must be obtained for all procurement of radioactive materials and radiation producing equipment, all teaching and laboratory uses, research and development projects, as well as any other activities with potential radiological hazards, all contracts and grant proposals involving sources of radiation, all personnel who will directly use sources of radiation, and all facilities, construction, outfitting, and renovation involving sources of radiation.

The radiation protection program is conducted in such a manner so that radiation exposure to faculty, staff, students, the general public, and the environment will be maintained as low as reasonably achievable and that no radiation exposure will be received without societal benefit. This will be accomplished without hindering legitimate research or realistic teaching objectives. Professional health physicists equipped with a full spectrum of state-of-the-art radioanalytical instrumentation as well as high energy irradiation and neutron activation facilities are available for consultation and research development to support a broad range of radiation applications.

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The Center for Geoinformatics operates and maintains GULFINET, the 3-D positioning infrastructure that defines the National Spatial Reference System in Louisiana. The Center is a national force in expanding and strengthening the university, commercial, and public-sector geospatial communities within the state of Louisiana and the U.S. It provides the advanced geospatial information on applications, products, training, and commercialization expertise that are required to support economic development and environmental stewardship.

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The objective of LSU’s Office of Intellectual Property (OIP) is to commercialize the University’s intellectual property—new ideas, inventions, and discoveries. This includes obtaining patents and copyrights; seeking licensees and business partners in the U.S. and worldwide to commercialize that technology; and negotiating and licensing...
LSU’s technologies for the benefit of society, the University, and the inventors.

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The mission of the Intercollège Environmental Cooperative is to facilitate collaborative relationships that span traditional college and disciplinary boundaries and enhance the research, teaching, and public outreach that is necessary to address effectively today’s complex second and third generation environmental stakeholders, decision makers, and research sponsors throughout the state, region, and nation.

The Intercollège Environmental Cooperative provides a platform for multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary collaboration among LSU researchers and their partners, improves communication and exchange of ideas among environmental researchers and educators across traditional departmental and college/school boundaries, and works to establish ties with industrial organizations that can benefit from increased interaction with LSU on environmental issues.

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The J. Bennett Johnston, Sr., Center for Advanced Microstructures & Devices (CAMD) was initiated by a grant from the Department of Energy in 1988. At the heart of the center is a 1.5 GeV electron storage ring. This high-energy electron accelerator produces a broad spectral range, from radio waves to X-rays, of very bright and intense electromagnetic radiation, that can be used by researchers for a variety of applications.

Among these are fabrication of extremely small electronic and mechanical devices, using X-ray lithography; spectroscopic investigations of atoms, molecules, solids, and surfaces; and analytical applications for determining the structure and elemental composition of materials.

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By the year 2020, more than 20 percent of the population is expected to reach the age of retirement. With the increase in the number of older adults living in Louisiana, there will be a greater need to ensure the successful aging of the population of our state. The Life Course and Aging Center recognizes that successful aging begins at birth and continues through the rest of our lives. Therefore, its researchers are committed to identifying the keys to successful aging and educating the public about these important issues.

Its mission is to promote collaborative research activities across many fields including the biological, social, and psychological sciences, develop life course and aging education and curriculum, and collaborate with child and senior service organizations throughout the state. Its faculty members represent six colleges and 14 departments and programs at LSU. Areas of research include cognitive processes and aging, early childhood development, education across the lifespan, interpersonal relations across the lifespan, lifespan development and public policy, physical processes and aging, and sociological aspects of aging.

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The Louisiana Space Consortium (LaSPACE), supported by funds from the National Aeronautics & Space Administration and the Louisiana Board of Regents, is a group of Louisiana institutions of higher education working with the two state educational boards, business/industry, nonprofit organizations, and a local government partner.

The goal of LaSPACE is to enhance space and aerospace related research, technology, education, and public awareness throughout the state and to promote mathematics and science education, the training of aerospace professionals, and economic development. This goal is accomplished through competitive awards to researchers, fellowships for graduate students, mentored research assistantships for undergraduates, outreach to K-12 teachers and students, and public awareness events.

LaSPACE is Louisiana’s representative to the National Network of Space Grant Consortia, a congressionally mandated federal/state partnership that is administered by NASA. The national network of space grant consortia encompasses every state in the nation plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

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The Louisiana Sea Grant College Program is part of the National Sea Grant College Program, a congressionally mandated federal/state endeavor that is administered by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The national program network includes 30 lead institutions and consortia, based in coastal and Great Lakes states, involving more than 250 U.S. colleges, universities, laboratories, and private entities in research, training/education, technology transfer, and advice on activities focused on coastal and marine problems.

LSU’s Office of Sea Grant Development is responsible for administering all activities approved by NOAA for sea grant funding in Louisiana. The mission of the Louisiana program is to provide knowledge, trained personnel, and public awareness needed to wisely and effectively develop and manage coastal and marine areas and resources in a manner that will assure sustainable economic and societal benefits. This goal is pursued by supporting and/or developing selected capabilities in the Louisiana university community and, as appropriate, drawing on those in the national program network. The work requires:

• designing and conducting research, technology transfer, extension, and educational activities involving a broad range of natural science, engineering, economic, legal, public policy, and sociological expertise, and
• extensive cooperation with pertinent federal, state, business, and citizen groups. Providing a base of fundamental research and bringing its results to the market by enhancing existing businesses and growing new businesses are key program elements.

The Louisiana Sea Grant NOAA-funded core program supports approximately 30 individual projects at several state universities. These projects typically support the work of more than 20 graduate students. There is also an annual, national competition for approximately 30 Sea Grant Marine Policy Fellowships that provide selected graduate students a unique opportunity to spend a year working in host offices of the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, or associations/instutitutions located in the Washington, D.C. area. Core program activities are supplemented with projects funded by various federal and state agencies that have mutual goals and interests. Private sector support for the program is exemplified by the John P. Laborde Endowed Chair for Sea Grant Research and Technology Transfer that brings highly qualified scientists to LSU for periods from one semester to two years to work on marine and coastal issues identified as critical to Louisiana.

In 1978, LSU was named a Sea Grant College—the 13th university in the nation to be so designated and the highest classification attainable in the program. This status was reaffirmed by national performance evaluation teams in 1995 and 2001. LSU is presently one of only 25 universities in the U.S. designated as both a land-grant and sea-grant institution.

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The Office of Sponsored Programs, an administrative unit of the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, provides advice and support to the LSU community in the acquisition and administration of externally funded projects to further the instruction,
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Communications across the Curriculum (CxC), established in 2004 with a generous gift from LSU engineering alumnus Gordon Cain, helps undergraduates become more sophisticated communicators using the written word, speech, visual images, and digital communication.

Through direct work with students, faculty members, departments, and colleges, as well as through its Web site, CxC provides students with the following:

- increased opportunities for building communication skills in courses
- direct assistance on assignments and access to advanced software and equipment in communication studios
- a high-level communicator certification program, including digital portfolios of student work
- models of outstanding communication, especially by LSU students
- opportunities for leadership and career development
- connections between communication and service-learning
- public recognition of outstanding student communication

Students who complete Communication-Intensive (C-I) classes will receive a special designation for each class on their transcripts. Students who meet high standards in communication in multiple C-I classes and build an exemplary digital portfolio will be recognized at graduation and on their transcripts as High-Level Communicators.

CxC provides faculty the following services:

- summer institutes on building or redesigning C-I courses
- sample syllabi and communication assignments from faculty at LSU and other universities and examples of excellent student projects
- mini-grants and travel for the development of C-I courses
- a venue for publishing research on the intersection of scholarship and the work of CxC
- a speaker series, awards, and other public acknowledgment of communication work in the classroom

A CxC Advisory Council, comprised of members from across the disciplines and administrative offices on campus, has been established by the Provost. The Advisory Council, in consultation with the appropriate committees on campus, has developed criteria for certifying courses as Communication-Intensive (C-I) and for certifying students who meet high standards of communication. A C-I course is built around the following components: significant writing, significant speaking, and uses of visual communication and technology for communication. Criteria for students seeking recognition for high standards of communication include building a digital portfolio that showcases a student’s examples of writing, speaking, use of communication technology, and visual communication.

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The Louisiana Library Network combines the resources of Louisiana’s public and private academic libraries, along with a centralized support staff located on the LSU campus, to produce a dynamic library consortium. The central support staff, commonly referred to as “LOUIS,” provides many services to consortium members such as library automation, a union catalog, a digital library, electronic resources, authentication, training, consulting, and hosting related listservs and Web sites. Established in 1992 by the Board of Regents, LOUIS has 43 members and receives approximately $3.5 million annually in contracts and membership fees to support consortium members.

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LSU Networking and Infrastructure is responsible for the campus voice and data networks, back office server support and a 7x24 Network Operations Center (NOC). Network facilities include 1,500 wireless access points, extensive fiber and copper infrastructures that support 30,000 network nodes, 14,000 telephone ports and a core data network capable of transmitting up to 30Gbit/s per second. LSU is a member of National Lambda Rail, Internet2, SURAgrid, and Louisiana Optical Networking Initiative and has been designated a vBNS Authorized Institution by the National Science Foundation.

Back office server operations provide enterprise level support for Microsoft Windows server platforms including SQL servers, IIS, Exchange and Active Directory in support of campus wide applications.

The Network Operations Center (NOC) provides uninterrupted operational, production control and monitoring services 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The NOC monitors mainframe services and applications, campus network equipment and services, network traffic, network security systems as well as all external connections to the LSU network.

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LSU Research IT Enablement (RE) is responsible for the development and support of services enabling LSU’s premium computing environment. The overall high performance computing environment, in partnership with the Center for Computation and Technology (CCT), features a new centerpiece supercomputer called Tepur and Pelican, a parallel supercomputing cluster. A total of 18.9 million hours of computational resources are available annually through a diverse set of supercomputing platforms, and the overall capability of the environment exceeds 21.9 trillion numerical operations per second. RE, through a contract with the Louisiana Board of Regents, supports the state’s Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI), and is responsible for the installation and operation of its network infrastructure and computational resources. With well over 50 teraflops of computational capacity, LONI features the nation’s largest computational grid environment owned by higher education.

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University Information Systems (UIS) develops comprehensive management information systems for the University. ESG has developed and installed more than 50 major applications, including registration, degree audit, admissions, payroll, general ledger, and financial aid.

The division is also responsible for Personal Access Web Services (PAWS), a Web-based portal available to all students,
The Cain Center for Scientific, Technological, Engineering, and Mathematical Literacy provides support for Louisiana educators who are working to prepare citizens who are literate in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines to support 21st century economic and societal needs. The Center fosters cross-disciplinary collaborations made possible through its joint sponsorship by the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Basic Sciences, Education, and Engineering.

The goals of the center include:
- providing leadership for interdisciplinary research and development in the teaching and learning of the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines at all educational levels;
- disseminating research and practice that leads to high student achievement, especially in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines;
- creating opportunities for collaboration across disciplines and with K-12 educational practitioners in investigating, developing, and implementing strategies for enhancing teaching and learning in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines; and
- influencing policy concerning the teaching and learning of the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines.

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The Centers for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) provides resources and services to improve institutional effectiveness and student learning.

An Advisory Council consults with the executive director of the CELT to provide guidance in the centers’ activities and serves as a liaison between the faculty and the CELT. Members of the Council are appointed by the Chancellor and represent each college and school, the LSU Libraries, the Graduate School, the Faculty Senate, and students.

CELT administers and facilitates the following:
- the annual Distinguished Faculty Awards program;
- the Teaching Enhancement Fund, established by the Campus Federal Credit Union, to assist faculty in attending off-campus conferences that enhance their teaching; and

Three CELT units serve the University community: the Center for Assessment & Evaluation (CAE), the Center for Faculty Development (CFD), and the Center for Instructional Media Services (CIMS).

The Center for Assessment & Evaluation provides support for assessment and evaluation programs, methodologies, and services to the University community, including:
- development, administration, and reporting results of assessments of student learning;
- development, administration, and reporting of institutional survey programs;
- consultation with administrators and faculty about standardized assessment of courses and curricula;
- consultation with researchers on the design and analysis of survey instruments for project assessment and evaluation; and
- computer-based testing for commercial institutional entrance examinations.

The Center for Faculty Development fosters an institutional climate of instructional innovation and teaching excellence by providing services, resources, and programs for LSU faculty, graduate teaching assistants, and their colleges and departments. The CFD is committed to teaching and learning principles and initiatives that promote scholarly teaching, recognize and reward classroom assessment and research, and invite peer collaboration and review. To accomplish this, the Center:
- sponsors a variety of special topic workshops, seminars, and special events on teaching and learning issues and on the scholarship of teaching;
- provides confidential instructional consultations with faculty to examine their teaching;
- provides departmental consultations on the development of teaching improvement programs, graduate teaching assistant training, and peer consultation and mentoring programs;
- provides and seeks funding opportunities for faculty for the purpose of enhancing student learning through innovative teaching;
- assists faculty members in the development of teaching/course portfolios to better assess and evaluate student learning;
- maintains a faculty resource room and disseminates information to department and faculty on professional development opportunities and on higher education issues and trends; and
- coordinates orientation programs for new faculty and teaching assistants.

The Center for Instructional Media Services provides opportunities for faculty to enrich student learning through innovative and practical applications of instructional technologies and strategies for the electronic learning environment. Services provided by CIMS include:
- workshops, seminars, and special events to promote excellence in teaching and learning in both traditional settings and electronic classrooms;
- consultation and about appropriate modes of electronic course/program delivery for active learning;
- consultation on the design, acquisition and implementation of hardware and software learning systems into curricula;
• assistance with transitioning course materials to effectively utilize the best practices for electronic delivery of courses;
• production of multimedia materials (including graphics, video, photography, and audio) for integration into courses; and
• technical support for the delivery of courses and professional development programs via videoconferencing, telecourses, or the Internet.

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The LSU Libraries offer students and faculty strong support for instruction and research through collections containing more than three million volumes, microform holdings of more than five million, and a manuscript collection of more than 12 million items. LSU is part of the Louisiana Online University Information System (LOUIS). The library catalogs of most universities in the state are accessible online. Periodical databases and full text journal articles can also be retrieved through the network. The LSU Libraries' subject strengths include Louisiana materials, sugar culture and technology, Southern history, agriculture, petroleum engineering, plant pathology, natural history, and various aspects of aquaculture including crawfish, wetlands research, and marine biology.

The LSU Libraries belong to the prestigious Association of Research Libraries, which include the top 113 academic libraries in the U.S. and Canada, the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, the Southeastern Library Network, and the Louisiana Academic Library Information Network Consortium. Middleton Library is the main library, with special collections housed in the adjacent Hill Memorial Library.

The open-shelf arrangement in Middleton Library makes materials completely accessible; assistance is offered through Reference Services and the periodical desk on the first floor. Information regarding library services, such as the electronic databases and journals and bibliographic instruction, may be obtained from the Reference Desk and through the library Web site. Other features of Middleton Library are audio workstations for accessing music and a microforms area. Self-service photocopying machines are available at a nominal cost. When material not found in the Libraries is needed for research, faculty, staff, and students may borrow it through interlibrary borrowing.

LSU Libraries' U.S. Regional Depository Library collection, the United Nations documents collection, and the Agent Depository Library collection are housed in Middleton Library. The Library has been a depository for publications of the federal government since 1907 and has a substantial portion of the U.S. documents issued before and after that time. In 1964, the Library became a Regional Depository Library. The holdings of United Nations publications date from the establishment of the United Nations in 1945. In 1994, the library was designated an official depository for U.S. Patents. The patent collection includes all patents issued from 1871 to the present. The department also has an extensive collection of scientific and technical reports from the U.S. Department of Energy, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Technical Information Service.

The LSU Libraries Special Collections in Hill Memorial Library provide a center for research in the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts. The primary strength of Special Collections resides in The Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, an outstanding integrated collection that consists of materials documenting the history and culture of the region. It provides rare and early imprints pertaining to the exploration and colonization of the region; books on Louisiana subjects; books by Louisiana authors; Louisiana state documents; extensive and prestigious manuscript collections, which include the personal papers of important individuals in the history of the region, including the Long family, records of businesses, professions, and organizations; and extensive photographic collections.

University Archives, administered by Special Collections and housed in Hill Memorial Library, is the official repository for all permanent noncurrent records of academic and administrative units of the University. In addition, the University Archives is the office on campus charged with records management duties.

The Rare Book Collections is wide-ranging and eclectic in nature, with concentrations in 18th century English literature and history; book arts and the history of the book, including the Bruce Rogers Collection; New World exploration and travel; economic history; and science fiction and fantasy.

The E. A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection was donated to the LSU Libraries in 1971, in memory of Edward Avery McIlhenny, whose private library forms the core of the collection. Rich in ornithological and botanical art, it is an exceptional resource for researchers in the history of those fields. High points in this collection include James Audubon’s double-elephant folio Birds of America, and the “Native Flora of Louisiana” collection of original watercolor drawings by internationally renowned botanical artist Margaret Stones.

The T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History and the United States Civil War Center are also administered as part of the Special Collections but are located in the Agnes Morris House on Raphael Semmes Drive. The Center for Oral History was established 1991 as an interdisciplinary program that supports and encourages the collection, preservation, and dissemination of the social, political, cultural, and economic history of Louisiana through the use of tape-recorder interviews. Tapes and transcripts generated by the program and its affiliated researchers are deposited in the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections.

The United States Civil War Center was created in 1993. The center’s mission is to promote the study of the Civil War from the perspectives of all professions, occupations, and academic disciplines. Projects and programs include a clearinghouse Web page and the Civil War Book Review.

LSU MUSEUM OF ART

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The LSU Museum of Art, located in the Shaw Center for the Arts, 100 Lafayette St., houses the University's permanent fine arts collection of ceramics, drawings, paintings, and sculpture. The collection highlights include English and American decorative and fine arts representing the early 17th through the mid-19th centuries, Chinese jade, and Inuit sculpture.

Artists represented by the painting, print, and drawing collections include Thomas Gainsborough, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Benjamin West, and Rembrandt Peale. The museum's collection of the graphic works of the late Caroline W. Durieux, internationally recognized printmaker, is the most comprehensive in existence. The museum houses outstanding collections of New Orleans-made silver and Newcomb pottery made in New Orleans in the early part of the 20th century.

A selection from the museum’s permanent collection of more than 4,000 objects is always on exhibition. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday; and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Closed on major holidays. The museum has an admission fee. More information can be found at www.lsumoa.com.

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The Louisiana Museum of Natural History, the official state museum of natural history, consists of 16 major research collections located on the LSU campus. Together, these collections hold a total of more than 2.8 million specimens, objects, and artifacts that document the rich natural history of Louisiana, the central-Gulf region, and the world. These collections are dispersed among six independently administered units on campus, and include the Vascular Plant Herbarium, the Mycological Herbarium, the Lichen Herbarium, the Log Library & Core Repository, the LSU Arthropod Museum, the Center for Excellence in Palynology, the Gems & Minerals Collection,
the Textile & Costume Museum, and eight collections of the Museum of Natural Science (the Collection of Amphibians & Reptiles, the Collection of Birds, the Collection of Fishes, the Collection of Genetic Resources, the Collection of Mammals, the Vertebrate Paleontology Collection, the Collection of Fossil Plants & Invertebrates, and the Ethnology-Archaeology Collection).

The collections of the Louisiana Museum of Natural History, used actively for education, research, display, and public service, represent an important historical trust for future generations of Louisiana's citizens. Details about each collection, including educational and exhibits programs, can be obtained by contacting the curator-in-charge of the collection (see individual listings) or by visiting the museum's Web site.

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The Museum of Natural Science, a subunit of the Louisiana Museum of Natural History, consists of the Division of Zoology, located in Foster Hall, and the Division of Geoscience, located in the Howe-Russell Geoscience Complex. The exhibits in Foster Hall consist of nine major dioramas that depict with meticulous accuracy the flora and fauna of selected scenes from North America, including representative of Louisiana's animal life. Other exhibits and visual aids explain various biological and geological principles. The museum's exhibits are free and open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (call 578-3080 for information); closed on Saturday, Sunday, and University holidays.

The museum's Division of Zoology contains extensive research collections, numbering more than 500,000 cataloged specimens of birds, mammals, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, and their tissue samples. This internationally known repository of zoological material provides the basis for a program of research and serves as an important aid in teaching biological subjects.

The Division of Geoscience contains the most extensive archeological and geological research collections in Louisiana. The museum's archaeological collections include more than one million lots from 1,800 sites in Louisiana and many other sites in the Gulf Coast and Caribbean regions. Ethnological collections include material from North and South America, Africa, Australia, Oceania, Asia, and the Arctic. The H. V. Howe Type Collection of fossil ostracoda and the H. B. Stenzel Collection of fossil oysters are among the best of their kind in the world.

The museum is a member of the Natural Science Collections Alliance.

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The Rural Life Museum, a 28-building complex, is located approximately five miles from campus on the University's 450-acre Burden Research Plantation. Open daily, this unique museum is divided into three areas. The Barn contains hundreds of artifacts dealing with everyday rural life dating from prehistoric times to the early 20th century. The Plantation consists of a complex of buildings, commissary, overseer's house, kitchen, slave cabins, sick house, schoolhouse, blacksmith's shop, sugarhouse, and grist mill, authentically furnished to reconstruct all the major activities of life on a typical 19th century sugarcane plantation. Louisiana Folk Architecture is exemplified in seven buildings, a country church, a pioneer's cabin and corn crib, potato house, shotgun house, Acadian house, and a dogtrot house, whose divergent construction traits illustrate the various cultures of Louisiana settlers.

Adjacent to the museum are the Windrush Gardens, designed and planted by the late Steele Burden. This five acre expanse of seminatural gardens with winding paths and open areas is reminiscent of 19th century Louisiana gardens. The museum and gardens are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is charged.

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Founded in 1935 as an integral part of the plan to expand and improve Louisiana State University, the LSU Press quickly established itself as a major publisher of books about the South. As one of the outstanding scholarly publishers in the country and the only academic publisher in the state, LSU Press remains committed to publishing the best books, books that will inform, educate, and enlighten readers. A nonprofit institution, the LSU Press’s publishing list is mission driven, not profit driven.


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The National Center for Security Research & Training (NCSR T) has been established to coordinate efforts in security research and training. The University is currently a leader in providing training on antiterrorism and counter-terrorism techniques and regularly supports projects initiated by state and federal law enforcement agencies. The purpose of the center is to:

• establish a coordinated, university-based system to promote interaction and collaboration toward the common objectives of safety and security;
• coordinate the activities of existing units that focus on security and emergency preparedness;
• create a collaborative structure that incorporates faculty expertise; and
• partner with private and public entities.

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The Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program (ATAP) provides training to international delegations in anti-terrorism subjects under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security. To date, LSU and its sub-grantees, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMT) and Grambling State University (GSU) along with its subcontractor, Science Applications International Corporation, (SAIC) have trained 91 countries that have been identified as “in need” of specialized training by the Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

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Activities at the 82 acre training center south of the LSU campus include courses taught in every parish in Louisiana. A series of specialized programs taught at the center meet in-service needs by incorporating the national standards for both career and volunteer firefighters. These programs include instruction in aircraft rescue; hazardous materials; emergency medical services; marine firefighting; urban search and rescue; and high angle, rope, and confined space rescue. In addition, the Industrial Program offers specialized, OSHA-approved industrial training courses for individuals and fire brigades, both at the
training center and at industrial plant sites. The above classes are also available for labor-incumbent worker programs.

The EMS Program has been expanded to include not only basic life support and EMT basic courses, but human anatomy and physiology and a one year EMT paramedic course.

The Firefighter & Emergency Responder Certification Program offers certifications testing for career and volunteer firefighters at all levels of the National Fire Protection Association Professional Qualification Standards. The certification process is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. Although the program is not mandatory, it is strongly supported by the state’s fire service associations. Online training is presently available for Fire Fighter I.

Information concerning classes and schedules can be found on the Web site.

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The National Center for Biomedical Research & Training (NCBRT), Academy of Counter-terrorist Education (ACE) at LSU is a primary component of the National Center for Security Research and Training (NCSRT). NCBRT is a national leader in the development and delivery of a wide range of training programs in the areas of homeland security, domestic and international terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, and high-consequence events. Since 1998, NCBRT has developed over twenty courses certified by the Department of Homeland Security for the emergency responder community. Course topics include prevention and deterrence, tactical operations, law enforcement operations, emergency response to biological incidents, sampling, and agroterrorism, among others. These courses are delivered year round by NCBRT adjunct instructors to law enforcement, fire, emergency personnel; medical and public health professionals; and local, state, and national law makers throughout the United States and its territories.

THE SOUTHERN REVIEW
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The Southern Review, now in its second series, is a literary journal published quarterly under the editorship of Professor Bret Lott. Founded in 1935 by Cleeth Brooks, Robert Penn Warren, Albert Erskine, and Charles Pipkin, The Southern Review publishes contemporary poetry, fiction, essays, and book reviews, as well as translations and reproductions of visual art. Subscriptions are $24 a year for individuals and $50 a year for institutions. Manuscripts (accompanied by SASEs) and subscription orders should be addressed to The Southern Review. Old President’s House, LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803. For more information visit the journal online at www.lsu.edu/tsr.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
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Louisiana State Arthropod Museum
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The Louisiana State Arthropod Museum (LSAM), located in the Life Sciences Building, is a part of the Department of Entomology and a component collection of the Louisiana Museum of Natural History. The LSAM is the largest repository of insects and related arthropods in Louisiana. It houses approximately 750,000 specimens, including 600,000 pinned specimens, 100,000 fluid-preserved samples, and 30,000 microscope slides. One of the main strengths of the collection is a nationally significant beetle collection. In addition to preserving samples of the non-marine arthropod fauna of Louisiana, the LSAM’s holdings include substantial numbers of specimens from elsewhere in the southern United States, Central and South America, and the Caribbean region.

The LSAM serves the research needs of Louisiana’s scientific community by conserving voucher specimens generated by projects in agricultural entomology, biodiversity, and conservation biology. It serves the needs of the public by providing identifications of insects and other non-marine arthropods and by providing information about their habits and life histories. Specimen loans are made to qualified researchers throughout the world. The LSAM is not open to the general public and no exhibits are maintained, but requests for identifications and related information are welcome.

LSU Textile & Costume Museum
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The Textile & Costume Museum offers changing exhibitions of regional, national, and international interest. Museum hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays. The scope of the museum’s more than 12,000 piece collection is global. Holdings include prehistoric and ethnic textiles and costume as well as contemporary high fashions and high-tech textiles. Types of items include apparel, accessories, household textiles, piece goods, books, patterns, and a variety of items related to textile and apparel production, use, and care. As part of the School of Human Ecology, the museum promotes conservation, research, teaching, and public service. Research includes studies of the technical, aesthetic, historic, and sociocultural significance of textiles and apparel. It is a component collection of the Louisiana Museum of Natural History at LSU.

The organization of the Textile & Costume Museum, supports the goals and functions of the museum by providing funds for purchases, exhibitions, workshops, and other activities throughout the year.

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The Public Management Program (PMP) serves as the research to practice affiliate for the Human Resource Education program within the School of Human Resource Education and Workforce Development. Incorporating research-based theory and current best practices, this unit offers a comprehensive array of human resource development activities to the public sector on a state, national, and international level. Specific activities include: training program design and delivery; organizational development services; performance improvement on an individual, work group, and organizational level; process improvement; performance evaluation; adult literacy program development and delivery; curriculum design; program evaluation; organizational development strategies; workplace literacy program development and delivery; career development strategies; succession planning activities; and competency model development and implementation. PMP offers seminars, consultation services, and in-service training programs through traditional classroom instruction as well as state-of-the-art technology-based collaborative learning methodologies. The unit also develops and publishes research quality documents (both internally and through peer review systems) on various governmental and organizational issues. These services are provided by Public Management staff and University professors.

This unit is designated as the sponsoring agency for the Comprehensive Public Training Program (CPTT), a training and educational program authorized by the 1979 Louisiana Legislature. CPTT is designed to increase the skill and knowledge of state employees and non-elected officials. The Certified Public Manager Program (CPM), a nationally recognized accredited certification program, is open to persons holding a management position within state government or nominated by their supervisors for promotion to such a position. The CPM curriculum includes 300 instructional hours in management and approved elective courses. On completion of the program, participants are awarded the Certified Public Manager (CPM) designation.
The University of Louisiana at Baton Rouge offers a variety of courses and programs for academic, professional, or personal goals. The university has a strong commitment to education and research in computer-aided design, geographic information systems, remote sensing, image processing, and other computer applications in the areas of architecture, disaster sciences, geography, anthropology, interior design, and landscape architecture. This multidisciplinary laboratory, operated jointly by the College of Art & Design and the Department of Geography & Anthropology, provides specialized support to academic and research units at LSU, to state and federal agencies, and to nonprofit organizations.

Sponsored projects conducted by the laboratory include land-use planning, resource analysis, computer mapping, digital terrain modeling, three-dimensional design modeling, and graphic displays of scientific data. CADDIS develops and hosts a variety of Web sites, including the GIS clearinghouse cooperative for hurricanes Katrina and Rita (http://katrina.lsu.edu) and Louisiana Atlas (http://atlas.lsu.edu).

CADDIS has two instructional laboratories, one research laboratory, and seminar rooms with IP-based video conferencing capabilities. A wide range of software is available, including CAD, GIS, 3-D modeling, animation, video editing, terrain modeling, facilities management, image processing, graphic design, and internet development programs.

The University of Louisiana at Baton Rouge is committed to excellence in teaching and research in the arts and sciences. The university has a long history of serving the state's public, private, industrial, and governmental sectors since the late 1970s.
Eric Voegelin Institute for American Renaissance Studies

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The Eric Voegelin Institute for American Renaissance Studies, a humanities-social science research institute with no instructional program, was created as a unit within the College of Arts & Sciences in 1987. The institute is named for perhaps the greatest scholar-teacher in the history of the University (1942-1958) and one of the original Boyd Professors, Eric Voegelin, of the Department of Government (renamed the Department of Political Science in the 1960s). The institute is devoted to revitalizing the teaching and understanding of the great books of Western civilization in comparison with other civilizations, especially along lines embodied in Voegelin's own massive scholarship.

Largely supported by private contributions and other external funding, the institute is principally involved in two activities: conferences conducted both in the U.S. and abroad (especially in Central Europe) in the fields of constitutionalism, individual liberty, and political philosophy; and publications (books and monographs) in these same interest areas. It is thus a principal editorial and financial support unit for the large edition entitled The Collected Works of Eric Voegelin, University of Missouri Press, 34 vols. projected, of which 33 have been published to date.

COLLEGE OF BASIC SCIENCES

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The Center for BioModular Multi-Scale Systems (CBM’) is a multidisciplinary Center for the development of micro-nano-scale devices with applications in medical diagnostics, forensics, drug discovery and homeland defense, and is funded by grants from the National Science Foundation, Louisiana Board of Regents, National Institutes of Health, and others. In addition to its primary research mission, CBM’ also supports active Education/Outreach and Industrial Partnership programs.

Headquartered on LSU’s South Campus, CBM’ is a collaboration of leading research Universities throughout Louisiana and the nation, including LSU (including CAMD), LSU Health Sciences Center, Tulane Health Sciences Center, Xavier University of Louisiana, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, Baylor College of Medicine, and the Sloan-Kettering Research Institute.

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In 1994 LSU alumni, Horace C. Heanne, Jr., endowed two chaired professorships in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at LSU. In his will he also left a mandate that they be used to create the Horace Heanne, Jr. Institute for Theoretical Physics.

In 2001 Jorge Pullin joined the LSU faculty as one of the Heanne Chairs and in 2004 Jonathan Dowling was also hired as a Heanne Chair. Research is on quantization of gravity, quantum optics effects in gravitational wave interferometers, decoherence due to quantum gravity, non-standard optics due to quantum gravity, computational issues associated with quantum computing and gravitational problems.

The Institute has more than ten associate faculty in the departments of Physics and Astronomy, Math, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and is supported by the original Heanne endowment, as well as large grants from the National Science Foundation and the Department of Defense.

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Lichen & Bryophyte Herbarium

The Lichen & Bryophyte Herbarium, located in A257 Life Sciences Annex, is a permanent scientific collection of preserved material of more than 3000 lichens—the largest collection of its kind in the Gulf South—and several thousand mosses and liverworts. It is the result of the work of Boyd Professor Emeritus Harold P. Tucker, Department of Biological Sciences. Geographical emphasis is on species native to Louisiana and the southeastern U.S. Other areas represented include the western and northern U.S., Canada, the American tropics, New Zealand, Europe, and Australia. The collection is particularly rich in tropical and subtropical crustose lichens. The herbarium is primarily a research and teaching facility. Research programs are in progress on floristics of southeastern U.S. lichens and on ultrastructure of subtropical crustose lichens. On request, specimens are available for loan to other institutions.

Mycological Herbarium

The Bernard Lowy Mycological Herbarium, located in A257 Life Sciences Annex, contains the University’s permanent collection of more than 25,000 preserved specimens of nonlichenized fungi from all over the world. It was collected principally by the late Dr. Bernard Lowy, an LSU mycologist and ethnobotanist of international stature. It includes a large representative collection of Amazonian Tremellales and other Basidiomycetes as well as an important collection of Gulf Coast wood decay fungi. The herbarium is principally a research and teaching facility, and specimens are loaned to other institutions, both domestic and foreign.

Vascular Plant Herbarium

The Vascular Plant Herbarium, located in A257 Life Sciences Annex, houses the permanent, scientific collection of preserved specimens of ferns, fern allies, gymnosperms, and flowering plants. Founded in 1869, it is the oldest herbarium in the Gulf South and presently comprises more than 120,000 specimens, including 9 of the best collections of Louisiana plants.

The collection includes dried, pressed specimens and material preserved in alcohol. Many historically important 19th and early 20th century specimens from the Louisiana Gulf Coast are included. New material is obtained through the collective efforts of herbarium personnel, associated colleagues, amateurs, and through the exchange of duplicates with other herbaria. The goal of the herbarium is to be the premier collection of Louisiana and Gulf South plants, and a resource of international importance.

The herbarium is a reference and service facility, and is an essential resource for all research, teaching, and public service involving identification, classification, economic importance, and ecology of the plants and vegetation of Louisiana, the Gulf South, and the northern Neotropics. Numerous publications are based on the collections. Use may be arranged through Dr. Diane M. Ferguson, Collections Manager, A257 Life Sciences Annex, 225-578-8564. E-mail address: dferguson@lsu.edu.

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The Louisiana Business & Technology Center (LBTC) was created in 1988 as a joint venture of the University, the Greater Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, and the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority. LBTC is now part of the E. J. Ourso College of Business. Its purpose is to enhance economic development in the state through a job creation network. A community resource, LBTC assists new and small businesses by • management and marketing expertise; • technology and technical assistance; and • office space.

The intent is to develop and nurture small business growth as a means of diversifying the economy.

LBTC provides space for new business start-ups in the incubator at South Campus. Companies located in the LBTC can concentrate on production and marketing, which affect success and profit. Day-to-day administrative details and overhead problems
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• to encourage, support, and conduct applied
• to foster real world experience and prac-
• to acquire or to extend their professional
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• to represent LSU in the Federal Laboratory
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The Entrepreneurship Institute was formed to address the issues and challenges of entrepreneurship, family business, female entrepreneurs, and franchising. The institute offers programs and activities such as educational seminars and workshops in an executive education format; university course work; business planning, marketing, and management consultation; and venture funding assistance, to give entrepreneurs effective management tools and problem-solving skills with a prime goal of job creation in Louisiana.

The institute is currently focused in four areas: entrepreneurship education designed to educate students, business owners, managers, and aspiring entrepreneurs; a family business forum that provides knowledge and experience on topics most crucial for success and survival of family businesses; Women in Business, a seminar specifically designed to aid female entrepreneurs with start-ups, including four networking sessions annually, mentoring, and educational outreach; and, an international franchise forum that provides expertise and experience to help businesses start their franchising systems, and gives advice on the right franchising system for individuals who wish to become a franchisee.

The institute works with the Louisiana Business & Technology Center (LBTC), a small business incubator on the LSU campus, to enhance and promote small businesses in Louisiana through entrepreneurial development. This development process-network is designed to create successful businesses by providing assistance to stimulate small business formation, growth, and survival.

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The Public Administration Institute (PAI) offers the Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree to enhance career opportunities for those planning to enter public service; provide help for those currently employed in public service who want to acquire or to extend their professional knowledge; offer service to those interested in the not-for-profit sector of the economy; and offer training for those who are in the private sector or who intend to work in the private sector who will deal with the public sector. Students from a social science, liberal arts, business, or physical science background are encouraged to apply.

The curriculum consists of course work in the disciplines of finance, economics, political science, management, and statistics. The course work focuses on analytical, quantitative, and management skills needed by today’s successful public or private manager. Core courses are taught by faculty in the PAI and supporting departments throughout the University. Classes are scheduled to accommodate career professionals, as well as full-time students. Challenging internships in government agencies are available to qualified students.

Louisiana Real Estate Research Institute

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The Louisiana Real Estate Research Institute was established in 1985 with funding from the Oursou College of Business and the Louisiana Real Estate Commission. Its purpose is to encourage, support, and conduct applied and basic research in real estate, with particular focus on real estate and related economic activity in Louisiana. The institute has sponsored nearly 200 research projects, ranging from the analysis of nonparametric location theory to investigation of the effect on housing markets of below-market financing bond issues. An integral part of the institute’s effort is to fund research grants for faculty and graduate students, as well as to provide scholarship support for students.

The institute’s work is closely supported by the Louisiana Real Estate Commission Endowed Chair of Real Estate, the Latter & Blum Professorship of Business Administration, and the C. J. Brown Professorship of Real Estate. Continued funding for the institute has been provided by the Louisiana Real Estate Commission, the Oursou College of Business, the Commercial Investment Division of the Baton Rouge Board of Realtors, and various local and state private corporations.

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The mission of the Center for Gas Turbine Innovations & Energy Research (TIER) is to bring university researchers, turbine engine companies, utilities, and industries together to pursue collaborative interdisciplinary research in the area of gas turbines and distributed energy, and to educate and prepare students for opportunities in gas turbine engine companies, utilities, and cogeneration facilities.

The center is staffed with a team of researchers primarily from the College of Engineering, with ongoing collaboration with the College of Basic Sciences, the Center for Advanced Microstructures & Devices, and the Center for Energy Studies. The various researchers have established strong programs in gas turbines and distributed energy or related areas.
The Center for Rotating Machinery (CeROM), established in 2000, was created by an interdisciplinary research group led by faculty in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in close collaboration with business and industry leaders. By providing cutting-edge technological innovations to solve complex problems in engineering systems, the Center serves as an intellectual foundation to the industry with focus on long-range development.

The Center fosters the development of the next generation of mechanical components, materials synthesis, and fabrication techniques, and serves the needs of the large industrial base in Louisiana and elsewhere in the nation. Current collaborations exist between researchers in the center and a number of industries as well as the Gulf South Rotating Machinery Symposium (GSRMS) Conference steering committee. Projects of note include research in the areas of tribology, materials synthesis, characterization, modeling, microfabrication, mechanical, systems, analysis, nondestructive testing, and advanced sensing technology. The center is committed to maintaining a strong partnership with industry through stimulating technological innovation; facilitating commercialization of new research and development; serving as a magnet for attracting new industries to Louisiana; hosting workshops, symposia, and advanced specialty courses for training professional engineers; and providing graduate students with real-world, relevant experience to produce a high quality workforce for Louisiana and beyond.

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The Hazardous Substance Research Center/South and Southwest (HSRC) is a five-institution consortium consisting of LSU, as the lead institution, Georgia Institute of Technology, Texas A&M, Rice University, and the University of Texas. The consortium conducts research, outreach, and technology transfer activities on critical hazardous substance problems. These investigations focus on the following categories:

- engineering management of contaminated sediments;
- hazardous substances problems of special interest to communities within EPA Regions 4 and 6; and
- hazardous waste site remediation and management.

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The Institute for Ecological Infrastructure Engineering, established in 2000 by faculty within the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, was created to fully integrate science into the existing engineering infrastructure in the pursuit of ecologically sustainable solutions to environmental and infrastructure problems. This mission encompasses traditional environmental problems in addition to the design and placement of infrastructures like roads and facilities that may impact the ecology of the surrounding area. The institute has grown to include a cross-discipline set of faculty from LSU and other universities.

Current research areas of focus include urban runoff, coastal and small community domestic wastewater treatment using natural and artificial wetlands, industrial waste mitigation, aquaculture, and lakes management.

Louisiana Transportation Research Center

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The Louisiana Transportation Research Center (LTRC) is a cooperative research, education, and technology transfer center jointly administered by LSU and the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development. The center was established in 1986 by the Louisiana Legislature with the goal of improving the state's transportation system through basic and applied research, education, and technology transfer. The primary focus of the center is development of nationally recognized research and educational programs in transportation systems resulting in the implementation of more efficient design, planning, maintenance, operation, and construction practices as well as improved safety. LTRC offers courses, seminars, and training sessions designed to enhance the professional capabilities of DOTD engineers and other personnel in the transportation field. LTRC also publishes reports, brochures, and training materials. These publications are available to students in appropriate disciplines.

The LTRC Technology Transfer Center (Local Technical Assistance Program) is part of a national network dispersing the latest in transportation practices to local governing bodies by means of publications, seminars, workshops, and technical assistance.

Louisiana Water Resources Research Institute

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The Louisiana Water Resources Research Institute funds research concerned with water resources problems and the enhancement of Louisiana's water resources, while simultaneously training engineers and scientists to address future problems. Located on the LSU campus, research may be conducted by faculty from universities and colleges statewide. Research topics range from resource management (including flooding and water supply) to water quality (including wastewater treatment and aquifer restoration).

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The Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs, launched in 2000, is the focus of numerous projects and activities aimed at elevating the quality of civic discourse. The center is housed in the Manship School of Mass Communication, but collaborates with other academic units.

The center supports cutting-edge scholarship and research on all aspects of media and politics. Topics range over a wide variety of issues, including news coverage of government and business, the impact of technology on foreign news coverage, the role of advocacy groups in reaching the electorate, public opinion analysis, and constituent building by public and private entities.

The center has a number of venues for making its research public and useful. It cooperates with LSU Press to publish an ongoing series of books. It also supports symposia, conferences, and a public policy fellows program for the discussion of mass communication and public affairs issues. The John Breaux Symposium is held annually, bringing in outstanding scholars, journalists, public officials, and business and civic leaders. Symposia focus on state and national issues of pressing contemporary importance. Symposia are often published as reports and distributed nationally. The Center co-manages LSU's Public Policy Research Lab, and conducts the annual Louisiana Survey.
No degree is offered, but the center is tied to the PhD program in mass communication and public affairs, which offers fellowships to support doctoral candidates who assist faculty and the center with research. Work in the center provides valuable experience for students, thereby enhancing the quality of their education. The center also brings in visiting scholars to collaborate on projects and work with students.

The center’s public service arm directly assists media companies, industry, government, and nonprofit agencies by focusing the expertise of superior scholars on practical problems. Projects may include opinion surveys, communication plans, media training, and other special projects.

**OTHER RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS**

**LSU AGRICULTURAL CENTER**

WEB SITE • www.lsuagcenter.com

As the research arm of the LSU Agricultural Center, the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station is a major partner in graduate education and research. Research in the major soil, climate, and agricultural production areas is conducted in campus departments and in research stations located throughout the state. Many Agricultural Experiment Station faculty hold joint teaching and research appointments in the Colleges of Agriculture, Arts & Sciences, and Basic Sciences, and the School of Veterinary Medicine. In addition, the Experiment Station provides a large number of graduate assistantships, and laboratories, equipment, and facilities of the station are made available to graduate students.

**ARCTIC RESEARCH CONSORTIUM OF THE UNITED STATES (ARCUS)**

WEB SITE • www.arcus.org

The mission of ARCUS is to strengthen and advance arctic research to meet national needs. ARCUS consists of institutions organized and operated for educational, professional, or scientific purposes. An institution is considered eligible for membership in ARCUS if it has made a definitive, substantial, and continuing commitment to a coherent research program or course of studies leading to degrees in one or more of the disciplines associated with arctic research or related fields. These institutions have a common purpose of advancing science, promoting the application of their knowledge to national problems, and attacking in concert those scientific and technological questions that require the collaborative skills and resources of scientists, engineers, and others throughout the nation and world. For more information contact LSU Consortium Representative Dr. H. Jesse Walker at 225-578-6130.

**AUDUBON CENTER FOR RESEARCH OF ENDANGERED SPECIES**

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The Audubon Center for Research of Endangered Species (ACRES), opened in 1996, is an ambitious and innovative initiative in species conservation. Located in New Orleans, ACRES includes a 36,000 square-foot facility designed to house scientists whose research programs include studies in reproductive physiology, endocrinology, genetics, embryo transfer, and the expansion of a “frozen zoo” to assure the future of endangered species through the banking of genetic materials.

The alliances between LSU and ACRES (joint programming, data pooling, collaborative research, and cooperative funding) enables multi-disciplinary field-and-lab teams to conduct far-reaching research programs which range in scope from regional to international.

The knowledge gained through collaborative research between LSU and ACRES will help scientists and conservationists cope with threats to the most seriously endangered species by developing new reproductive technologies and reintroduction techniques necessary to ensure their long-term survival.

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**LOUISIANA UNIVERSITYS MARINE CONSORTIUM**

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Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) was formed in 1979 to coordinate and stimulate Louisiana’s activities in marine research and education. LUMCON provides coastal laboratory facilities to Louisiana universities and conducts research and educational programs in the marine sciences.

LUMCON’s primary facilities are located at the DeFelice Marine Center in Cocodrie, approximately 85 miles southwest of New Orleans. This location, situated within the estuarine wetland complex of the Mississippi River delta plain between the Atchafalaya and Mississippi Rivers, provides ready access to the most productive estuaries in the U.S., to a variety of coastal environments, and to the open Gulf of Mexico.

LUMCON is governed by a six-member Executive Board comprised of chief executive officers of LSU, Nicholls State University, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. This board reports to the Louisiana Board of Regents. For more information about LUMCON visit their Web site at www.lumcon.edu.

**OAK RIDGE ASSOCIATED UNIVERSITIES**

WEB SITE • www.orau.org

Since 1946, students and faculty of LSU have benefited from LSU’s membership in the Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU). ORAU is a consortium of 85 colleges and universities and a contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. ORAU works with its member institutions to help their students and faculty gain access to federal research facilities throughout the country; to keep its members informed about opportunities for fellowship, scholarship, and research appointments; and to organize research alliances among its members.

Through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE)—the DOE facility that ORAU operates, undergraduates, graduates, postgraduates, and faculty enjoy access to a multitude of opportunities for study and research. Students can participate in programs covering a wide variety of disciplines including business, earth sciences, epidemiology, engineering, physics, geological sciences, pharmacology, ocean sciences, biomedical sciences, nuclear chemistry, and mathematics. Appointments and program lengths range from one month to four years. Many of these programs are especially designed to increase the numbers of underrepresented minority students pursuing degrees in science- and engineering-related disciplines. A comprehensive listing of these programs and other opportunities, their disciplines, and details on locations and benefits can be found in the ORISE Catalog of Education and Training Programs, which is available on the ORAU Web site, or by calling either of the contacts listed below.

ORAU’s Office of Partnership Development seeks opportunities for partnerships and alliances among ORAU’s members, private industry, and major federal facilities. Activities include faculty development programs, such as the Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards, the Visiting Industrial Scholars Program, consortium research funding initiatives, faculty research, and support programs as well as services to chief research officers.

For more information about ORAU and its programs, contact Dr. Harold Silverman, Office of Research & Graduate Studies, ORAU Councilor for LSU; contact Monnie E. Champion, ORAU Corporate Secretary, 865-576-3306; or visit the ORAU home page: www.orau.org.

**ORGANIZATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES (OTS)**

WEB SITE • www.ots.duke.edu

The Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) is a nonprofit, scientific, academic consortium whose mission is to provide leadership in tropical biology by promoting education,
research, and the wise use of natural resources in the tropics. Founded in 1963, OTS is now composed of 64 premier universities and institutions throughout the world, including LSU. Graduate students at LSU are eligible to participate in the renowned field courses in tropical biology in Brazil, Costa Rica, and Peru and to apply for tropical research fellowships through OTS. Undergraduate biology majors are eligible for the OTS Semester Abroad, an integrated program of environmental sciences and Latin American culture.

OTS is headquartered at Duke University. Courses and research activities are centered in Costa Rica. Three field stations are located in tropical rain forest (La Selva), tropical dry forest (Palo Verde), and tropical montane forest (Las Cruces) environments. La Selva Biological Station, its flagship facility, is a modern biological research laboratory in the midst of a 3,000-acre lowland rain forest preserve. OTS provides logistical support and offers the use of equipment and field stations for field research in tropical biology. Funds are available through OTS for qualified graduate students to initiate research projects.

Additional information regarding the program and course application forms are available from Dr. Bruce Williamson, Department of Biological Sciences, LSU, 508 Life Sciences Building and at btwll@lsu.edu; or from the Organization for Tropical Studies, North American Office, P.O. Box 90630, Durham, North Carolina 27708 and at www.ots.duke.edu.

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