

# The University

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- *use its extensive resources to solve economic, environmental, and social challenges.*

*(Mission Statement approved December 2006)*

## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

*Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College* originated in grants of land made by the U. S. government beginning in 1806. In 1853, the Louisiana General Assembly established the *Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy* near Pineville, Louisiana. The institution opened January 2, 1860, with General William Tecumseh Sherman as superintendent. Because of the Civil War, the school closed June 30, 1861, and reopened on April 1, 1862, with Col. William Linfield as acting superintendent. He was succeeded in 1863 by Professor William A. Seay. Because of the invasion of the Red River Valley by the Federal Army, the institution was closed again on April 23, 1863.

The Seminary reopened October 2, 1865, with Col. David F. Boyd as superintendent. The Seminary was destroyed by fire on October 15, 1869, and reopened on November 1, 1869, in Baton Rouge, where it has remained. In 1870, the name of the institution was changed to *Louisiana State University*.

The *Louisiana State Agricultural & Mechanical College*, established by an Act of the Legislature in 1874, opened in New Orleans on June 1, 1874, where it remained until it merged with Louisiana State University on January 2, 1877. The two state institutions began their first joint session on October 5, 1877, under the name of the *Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College*.

The first Baton Rouge home of LSU was the Institute for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind. In 1886, the institution moved to the federal garrison grounds (now the site of the state capitol). Construction of the campus at its present site started in 1922, and the move, which began in 1925, was not completed until 1932. Formal dedication of the present campus took place on April 30, 1926.

LSU's chief academic divisions were founded as follows: **Law School**, 1906; the **Colleges of Agriculture, Arts & Sciences, Education, and Engineering**, 1908; the **Graduate School**, 1909; **Continuing Education**, 1924; the College of Business Administration (renamed the **E. J. Ourso College of Business Administration** in 1996; renamed the **E. J. Ourso College of Business** in 2005), 1928; the Graduate School of Library Science (renamed the **School of Library & Information Science** in 1981), the College of Chemistry & Physics (renamed the **College of Basic Sciences** in 1982), and the School of Music (renamed the **College of Music & Dramatic Arts** in 1998), 1931; Junior Division (incorporated into **University College** in 1999), 1933; the School of Social Welfare (renamed the **School of Social Work** in 1983), 1937; **University College** (incorporated into General College in 1974 and reinstated in 1999), 1951; the School of Environmental Design (renamed the College of Design in 1979; renamed the **College of Art & Design** in 2001), 1965; the **School of Veterinary Medicine**, 1968; and the Graduate

Division of Education (merged with the Graduate School in 1982), 1970. In 1977, the **Hebert Law Center** (formerly the Law School) was made an autonomous unit of the LSU System.

In 1978, LSU was named a sea-grant college—the 13th university in the nation to be so designated, and the highest classification in the program. In 2005, LSU was designated as a space-grant college.

## LSU TODAY

Today LSU holds a prominent position in American higher education and is committed to meeting the challenge of pursuing intellectual development for its students, expanding the bounds of knowledge through research, and creating economic opportunities for Louisiana. LSU is in a state of dynamic transformation—changing and evolving to meet the needs of its students, faculty, and the people of Louisiana. LSU 2010, the *National Flagship Agenda*, brings into focus the University's commitment to excellence at every level. The goal of this agenda is to have LSU reach the upper tier of national prominence by the year 2010, the University's 150th anniversary.

LSU is one of only 21 universities nationwide designated as a land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant institution. It also holds the Carnegie Foundation's designation as a Doctorate-granting university, with very high research activity.

LSU's instructional programs include 194 undergraduate and graduate/professional degrees.

The University attracts about 15 percent of the state's total enrollment in higher education, and LSU students come from many ethnic and religious backgrounds. The student body consists of over 28,000 students from 50 states and over 110 foreign countries. Although the average age of undergraduates is 21, many older students also pursue degrees at LSU. The student body is 52 percent women and 48 percent men.

Since its first commencement in 1869, LSU has awarded over 210,000 degrees. The University produces about 26 percent of Louisiana's baccalaureate graduates, approximately 21 percent of the master's graduates, and about 59 percent of the doctoral graduates. In 2006-07, LSU awarded 5,975 degrees.

With more than 170,000 alumni, LSU ranks in the top 10 percent in the nation in number of graduates. Its alumni have distinguished themselves in politics, agriculture, business, education, engineering, science, the arts, sports, and entertainment.

The University is a member of the American Council on Education, an organization of accredited post-secondary educational institutions founded in 1918; the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, founded in 1962 to represent the major public universities and land-grant institutions; and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, a select group of leading public institutions of higher education. *LSU is accredited by the Commission on*

*Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and professional degrees.*

The LSU System, composed of nine institutions on 10 campuses in five cities, as well as 10 public hospitals in 10 cities, was established by an act of the Louisiana legislature on February 6, 1965. Other components of the System are the LSU Agricultural Center (headquartered in Baton Rouge); the Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge; the Health Science Center (with two campuses in New Orleans and one in Shreveport, including the Schools of Allied Health Professions, Medicine, Dentistry, and Nursing, and Graduate School); the University of New Orleans and LSU in Shreveport, both four-year institutions; LSU at Alexandria and LSU at Eunice, both two-year institutions; and the Health Care Division.

The governing body of the LSU System is the Board of Supervisors, composed of 16 members. Chief administrative officers of the University System are the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Human Resources & Risk Management, and Vice President for Property and Facilities Administration.

The LSU Agricultural Center, including the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station and the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service and International Programs, has more than 200 faculty members who hold joint appointments with LSU. The Experiment Station has research programs in Baton Rouge and at branch stations throughout Louisiana. The Extension Service disseminates results of research throughout the state through specialists, county agents, and home economists in every parish.

The Paul M. Hebert Law Center, originally established in 1906, became an autonomous unit of the LSU System in 1977. In 1979, it was renamed in honor of Paul M. Hebert, who served as dean from 1937 to 1977.

*All references in this catalog to "Louisiana State University," "LSU," or "the University," are to be understood as meaning the institution in Baton Rouge (whose full name is Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College). Any reference to the LSU System or to any other institution(s) within the System will be clearly indicated.*

## MISSION

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## Teaching

The University has over 1,400 full-time and part-time faculty members. The *Boyd Professorship*—named in honor of two early University presidents, David and Thomas Boyd—is the highest professorial rank awarded. The *William A. Read Professorship of English Literature* and the *Nicholson Professorship of Mathematics* are comparable to the Boyd Professorship.

Other awards for outstanding achievement are *Endowed Chairs*, *Endowed Professorships*, *LSU Foundation Professorships*, *Alumni Professorships*, *Distinguished Faculty Fellowships*, and the annual *Distinguished Research Master Award*. Recognized authorities in various fields are appointed as consulting professors or visiting lecturers.

The University is committed to the principle that excellence in teaching depends upon qualified and conscientious instructors. LSU boasts a nationally and internationally recruited faculty—approximately 85 percent of whom have terminal degrees. Many faculty members are international authorities in their fields and bring esteem and recognition to the University. The recipients of such coveted awards as the Guggenheim and Fulbright fellowships, LSU professors represent an enviable array of knowledge.

## Research

LSU is one of a small number of universities nationwide designated as a land-, sea-, and space-grant institution. According to a report by the National Research Council, LSU consistently ranks among the top 30 universities in total federal, state, and private expenditures. The University's success in the leveraging of state funds to obtain federal dollars places it among the best in the nation and represents a good investment of taxpayers' money. The economic result of this activity is the creation of 2,250 new jobs, \$55 million in new income for Louisiana households, and \$125 million in new sales to Louisiana firms.

The University Libraries comprise the largest research library in the state. And LSU's Office of Intellectual Property ranks among the

nation's top 20 university patent receivers. The University now holds 243 patents and received more than \$308,000 in licensing revenue in 2006-07.

In addition to more than 40 institutes, centers for advanced study, and other specialized units headquartered at LSU, various state and federal governmental units maintain offices and laboratories on campus.

LSU injects more than a half-billion dollars into the Baton Rouge economy annually, with direct expenditures of more than \$344 million by all units in Baton Rouge, creating sales of nearly \$672 million.

At any given time, more than 2,500 sponsored research projects are in progress. Additionally, faculty and staff members and graduate students pursue numerous research projects that are not sponsored by outside agencies. Since the 2002-03 fiscal year, external research funding at LSU has increased steadily to the current level of \$146.3 million. LSU's awarded grants and contracts from federal, state, and private sources provide a significant boost to the Louisiana economy. Other research projects and instructional programs are undertaken through the LSU Agricultural Center, the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, and Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

## Public Service

Government, education, business, and industry in Louisiana benefit daily from the outreach services provided by LSU. New technology is transferred from University laboratories to the community, providing a vital boost to the economy and helping to find answers to some of Louisiana's most pressing environmental issues.

Several LSU divisions provide public services to the community and state.

- The *LSU Cartographic Information Center (CIC)*, ranked among the largest academic map libraries in the U.S., holds a vast collection of maps, globes, journals, monographs, photographs, slides, and atlases. The center serves patrons from the LSU community, local businesses, state agencies, and the general public.
- The *J. Bennett Johnston, Sr., Center for Advanced Microstructures & Devices (CAMD)* is a high-tech research center that serves the public by providing: an infrastructure for economic diversity within the state in the area of microfabrication; testing services for local area gas, oil, and chemical industries; a focus for material science research and development at LSU and within the state; and scientific outreach to students in elementary school through graduate school.
- The *LSU Center for Internal Auditing (LSUCIA)* is an internationally recognized program that provides students with nationwide internships and career opportunities. The LSUCIA also provides executive training for professionals.

- *Continuing Education* provides valuable learning opportunities by extending LSU's resources beyond the campus through workshops, short courses, extramural courses, correspondence courses, institutes, seminars, and conferences.
- The *Curriculum Theory Project* is internationally recognized. Housed in the Department of Educational Theory, Policy, and Practice, the project supports research at the local, state, regional, national, and international levels concerning curricular issues.
- The *Delta Express Project*, a collaborative program between the College of Education and the University of California-Berkeley, addresses both educational and social needs of underserved children displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- The *Division of Student Life & Academic Services* matches community needs with student and faculty resources through its academic service learning program, *LSU PLUS*, coordinated through University College; and the *Student Community Outreach Center*, coordinated through the Center for Student Leadership & Involvement.
- The *LSU Coastal Roots Program* is a coastal wetland restoration project in south Louisiana led by the College of Education and the School of Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences. This program engages fourth through twelfth graders in the growing of native plant seedlings that they then plant in coastal habitat restoration projects in south Louisiana.
- The *Earth Scan Laboratory* is a satellite receiving station and image processing facility for environmental data from six unique earth observing sensor systems. The laboratory specializes in real-time access to satellite imagery and measurements of the atmosphere, oceans and coastal areas within the Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean Sea region, data which is obtained directly from satellite transmissions many times each day. The mission of the laboratory is state emergency response, education, and research. During hurricane season the laboratory provides detailed maps of hurricanes, their structure, location, and movement every 15 minutes to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Response. Also provided is real-time imagery of hurricanes, tropical storm, and coastal/ocean events through the laboratory's Web site: <http://www.esl.lsu.edu>.
- The *LSU FACES Laboratory* is a public service, research, and educational facility designated to assist law enforcement agencies in the positive identification of human remains, profile analysis, and trauma analysis. Since 1981, this laboratory unit of the Department of Geography & Anthropology, the only one of its kind in the state and region, has offered complete methods of identification through forensic anthropological autopsy and computer-generated techniques.
- The primary goal of the *French Education Project* is to improve the teaching of French and francophone cultures with special emphasis on Louisiana's francophone heritage. Among its offerings to K-12 teachers of French and science is the Virtual Museum, a collaborative effort between the College of Education and the LSU Museum of Natural Science, which provides statewide access to LSU's immense collection of natural science specimens and rich academic expertise.
- *GEAR UP Baton Rouge* is a College of Education outreach initiative which supports faculty's work with area schools to provide postsecondary opportunities for at-risk youth.
- The *Healthy Aging Studies Project* is led by an interdisciplinary team collaborating to profile for creating healthy aging. Findings from the study of genetic and physiologic determinants of longevity and "healthy aging" benefit the state as it addresses aging issues.
- The *LSU Hurricane Center* is a multi-disciplinary center addressing hurricanes and other hazards and their impacts on the natural, built, and human environments. Center faculty work closely with resource managers and emergency preparedness decision-makers, transferring the latest information and technology in areas such as storm prediction, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.
- The mission of the *Entrepreneurial Institute* is to enhance efforts to develop and sustain entrepreneurial and family business opportunities in the state of Louisiana. Specific activities carried out by the institute include, but are not limited to, educational seminars and workshops in an executive education format, University course work, business planning and consultation, and venture funding assistance, with a prime goal of job creation for Louisiana.
- The College of Agriculture's *Les Voyageurs* student speakers bureau conducts programs for middle and high school age student groups on career opportunities and career decision making in the agricultural and natural sciences.
- The *Louisiana Business & Technology Center* (LBTC) is a small business incubator on campus that is the home to 25 start-up businesses. The LBTC offers flexible space, business equipment, and consulting services to those firms and outside clients through the LSU Small Business Development Center. In addition, the LBTC operates the Louisiana Technology Transfer Office for the state of Louisiana that, through its offices at LSU and NASA/SSC, provides technical assistance to Louisiana companies through NASA and other federal laboratories. Graduate and undergraduate students work on projects through the LBTC.
- The *Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service*, a division of the LSU Agricultural Center, is a statewide program that maintains agricultural agents and specialists in each of Louisiana's 64 parishes.
- The *Louisiana Geological Survey* performs geological investigations that benefit the state of Louisiana by encouraging the economic development of the natural (energy, mineral, water, and environmental) resources of the state, protecting the state and its citizens from natural, geological, and environmental hazards, and ensuring the transfer of geological information.
- The *LSU Writing Project*, a National Writing Project site established in 1984 and housed in the College of Education, supports university/P-12 partnerships dedicated to improving the quality of P-12 student writing. Serving 10 parishes in the southern part of the state, the project hosts invitational summer writing institutes, rural open institutes, P-12 administrators' writing retreats, and youth writing activities.
- *Louisiana State Youth Opportunities Unlimited (LSYOU)* is a College of Education program which assists Louisiana adolescent youth at high risk for dropping out in overcoming obstacles to their success.
- The *Louisiana Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory* provides a comprehensive animal disease diagnostic service to the agricultural and general communities.
- The *McKinley High Oral History Project* resulted in taped interviews now housed in the East Baton Rouge Parish Carver Branch Library. These tapes document the history of Old South Baton Rouge. The tapes represent work stemming from a 10 year collaborative among the College of Education, T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History, School of Social Work, Service Learning Center, and the Old South Baton Rouge community. With impact locally and nationally, these oral histories highlight the important role the Old South Baton Rouge community played in the civil rights movement.
- The *Peripheral Neuropathy Exercise Intervention Project* focuses on physical activity for health and wellness for people with peripheral neuropathy. Department of Kinesiology faculty offer diagnostic services and provide information on peripheral neuropathy, as well as guide such interventions as Tai Chi, assisted walking, and infrared light therapy focused exercise.
- The *Positive Behavior Support Center* is a long-standing College of Education program for P-12 education which provides support to the Statewide Positive Behavioral Support Team, as well as related professional development and evaluation of school-wide PBS.
- The *Public Policy Research Laboratory* combines the talents and disciplinary perspectives of economists, mass communication scholars, and political scientists. The lab offers an innovative approach to original public opinion research on behalf of policy makers, state and local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, media outlets, and academicians. It is a partnership of the Manship School of Mass Communications Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs, the E. J. Ourso College of Business, and the College of Arts & Sciences.
- *Psychological Services Center* offers assessment and treatment to adults and children for a variety of psychological and behavioral difficulties.
- *Speech-Language Hearing Clinic* offers diagnostic evaluation and management services for the communicatively handicapped.
- The *Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs* provides symposia, forums and research on the relationships between the media and social, economic and political issues.
- The *Office of Community Design & Development* in the College of Art & Design, provides architectural, landscape, and interior design services, as well as community planning, technical assistance, and educational outreach to local communities, housing authorities, and community development corporations.
- The *Louisiana Council of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement for P-12 schools (SACS-CASI)* partners closely with the College of Education, where it is housed. SACS-CASI is committed to assisting public and nonpublic elementary, middle, and

secondary schools and school systems in Louisiana in efforts to achieve accreditation so as to ensure quality instruction for students.

- The *Office of Sea Grant Development* communicates the results of marine and coastal research through practical assistance, educational programs, and various media products. Public service efforts are conducted through the Sea Grant Legal Program, Marine Extension Services, Advisory Services in Marine Recreation and Tourism, and the Communications Office.

- The *Office of Social Service Research & Development* assists social service agencies in the areas of research, program evaluation, program development, grant writing, technical assistance, information, specialized training, and advocacy activities.

- The *Spanish Education Project*, established in the College of Education in 2000, supports Spanish teacher education through educational guidance, information and materials, and workshops. Focus is on organizing and promoting cultural and artistic activities related to the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures.

- The *School of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Teaching Hospital & Clinics* offers tertiary, secondary, and primary care services for animals of the pet-owning public and animal industries of Louisiana and surrounding states. Specialty services in large and small animal internal medicine and surgery, cardiology, dermatology, avian and exotic animal medicine, radiation and medical oncology, ophthalmology, radiology, pathology, and theriogenology are available.
- The *Applied Math Clinic*, offered by the Department of Mathematics, works on mathematical modeling projects for local industries and provides “real-world” experience for advanced undergraduate math majors as a capstone experience.

The University also offers numerous cultural and entertainment events, including lectures, musical performances, and plays, to the community each year. In the College of Music & Dramatic Arts, the *Department of Theatre* and *Swine Palace Productions* present 10-12 theatrical productions, each of which runs over extended periods of time. The *School of Music* presents more than 250 recitals and concerts, many of which are free to the campus community and general public. These latter offerings include fully staged operas; choral, band, jazz, and orchestral concerts; and faculty and student recitals. The *LSU Music Academy*, run by the School of Music, offers private lessons on a wide variety of instruments and voice. In addition, LSU’s museums—including the *Museum of Art*, the *Museum of Natural Science*, and the unique *Rural Life Museum and Windrush Gardens*—are open to all citizens.

## THE CAMPUS

The University is located on more than 2,000 acres in the southern part of the city, bordered on the west by the Mississippi River. The University’s more than 250 principal buildings are grouped on a 650-acre plateau that constitutes the main part of the campus.

Original campus architecture was based on the Renaissance domestic style of northern Italy (tan stucco walls, red tile roofs), with buildings that house most of the classrooms and administrative offices grouped around a

double quadrangle and connected by colonnaded passageways. Architects of more recent campus structures have succeeded in blending contemporary design with the older style of architecture.

The city of Baton Rouge—capital of the state of Louisiana, an inland port, and a major petrochemical center—has a metropolitan area population of around 700,000. According to history, the city’s name is derived from a tall cypress tree that once stood at the present site of Louisiana’s Old State Capitol marking the boundary between the hunting grounds of the Houma and the Bayou Goula Indians. The early French explorers called the tree *le baton rouge* (the red stick).

Geographically, Baton Rouge is the center of South Louisiana’s cultural and recreational attractions with New Orleans about 80 miles to the southeast. Less than an hour’s drive north lie the gently rolling hills of the antebellum country of the Feliciana parishes. The fabled French-Louisiana country of bayous, marshes, and lakes—about an hour’s drive from the campus—offers opportunities for fishing, hunting, and other recreation.

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The chief administrative officer of LSU is the chancellor; directly responsible to the chancellor are the executive vice chancellor and provost, the athletic director, and the vice chancellor for communications and university relations. Reporting to the chancellor through the provost are the vice chancellor for finance & administrative services, the vice chancellor for research & economic development, the vice chancellor for strategic initiatives, and the vice chancellor for student life & academic services. (Refer to the organizational chart preceding this chapter.)

### Office of the Chancellor

The chancellor is the chief administrative officer of the University and reports to the president of the LSU System.

### Office of Academic Affairs

The *executive vice chancellor & provost* serves as both the chief academic officer and as the chief operating officer of the University. The executive vice chancellor & provost acts as chief administrative officer in the absence of the chancellor and represents the chancellor in both internal and external matters.

As chief academic officer, the executive vice chancellor & provost is responsible for the academic programs of the University. The administrative center for exercise of this responsibility is the Office of Academic Affairs.

The Council of Academic Deans and Directors, which serves in an advisory capacity to the executive vice chancellor & provost, meets monthly to review, deliberate, and make recommendations concerning academic matters.

The executive vice chancellor & provost chairs the University Budget Committee, prepares its recommendations for submission to the chancellor, and works in tandem with the vice chancellor for finance &

administrative services to prepare and monitor the operating budget for the University. The executive vice chancellor & provost also chairs the University Planning Council; leads, with and for the chancellor, programmatic, budgetary, and facility planning for the University; exercises responsibility for space allocation; and superintends the University’s efforts in assessment, with responsibility for developing policies and programs to ensure that the University is fully accountable in all aspects of its operations.

## Office of Communications and University Relations

The *Office of Communications and University Relations* is a full service communications and development organization that proactively fashions, manages and delivers consistent messages promoting LSU’s National Flagship Agenda; that reaches key internal and external audiences; and that helps LSU achieve international prominence. The office will provide a full array of resources to all units of the University, and will help focus LSU entities on a consistent course of action that promotes University goals among parents, students, staff, faculty, lawmakers, donors, the media, and business leaders across Louisiana and the nation.

The Office of Communications and University Relations is responsible for developing and administering a robust strategy that encompasses public affairs activities, government relations tasks, and institutional advancement. These overarching strategic goals are designed to energize and support the fund-raising drives that will dramatically increase LSU’s endowment by 2010, while carrying on LSU’s long-standing educational objectives and promoting LSU’s climb to international academic prominence. Three units administer separate services within this structure.

*Public Affairs* supplies marketing, communications, creative services, media relations, and radio/television services to LSU and its component colleges. *Institutional Advancement* is responsible for coordinating the efforts of several foundations essential to LSU’s future, primarily in fund-raising duties among alumni, major donors, and corporate sponsors. *Legislative and External Affairs* oversees the unified voice of the University to all community, political, and government leaders at the local, state, and national levels.

## Office of Finance & Administrative Services

The *vice chancellor for finance & administrative services and comptroller* is responsible for a variety of business functions and institutional support services, including accounting, purchasing, cash management and disbursement, budgeting, plant and facilities, risk management, personnel, police, safety, parking, traffic, transportation, central stores, printing, campus mail, the golf course, vending, contracted ancillary services (dining and bookstore), Tiger Card operation, and trademark licensing.

## Office of Research & Economic Development

The *vice chancellor for research & economic development* is responsible for the overall research and economic development efforts of the University, coordinates the work of more than 1,300 faculty involved in approximately 2,500 sponsored research projects.

In addition, the office coordinates the nonformula component of the budget and acts as liaison to the legislature in this area. The office also coordinates the LSU congressional/federal agenda, keeping our congressional delegation abreast of research issues at the University. All activities of the LSU Council on Research are also handled in this office.

Developing corporate partnerships, encouraging entrepreneurial activities, and driving Louisiana's economy are areas of concern.

By spearheading intellectual property development and commercialization efforts, developing corporate partnerships, and encouraging entrepreneurial activities, the office is charged with ensuring the University's role as an economic driver of Louisiana.

## Office of Strategic Initiatives

The *Office of Strategic Initiatives* (OSI) focuses on particular components of the University's overall strategic plan with an intense effort to pursue strategic initiatives that will produce:

- systemic improvements in the mentoring of faculty, students, and staff, with an emphasis on achieving excellence at all levels;
- coordinated efforts to enhance the receipt of external student awards (e.g., Rhodes, Marshall, and Goldwater Fellows);
- coordinated efforts to enhance the receipt of external faculty awards (e.g., Fulbright and Guggenheim Fellows);
- coordinated efforts to establish LSU as a leading provider of graduate degrees to underrepresented groups (particularly African American PhDs) in a variety of disciplines;
- coordinated efforts to enhance and improve the number of students from underrepresented groups who pursue and complete undergraduate degrees at LSU in the science, mathematics, engineering, and technology areas;
- coordinated efforts with the Office of Academic Affairs to recruit outstanding faculty to the University, with special emphasis on faculty from underrepresented groups;
- direct partnership initiatives (e.g., LAMP and joint faculty appointments) with other Louisiana institutions;
- coordinated efforts to generate external awards, including funds and training grants, to support all of these efforts.

Achievement of the goals of this unit requires a close alliance with other units throughout the University. Such units include, but are not limited to, the Office of Academic Affairs; the Graduate School; the Honors College; the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Basic Sciences, Education, and Engineering; and the Center for Scientific, Technological, Engineering, & Mathematical Literacy.

Collaborating units are represented on OSI's Advisory Board, which provides advice to the Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives on both policy and programmatic issues.

## Division of Student Life & Academic Services

The *vice chancellor for student life & academic services* is concerned with the quality of student life on campus, provides a learning environment conducive to student success both in and outside the classroom, and assists students in reaching their highest level of intellectual and personal development. The Division of Student Life & Academic Services serves as the main link between the University and its students, and continuously strives to enhance the quality of the campus living and learning community, to promote cultural diversity, and to foster a student-centered learning environment in which change can and is expected to occur. The division works in collaboration with students, faculty, and staff to create conditions that support and enhance students' intellectual and personal development. The division provides academic support, cultural awareness, recreational activities, career services, psychological counseling, housing, leadership development programs, and health services, as well as peer and professional advice, and adjustment to life at the University.

## Office of the Athletic Director

The Athletic Director manages a broad spectrum of intercollegiate sports programs for men and women. LSU is a charter member (1932) of the Southeastern Conference. LSU meets teams from other major universities in NCAA Division IA competition in football, basketball (Mens & Womens), baseball, indoor and outdoor track and field (M&W), cross country (M&W), golf (M&W), tennis (M&W), swimming (M&W), women's gymnastics, women's volleyball, women's soccer, and women's softball.

LSU athletic teams have won 43 national championships and 109 Southeastern Conference championships since the beginning of the intercollegiate athletics program in 1893.

## ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

The mission of Enrollment Management is to support and enhance the total educational experience of LSU students through a commitment to quality service that is responsive to student needs. Further, Enrollment Management seeks to attract and enroll a highly diverse class of first time and transfer students with outstanding ability and potential and subsequently to improve student retention and graduation commensurate with the goals of the University.

## OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

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The *Office of Enrollment Communications and Technology* serves as a support system for both the *Office of Undergraduate Admissions & Student Aid* and the *Office of the University Registrar*. The office is responsible for the development and implementation of long-term marketing and communications strategies to coincide with admission, recruitment, and retention goals. The office is also responsible for Web design, data collection, data reporting, statistical research, admission and registrar database support, and all software installation, implementation, and maintenance. The *Office of Enrollment Communications and Technology* assists the colleges and departments across campus with the installation and training of recruitment software programs.

## OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS & STUDENT AID

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WEB SITE • [www.lsu.edu/admissions](http://www.lsu.edu/admissions)

The *Office of Undergraduate Admissions & Student Aid* strives to provide excellent customer service in its efforts to actively recruit prospective students who have demonstrated academic and extracurricular excellence from a wide range of geographic and demographic backgrounds.

This office is considered the "front door to LSU." The office staff welcomes students to the University through campus visits and tours, informative promotional mailings, various recruitment events, and counselor outreach programs. Campus tours are conducted every week day at 10:00 a.m., except University holidays. Office hours for undergraduate admissions & student aid are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Admissions is responsible for processing freshman, transfer, re-entry, international, early/concurrent, athletic, and visiting student applications. The office is committed to making fair and timely decisions by evaluating prospective student's likelihood of success at LSU based on established educational requirements and admission policies.

The Admissions Division uses the internet to provide the most up-to-date information regarding admission to LSU. Prospective students can apply online, pay online, check their application status, communicate through e-mail, and learn about requirements as well as important deadlines.

Student Aid administers federally funded financial aid programs and university, state, and privately funded scholarships to assist students in meeting their educational costs. The federal programs include Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Academic Competitiveness Grants (ACG), National SMART Grant, Work Study,

Perkins Loans, Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans, Parent Loan for Undergraduate Student (PLUS), Graduate PLUS Loan for graduate and professional students. All programs are subject to regulations authorized by the U. S. Department of Education, as well as University policies which are consistent with these federal regulations.

Scholarships are in the form of cash awards, full tuition and nonresident fee exemption, room and board scholarships, and employment opportunities to students who meet certain academic qualifications. Detailed information is available on the Web.

**OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR**

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 WEB SITE • [www.lsu.edu/registrar](http://www.lsu.edu/registrar)

The *Office of the University Registrar* is responsible for maintaining timely and accurate records of academic progress and accomplishments of LSU’s students while ensuring the privacy, integrity, and security of those records.

The office strives to provide excellent customer service to students, faculty members, administrators, alumni, and the public in the areas of record keeping, course scheduling, course registration, information management and data analysis. The Office of the University Registrar uses its central university position to add value to the information that it manages by participating in activities to recruit, retain, and graduate the most academically talented and diverse students possible.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

OFFICE • 2148 Pleasant Hall  
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LSU Continuing Education serves close to 36,000 participants each year through credit and non-credit outreach programs that support, promote, and enhance LSU’s Flagship Agenda. Founded in 1924 to serve nontraditional students, Continuing Education provides flexible programs, using face-to-face and distance delivery methods. To address the diverse needs of lifelong learners, four distinct types of programs are offered: College Credit, Professional Development, Pre-College, and Personal Enrichment. Last year, through Continuing Education programs, LSU reached students of all ages in every Louisiana parish, every state in the nation, and 28 countries.

For more information about LSU Continuing Education programs, please see the chapter in this catalog entitled “Continuing Education.”

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

LSU assures equal opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, creed, color, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, sex, age, national origin, physical or mental disability, or veteran’s status in the admission to, participation in, and treatment or employment in the programs and activities that the University operates and sponsors.

**FINANCES**

Because it is a state-supported institution, LSU receives most of its funds from legislative appropriations. The budget for 2007-08 including the School of Veterinary Medicine, totaled \$436,384,799.

These funds, expressed in millions of dollars, came from:

<b>Source of Revenue</b>	<b>Amount</b>
State appropriations	\$253.5 million
Student fees	155.3 million
Other sources	27.6 million
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$436.4 million</u></b>

<b>Area of Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Instruction	\$195.3 million
Research	56.9 million
Public service	10.4 million
Operation and maintenance	50.1 million
Academic support	55.6 million
Institutional support	27.4 million
Student services	11.4 million
Scholarships and fellowships	28.8 million
Transfers	.5 million
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$436.4 million</u></b>

The estimated worth of the physical plant of LSU is \$1,078 million. LSU’s annual operating budget totals approximately \$436.4 million. Not included in the above is approximately \$125 million of grant and contract funds, which are restricted in their use. These funds are received from federal, state, and private sources.

The University spends about \$134.3 million to operate its auxiliaries (student housing, food services, Student Union, etc.). Capital construction for auxiliary operations is funded through the issuance of University revenue bonds liquidated through the operation of such units.

Construction and renovation of general-use buildings are usually funded by the Legislature through the state Office of Facility Planning & Control.