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University College is the portal of entry for most incoming freshmen enrolling at LSU. It also serves many returning students and transfer students who are not yet eligible for admission to a degree-granting senior college on campus. The two enrollment divisions of University College are the Center for Freshman Year and the Center for Advising and Counseling. In addition, a variety of retention-specific programs that focus on particular student populations are a significant part of the role and mission of University College.

Center for Freshman Year enrolls students with fewer than 30 hours of earned credit and who have not yet been admitted to a senior college. Undecided pre-nursing and some allied health majors may remain in UCFY for 45 attempted hours.

Center for Advising and Counseling enrolls students who have earned 30-plus hours of college credit and who have not yet met the admission requirements for one of the University’s degree-granting senior colleges. Other special populations are included as well. Visiting students, cross-enrolled students from other institutions, and non-matriculating students who are not working toward degrees are examples of these special populations.

Allied Health and Pre-nursing Programs

Many allied health and pre-nursing students begin their academic careers at LSU with the intent of continuing their studies at one of the campuses of the LSU Health Sciences Center or possibly one of several state and private schools offering degrees in these areas. University College provides advising assistance for these students as they prepare for the selective admission process for these professional programs.

Student Support Services is a federally funded TRIO program that serves a small, select number of undergraduate students. The program provides intensive academic, personal, and career counseling to assist participating students in achieving success at LSU.

Ronald E. McNair Research Scholars Program, also a federally funded TRIO program, is a part of University College. Its primary purpose is to increase the graduate school enrollment of students, such as minority race students, first generation students, and females who are underrepresented at the postgraduate level.

CENTER FOR FRESHMAN YEAR

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Every freshman student has access to the full-time counseling/advising staff. Students may obtain assistance in curriculum selection, career guidance, college study skills, and personal issues that may interfere with academic progress.

Freshmen who have decided on a field of study and who want to graduate in a minimum time should follow the freshman year curriculum suggested by the college offering the degree in their interested field of study. These curricula guides are found in the various senior college sections of this Catalog. Advising assistance is available to guide students through the curricula requirements for all majors.

Students who have not decided on a field of study will initially enroll in one of the following three undecided/exploratory categories:

- UNAH – Undecided with an interest in the arts or humanities
- UNSE – Undecided with an interest in the sciences or engineering
- UNSS – Undecided with an interest in the social sciences

Students enrolled in these exploratory categories are expected to participate in academic and career counseling sessions during their first semester by making an appointment with a Center for Freshman Year counselor. A major should be declared by the end of the freshman year.

CENTER FOR ADVISING AND COUNSELING

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The Center for Advising and Counseling serves both traditional and nontraditional students and allows them the opportunity to meet their individual academic goals. Within the framework of University regulations, students may be admitted to the Center for Advising and Counseling according to the following:

- Students admitted from the Center for Freshman Year must have earned a minimum of 30 credit hours and meet the University’s requirements for continued enrollment. Students exiting the Center for Freshman Year who are in good academic standing, on University Scholastic Warning, or on University Scholastic Probation are admissible.

- Transfer students, re-entry students, and students from other divisions of the University may be admitted for a limited time in an effort to meet the admissions requirements to a senior college. These students will be considered for enrollment based on their potential for success in a particular degree program.

All admitted students will meet with an academic counselor to develop a plan outlining conditions and duration of enrollment in the Center for Advising and Counseling. Plans may be revised based on student performance, and continued enrollment may be denied if students fail to progress as defined in the individualized enrollment plan. Students are generally
allowed a maximum of four regular semesters of enrollment in UCAC. In some instances, it is appropriate to limit enrollment to less than four regular semesters.

**ENROLLMENT OPTIONS**

- **Pre-degree** - Students with a declared major that are not eligible for enrollment in the freshman college but do not meet the admission criteria for a senior college.
- **Pre-professional** - Allied health or nursing students who are not pursuing an undergraduate degree at LSU and have the potential to pursue one of the pre-professional programs at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans or Shreveport.
- **Not Regularly Admitted Students** - Students pursuing a degree at another college or university and taking courses at LSU with the intent to transfer all credit to their home institution.
- **Non-matriculating Students** - Students who have completed a degree at a four-year institution and wish to take undergraduate courses with no specific degree path or who are in need of meeting admission requirements to a senior college that will offer a second degree.
- **International Students** - Students who are in the U.S. on student visas are not eligible for admission to pursue their studies as non-matriculating or non degree seeking students in the Center for Advising & Counseling according to the regulations of the Immigration and Nationalization Service.
- **Restricted Admit** - Students who have been previously enrolled in a senior college and are petitioning enrollment in UCAC as a condition of College Scholastic Probation or for students who are exiting a senior college to attempt admission to another senior college offering a newly declared major. Enrollment in this category is generally limited to one semester.
- **Southern University Cross Enrollment** - Students regularly enrolled at Southern University and taking a course or courses at LSU through the cooperative agreement between the two institutions.

A University College appeals committee will exercise discretion in considering other variables important to the admission decision of students being considered for enrollment in UCAC.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY**

Students in University College bear final responsibility for selecting an academic program from one of LSU’s senior college offerings and adhering to all published regulations and degree requirements of that college.

**RONALD E. McNAIR PROGRAM**

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The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program’s primary goal is to increase the number of students who are members of a group underrepresented at the postgraduate level. Students participate in faculty-assisted research, attend conferences to present their research, and prepare for acceptance into graduate school.

**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM**

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Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded program offering services to help participants achieve academic success. The goal of the program is to increase retention and graduation rates of qualifying students. To be eligible for the program, students must have an ACT composite score of 24 or lower (SAT 1090 or lower), be TOPS eligible, and meet at least one of the three following criteria: be a first-generation college student, meet income guidelines set by the federal government, or have a documented disability. The Student Support Services program offers a study skills class, free one-on-one tutoring, a peer mentoring program, personalized counseling and academic advising, career decision making assistance, opportunities for cultural enrichment, a computer lab solely for SSS students, and much more. Additional information can be obtained from the Student Support Services office, 150 Himes Hall, or from www.lsu.edu/sss.

**DIVISION OF PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS**

Enrollment in the pre-professional health programs in University College does not constitute admission to the professional health programs at the LSU Health Sciences Center.

**ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS**

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University College offers pre-professional programs that prepare students to enter the professional curricula leading to the bachelor's degree in one of the various allied health fields at either of LSU's Health Sciences Centers in New Orleans and Shreveport or at the LSU Dental School in New Orleans.

The LSU Health Sciences Center offers a 2+2 program which provides the final two years of clinical and professional training of the Bachelor of Science degree programs in cardiopulmonary sciences (respiratory therapy and cardiopulmonary sonography) and medical technology.

The LSU School of Dentistry offers programs in dental hygiene and dental laboratory technology. A Bachelor of Science program is available in each discipline in addition to an Associate of Science degree in dental laboratory technology. Admission to these programs is on a competitive basis. Applications for admission must be submitted well in advance of the date of matriculation at the Health Sciences Center and School of Dentistry.

The LSU School of Allied Health Professions also offers graduate degrees in communication disorders, health sciences, occupational therapy, rehabilitation counseling, physician’s assistant, and physical therapy. Admission to these programs is competitive and requires that students first complete an undergraduate degree in addition to other prerequisite criteria. Preference for admission is given to Louisiana residents. Further information regarding any of the programs may be obtained from the allied health advisor in the Center for Advising & Counseling or from the appropriate institutions.

The programs of study shown below are appropriate for the professional curricula indicated.

**PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCE (RESPIRATORY THERAPY)**

The following program is designed for students planning to apply to the Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Sciences at the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Allied Health Professions in New Orleans and Shreveport. Students should check the LSU Health Sciences Center’s Web site for any additional updates or changes to the prerequisite curricula in cardiopulmonary science. Visit http://lsuhsc.edu for more information.

Approval of course selections must be obtained from the allied health counselor in the Center for Advising & Counseling or from the head of the appropriate professional department at the LSU School of Allied Health Professions. A copy of this approval must be placed in the student’s file in the Center for Advising & Counseling.

Military science or physical education skills courses are not acceptable as electives in fulfilling the 60 semester hour pre-allied health credit requirement. Completion of a baccalaureate degree is required for admission.

**Prerequisite Courses:**

- English (composition) ........................................ 6
- General Education Humanities* ................................ 9
- General Chemistry & Lab ......................................... 9
- Analytical Reasoning** ........................................... 6
- General Biology & Lab ........................................... 8
- Human Physiology ............................................... 3
- Science Elective*** .............................................. 3
- Psychology (general) ............................................. 3
- General Physics & Lab ............................................ 4
- General Microbiology & Lab .................................... 4
- General Education Arts Electives**** ......................... 3
- Computer Literacy ................................................ 3

**TOTAL** ................................................................ 60
PRE-PROFESSIONAL PHYSICIAN’S ASSISTANT PROGRAM

The pre-professional advisor is available to prepare LSU students for the admission process at the Shreveport LSU Health Sciences Center, School of Allied Health Professions’ physician’s assistant program. This master’s degree program’s admission requires completion of specific prerequisite courses and other selective admission criteria. A complete list of these requirements can be obtained from the faculty advisor in 150 Himes Hall or by contacting the School of Allied Health Professions, LSU Health Sciences Center, P.O. Box 33932, Shreveport, LA 71130-3932, telephone 318-813-2902.

Applications can be obtained from the School of Allied Health Professions’ Web site at: http://www.lshschevreport.edu.

Prerequisite Courses:
- Anatomy w/lab ........................................ 4
- Human Physiology ........................................ 3
- General Microbiology & Lab ............................. 4
- Chemistry, general or inorganic w/lab ................. 8
- Biology electives, junior or senior level ................. 8
- Statistics .................................................. 3

TOTAL .................................................. 30

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN REHABILITATION COUNSELING

The pre-professional faculty advisor is available to prepare LSU students for the admission process to the School of Allied Health Professions program in rehabilitation counseling at the LSU Health Sciences Center. This master’s degree program’s admission requires completion of specific prerequisite courses and other selective admission criteria. A complete list of these requirements can be obtained from the faculty advisor in 150 Himes Hall or by contacting the School of Allied Health Professions, LSU Health Sciences Center, 1900 Gravier Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, telephone 504-568-4553, e-mail sahps@lsuhsc.edu.

Applications can be obtained from the School of Allied Health Professions Web site at http://alliedhealth.lsuhsc.edu.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

The LSU Health Sciences Center offers a “3 plus 1” program in medical technology. Please contact the advisor in the Center for Advising & Counseling for more information.

The following program is designed for students planning to apply to the Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences at LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and Shreveport. Students should check the LSU Health Sciences Center Web site for any additional updates or changes to the prerequisite curricula in medical technology. Visit http://www.lsuhse.edu for more information.

Approval of course selections must be obtained from the allied health counselor in the Center for Advising & Counseling or from the head of the appropriate professional department at the LSU School of Allied Health Professions. Students are required to meet with the allied health counselor each semester to review their schedule and discuss any possible changes in prerequisites and entrance requirements to this program. A copy of this approval must be placed in the student’s file in the Center for Advising & Counseling.

Prerequisite Courses:
- English (composition) .................................. 6
- General Chemistry & Lab ............................... 3
- Organic Chemistry ....................................... 3
- Analytical Reasoning* .................................. 12
- General Biology & Lab ................................... 8
- General Microbiology & Lab ............................ 4
- Science Elective** ....................................... 3
- General Elective*** ...................................... 9
- General Education Humanities ....................... 9
- General Education Social Sciences* .................. 6
- General Education Arts Electives* .................... 3

TOTAL .................................................. 68

* Algebra and statistics recommended.
** Upper-level biological sciences or molecular biology, chemistry, anatomy or physiology, pathological microbiology, or biochemistry recommended.
*** Management, communications, technical writing, or education recommended.
**** At least 3 hours must be taken at the 2000 level or higher.
***** Art, dance, theater, or fine arts recommended.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN DENTAL HYGIENE

The LSU Dental School in New Orleans offers two professional programs, Dental Hygiene and Dental Laboratory Technology. Bachelor’s degrees are available in each discipline in addition to an associate’s degree in dental laboratory technology. Students should check the LSU School of Dentistry Web site for any additional updates or changes to the prerequisite curricula in dental laboratory technology. Visit http://www.lsusd.lsuhsc.edu for more information.

Approval of course selections must be obtained from the allied health counselor in the Center for Advising & Counseling or from the head of the appropriate professional department at the LSU School of Dentistry. Students are required to meet with the allied health counselor each semester to review their schedule and discuss any possible changes in prerequisites and entrance requirements to this program. A copy of this approval must be placed in the student’s file in the Center for Advising & Counseling.

Prerequisite Courses:
- Business or Economics ................................. 6
- English Composition .................................... 6
- English Literature* ...................................... 3
- General Education Fine Arts* .......................... 3
- General Education Humanities ........................ 6
- General Chemistry ....................................... 3
- Analytical Reasoning** .................................. 6
- Natural Science (two semester sequence) ......... 6
- General Psychology ..................................... 3
- Introductory Sociology .................................. 3

TOTAL .................................................. 45

* Art, music, or theater recommended.
** College algebra and higher.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN DENTAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY

The LSU Dental School in New Orleans offers two professional programs, Dental Hygiene and Dental Laboratory Technology. Bachelor’s degrees are available in each discipline in addition to an associate’s degree in dental laboratory technology. Students should check the LSU School of Dentistry Web site for any additional updates or changes to the prerequisite curricula in dental laboratory technology. Visit http://www.lsusd.lsuhsc.edu for more information.

Approval of course selections must be obtained from the allied health counselor in the Center for Advising & Counseling or from the head of the appropriate professional department at the LSU School of Dentistry. Students are required to meet with the allied health counselor each semester to review their schedule and discuss any possible changes in prerequisites and entrance requirements to this program. A copy of this approval must be placed in the student’s file in the Center for Advising & Counseling.

Prerequisite Courses:
- General Biology & Lab ................................. 7
- Human Physiology ...................................... 3
- General Microbiology .................................. 3
- English Composition .................................... 6
- English Literature* ...................................... 3
- Introductory Sociology .................................. 3
- Speech ................................................... 3
- General Education Art* ................................ 3
- General Chemistry ....................................... 6
- Analytical Reasoning** ................................ 6
- General Psychology ..................................... 3
- General Education Humanities ........................ 3
- Computer Literacy* .................................... 3
- General Electives ....................................... 3

TOTAL .................................................. 61

* Should be at the 2000 level or higher.
** Art, music, or theater recommended.
*** Algebra and higher.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The pre-professional advisor is available to prepare LSU students for the admission process to the School of Allied Health Professions programs in physical therapy and occupational therapy at the LSU Health Sciences Center. These master’s degree programs’ admission requirements include a bachelor’s degree, completion of specific prerequisite courses, and other selective admission criteria. A complete list of these requirements can be obtained from the faculty advisor in 150 Himes Hall or by contacting the School of Allied Health Professions, 1900 Gravier Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, telephone 504-568-4353, e-mail sahps@lsuhsc.edu.

Students may apply online for the master’s programs approximately nine months prior to the anticipated date of entry. Applications can be obtained from the School of Allied Health Professions Web site at www.alliedhealth.lsuhsc.edu.
PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS IN PHARMACY AND OPTOMETRY

The LSU System does not offer a degree program in pharmacy or optometry. Students are encouraged to contact pharmacy and optometry schools where they intend to apply for information about the appropriate course work.

For students wishing to apply for the pharmacy programs at the University of Louisiana–Monroe, and Xavier University of New Orleans, advising assistance is available from the University College counselors in 150 Allen Hall and 150 Himes Hall.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM IN NURSING

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The following program is designed for students planning to apply to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing ONLY at the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Nursing in New Orleans.

LSU offers a pre-professional nursing program that prepares students to enter the professional nursing curriculum leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Nursing (LSUHSC SON) in New Orleans. Admission to the LSUHSC SON is on a competitive basis. Applications for admission to the sophomore year at the LSUHSC SON must be submitted the semester prior to the semester anticipated acceptance to complete the three-year study. Students should consult with the LSUHSC SON pre-nursing advisor on the LSU campus for assistance with the application process.

Pre-nursing requirements are subject to change. Pre-nursing students are required to see the pre-nursing advisor in 150 Allen Hall each semester regarding possible curriculum changes. Students may also access the current pre-nursing curriculum online at http://www.nursing.lsuhsc.edu.

Pre-nursing requirements vary with each professional school of nursing, and entrance to each school is competitive. Prospective nursing students seeking admission to institutions other than the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Nursing should obtain the entrance requirements from these schools directly.

Prerequisite Courses:
Arts Elective* ........................................... 
College Algebra .......................................... 
English Composition ..................................
General Biology and Laboratory ..................
General Chemistry ....................................
General Psychology ...................................
Introductory Sociology ..............................
Microbiology ...........................................
Humanities* .............................................

TOTAL 34

* See approved list of courses at http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu or from pre-nursing faculty advisor in 150 Allen Hall.

The following courses are required for the bachelor’s degree in nursing and may be earned at LSU while students are pending approval for admission to the School of Nursing. Students should consult the pre-nursing faculty advisor in 150 Allen Hall for LSU courses that will meet the following requirements.

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DISTANCE PROGRAM CREDIT

University College students may enroll in distance program courses with the approval of the University College dean’s office. For guidance in the selection and enrollment of these courses, students should consult the Distance Program Credit section of this catalog as well as the distance program guidelines located in the catalog chapter of the senior college in which they expect to eventually enroll. These policies will be used to determine approval for enrollment.

Students may request an extension of time to complete a distance program course if they: 1) have not exceeded the maximum number of hours for enrollment for a regular semester or summer term, including distance program courses; 2) remain eligible to enroll at the University; and 3) continue their enrollment in University College.