



## **Enrollment Management**

*Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Aid*

# Guide to Consumer Information

The following represents information on the institution, financial assistance, scholarship fraud, graduation rates, athletic participation, campus security, student rights and responsibilities, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act at Louisiana State University.

\*In accordance with federal regulations set forth by The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, below is a summary of consumer information that must be made available to all students at the LSU. Each topic listed gives a brief description of the information that must be disclosed and explains how it can be obtained. If you need assistance obtaining information listed or you would like a paper copy, contact the:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Aid  
1146 Pleasant Hall  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

## **Institutional Information**

### **Cost of Attending Louisiana State University:**

For actual tuition and fee charges visit <http://www.bgtplan.lsu.edu/fees.htm>

For estimated tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, and personal/miscellaneous expenses visit the [Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Aid](#).

#### **Refund Policy:**

The university has a tuition refund policy that stipulates the amount of tuition and fees that are refunded to a student who withdraws from classes during a semester. This policy is published by the Office of the University Registrar at [www.lsu.edu/registrar](http://www.lsu.edu/registrar)

### **Withdrawal Procedures:**

A student may voluntarily resign from the University beginning with the first day of class through the final day for resigning shown in the "[Academic Calendar](#)." Resignation is initiated in the office of the student's academic dean. The student must obtain a resignation form and file the form with the Office of the University Registrar within 10 days after it has been endorsed by each administrative office indicated on the form. Resignation is not complete until the form is submitted to the Office of the University Registrar.

Students who absent themselves from the University without leave and without official resignation will not be assigned "W" grades and, at the end of the semester, normally will receive grades of "F" in courses for which they are registered.

Students who withdraw from the University without approval, or who are dropped from the University for any reason, may be ineligible for readmission for a semester or longer.

### **Repayment Policy (Return of Title IV Financial Aid):**

The federal government mandates that students who withdraw from all classes may only keep the financial aid (federal "Title IV" grant and loan assistance) they have "earned" up to the time of withdrawal. Funds that were disbursed in excess of the earned amount must be returned by the university and/or the student to the federal government. Please [click here](#) for the entire policy.

### **Descriptions of Academic Programs:**

Information on the university's academic programs and degree offerings is available from the various schools/colleges and admitting offices. Click [here](#) for comprehensive academic information.

### **Instructional Facilities and Labs:**

Information on the university's instructional facilities and laboratories is available from the various schools/colleges and admitting offices. Click [here](#) for detailed instructional facilities. For information on the university's many research opportunities and laboratories please visit: <http://www.lsu.edu/researchers/>

### **Instructional Personnel:**

Information on the university's faculty and staff personnel is available from various schools/colleges. Visit: [http://www.lsu.edu/faculty\\_staff/](http://www.lsu.edu/faculty_staff/) for more information.

### **Accreditation Information:**

Louisiana State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, masters, doctorate and professional degrees.

Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Louisiana State University.

## **Satisfactory Academic Progress:**

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is the University's policy that denotes a student's successful completion of course work toward a certificate or degree. In order to receive financial aid, a student must be making "satisfactory academic progress." For the purpose of participating in any of the federal student aid program, the LSU Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Aid has established the following policy for determining satisfactory academic progress. Please [click here](#) for the policy.

## **Services for Students With Disabilities:**

Students with physical disabilities who must confer with a financial aid officer should contact the office for an [appointment](#) in advance so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

## **Information About Financial Assistance**

### **Overview of Financial Aid Programs:**

LSU administers all Title IV federal programs which are based on a student's demonstrated financial need. Funds received from the federal programs help students to cover school expenses, including tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and transportation. All such programs are subject to regulations authorized by the United States Department of Education, as well as University policies consistent with these federal regulations and are subject to change.

### **How to Apply for Aid:**

Students who wish to apply for the programs described in this section should file either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Renewal Application. The FAFSA is available online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). It is recommended that the application be filed no later than March 1 for summer or fall enrollment or October 1 for spring enrollment. These applications cover aid awarded for the upcoming academic year (beginning with the summer term) and application must be made each year.

Once the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Aid has received your FAFSA, additional documentation will be requested through your PAWS accounts. To receive a loan for the academic year, the deadline to return all required documents is the first business day of May. To receive a semester only loan, the deadline to return all required documents is

- Summer only loans: Last business day of July.
- Fall only loans: First business day of December.
- Spring only loans: First business day of May.

For consideration for Pell grants only, documents may be accepted later than the stated dates. Check with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Aid for deadlines.

Once all documents are processed, an award letter will be sent via the student's PAWS account to allow them to accept or decline their aid. The deadline for a student to accept a loan is:

- Semester only loans: First day of final exams for that semester.

- Academic year loans (summer/fall/spring or fall/spring loans): First day of spring semester final exams.

Please note that students will not receive an award notice until all verification documents have been properly submitted and processed. Documents submitted after the stated deadlines may not result in an award. Students submitting documents after the stated deadlines may receive funding for that academic year.

### **Aid Eligibility Requirements:**

Please see our [basic eligibility](#) page.

### **How Need-Based Aid Recipients Are Determined and How Need-Based Aid is Awarded:**

[Click here](#) for detailed information.

### **Financial Aid for Study Abroad:**

Students enrolled at in an approved LSU Study Abroad program may apply for financial aid through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Aid.

### **Rights and Responsibilities of Aid Recipients:**

[Satisfactory Academic Progress](#)

[Method and Frequency of Disbursements](#)

[Terms and Conditions of Employment Provided as Financial Aid](#)

[Terms of Student Loans, Including Repayment and Sample Repayment Schedule](#)

[Terms of Perkins Loans, Including Repayment](#)

### **Scholarship Fraud:**

According to the Federal Trade Commission, perpetrators of financial aid fraud often use the following lines to sell their scholarship services; students should avoid any scholarship service or website that states the following:

- "This scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."
- "You can't get this information anywhere else."
- "I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship."
- "We'll do all the work."
- "This scholarship will cost some money."
- "You've been selected by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship" or "You're a finalist" in a contest you never entered.

If you believe you've been the victim of scholarship fraud, wish to file a complaint, or want more information, call 1 (877) FTCHELP or visit [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams).

### **Graduation Rates and Statistics:**

This is the rate for degree-seeking full-time undergraduates who have graduated for their programs within 150% of the normal time for graduation. Detailed rates are published on the [Office of Budget and Planning's website](#).

### **Graduation Rates for Student Athletes:**

Athletic Program Participation and Financial Support information can be obtained by visiting the Athletic Department located at the:  
Athletic Administration Building  
6th Floor

### **Campus Safety Resources:**

[Campus Safety and Security](#)

### **Family Educational Rights and Privacy**

ACT:

[Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#)

Equal Opportunity:

[Louisiana State University's Equal Opportunity Statement](#)

### **Contact Information for Admitting Offices and Schools/Colleges:**

[Admissions, Office of Graduate School](#)

[Admissions, Office of Undergraduate](#)

[Admissions for International Undergraduates](#)

[Admissions, Veterinary Medical Program at <http://www1.vetmed.lsu.edu/svm/>](#)

[Admissions, Paul M. Hebert Law Center at <http://www.law.lsu.edu/>](#)

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