EXPERIENCE LSU: Your guide to successfully transitioning to LSU.

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CONGRATS ON YOUR DECISION TO BE AN LSU TIGER!

College is an exciting journey and we are happy to be on it with you. Your student orientation program will help you learn more about LSU, your new home. You will meet your fellow classmates, schedule classes, and learn about the available resources to help you succeed.

Both student and family orientations are led by LSU Ambassadors who are trained to provide a successful orientation experience for our incoming students and families.

How do I register for classes?

This required program is designed for all entering freshmen who will start classes in the fall. During the one-day session, you will be advised on your course schedule and register classes for the fall semester.

“My experience attending freshman orientation was phenomenal. I was pretty nervous about coming to LSU, as I really didn’t know anyone coming here; however, going through orientation and seeing what a positive and welcoming environment LSU was made everything worthwhile. It was because of orientation, actually, that I decided to become an LSU Ambassador!”

Tori Landry | Albany, LA
Before your on-campus orientation experience, we strongly encourage you to complete LSU’s Online Pre-Orientation Program so you are well prepared for your visit. You can access the program at mylsuorientation.lsu.edu.

**2018 Schedule Options**

There are 12 sessions of orientation, but not all colleges participate in each session. It’s important for you to select a session when your major is offered. If you choose to change your major after you’ve registered online, don’t worry. Just give us a call and we can help you sign up for a different session.

**Attention Honors Students:** Students in the Honors College are encouraged to select sessions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, or 12.

If you’re really not sure about your major, feel free to sign up for one of the undeclared sessions. Or, if you change your major on the day of your scheduled session, we will make accommodations through our Center for Freshman Year to help you get scheduled for classes. Our goal is to make your experience as stress-free as possible.

**Getting Registered for Orientation**

All entering freshmen who have paid their enrollment deposit will receive an email inviting them to register for orientation. Students who have not paid their enrollment deposit, but would like to register for orientation may do so by visiting lsu.edu/experience and selecting the Orientation Experience tab.

Using the online registration link included in your email, you will be able to view the online orientation application and all orientation session dates available. Reservations for each session are limited. Once a session date fills to capacity, it is closed. Please do not make travel plans until you have received confirmation from the Experience LSU office. A confirmation email will be sent the next business day after a successful registration and a reminder email will be sent a few days before your scheduled orientation program. This email will contain helpful information such as parking instructions and an agenda for the day. The priority deadline to register for orientation is May 1, 2018.

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ORIENTATION DETAILS

Once you arrive, we are going to hit the ground running. If you are coming from out of town, you may want to get here the day before your scheduled session so you are ready for an early start on orientation day. All students and family members are also invited to attend a special sunset reception the evening before their scheduled orientation.

Orientation check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and the program kicks off at 8:45 a.m.


Sleeping
Residential Life offers incoming students a chance to experience on-campus living during this freshman orientation program. If you are interested in staying on campus during your orientation, register and pay for orientation housing when you complete your orientation registration online.

Housing is only available the night before orientation begins. Lodging costs are $40 for a double-occupancy room in which roommates are assigned. If participants want to request a specific roommate, they should indicate their preference on their registration for orientation.

Costs cover bed and bath linens, a pillow, pillowcase, and blanket. Toiletries are not provided; participants are encouraged to bring their own essential items.

Eating
A light breakfast and lunch in the dining hall will be provided on the day of your scheduled orientation. Other options available to students include a wide variety of food offerings on and off campus.

Parking
Parking instructions will be sent in a reminder email a few days before your scheduled orientation.

Essentials
We want everyone to have a successful experience at orientation. Here are a few essentials you’ll need to bring:

- Pens and pencils
- A backpack to carry belongings
- A picture ID (driver’s license)
- Money
- Instrument and music, only if you scheduled an audition with the LSU School of Music

Did you know there’s a hotel on the LSU campus? If your family is attending orientation and would like to stay at the LSU Lod Cook Hotel & Conference Center, they can visit thecookhotel.com to learn more and reserve a room. Or go to visitbatonrouge.com/hotels for information on other accommodations in Baton Rouge.
FAMILY ORIENTATION

As you continue to support your students from enrollment to graduation, it is important that you also know the programs, services, and resources available here at LSU. We are here for you too, which is why we’ve created a special orientation program just for families! You don’t want to miss this full day of learning what LSU has to offer students and families during their time at LSU.

- Tour the Residence Hall where your student will be living.
- Learn how meal plans and TigerCASH work.
- Be in the know about financial aid and scholarships.
- Meet other LSU parents and hear the advice they have for incoming families firsthand.
- Learn how to join the Family Association and about the events offered for families throughout the year!

Registration

Family members interested in registering for orientation should register at the same time your student completes his/her orientation registration. Up to two family members may pre-register to attend any orientation session that your student attends.

Please note: Family Orientation is a separate program from the student orientation program. While family members and students will separate for part of the program, they will also have the opportunity to attend select sessions together.

If your student has already completed registration and would like to edit his/her registration to add family members, he/she should log into the myLSU account, and select the “Edit Family Registration” button.

COSTS

How much does orientation cost?

The LSU orientation experience costs $140, plus a 2.5 percent nonrefundable credit card processing fee. Your orientation experience includes access to our online pre-orientation program, a light breakfast, lunch, parking, and other program materials.

Family orientation costs $50 per family member and covers all costs associated with the one-day program. Family members receive a printed agenda and folder of campus information at check-in. To complete the reservation process, you will be asked to submit your payment for both the student and family orientation fees using your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or bank draft. A 2.5 percent nonrefundable processing fee will be added to the total payment amount if paying by credit card.

What if my plans change?

We completely understand that plans change. Upon registering, we reserve a space for you at orientation and prepare your supplies. If you need to cancel your reservation and request a refund, please provide us with a written cancellation notice by emailing us at experience@lsu.edu. Refund requests must be received prior to May 1. Refunds will not be granted after this date.
DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Interstate 110
- Government Street Exit west to St. Philip Street
- St. Philip Street south (turns into Nicholson Drive)
- Nicholson Drive to LSU campus to South Stadium Road
- South Stadium Road to LSU Public Safety Building (located across the street from Tiger Stadium)

From Interstate 10
- South Acadian Thruway south (turns into Stanford Drive)
- Stanford Drive right lane merges into West Lakeshore Drive
- West Lakeshore Drive to LSU campus (turns into South Stadium Road)
- South Stadium Road to LSU Public Safety Building (located across the street from Tiger Stadium)

From Highland Road
- Turn west onto South Stadium Road
- South Stadium Road to LSU Public Safety Building (located across the street from Tiger Stadium)

From Nicholson Drive (LA Highway 30)
- Turn east onto South Stadium Road
- South Stadium Road to LSU Public Safety Building (located across the street from Tiger Stadium)

HAVE QUESTIONS?

We are here to help. Contact us anytime at 225-578-2634 or by email at experience@lsu.edu.

Checking Off the To-Do List

- If you have not already done so, pay your enrollment deposit.
- Priority registration for orientation is May 1, 2018.
- Complete your online pre-orientation session prior to your scheduled orientation.
- Familiarize yourself with LSU’s Guide to General Education booklet and LSU’s General Catalog.
- Get ready for an awesome Experience LSU orientation!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Students with Disabilities
Disability Services provides assistance to students with documented disabilities at no additional cost. If you need disability-related accommodations during orientation, such as sign language interpreting or captioning services, contact Disability Services at your earliest convenience to make arrangements. Visit the website below to learn about the types of eligible accommodations. Disability-related documentation must be received by Disability Services at least two weeks before your scheduled orientation program in order to receive services during that orientation session. For more assistance, please contact Disability Services.

Disability Services
124 Johnston Hall
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
lsu.edu/disability
disability@lsu.edu
225-578-5919

LSU Olinde Career Center
The LSU Olinde Career Center assists you in choosing your career and major. Career Decision Making Counselors help you identify career interests, select a major, and explore career options that are a good fit for you. These services are provided through one-on-one appointments, online resources, and over 200 annual on-campus events and programs. For more information visit lsu.edu/career.

Placement Exams
The Office of Assessment and Evaluation offers placement exams year-round. If you are interested in taking a placement exam, please complete the exam before your scheduled orientation date. For more information, visit lsu.edu/academicaffairs/oaes.