Degree Breakdown

With 6,627 degrees awarded in 2015-16, Louisiana State University had its largest graduating class ever. As shown in Figure 1, 3,091 (47%) of the graduates were male and 3,536 (53%) were female. In addition, LSU’s degree count increased between 2014-15 and 2015-16 in each of the three degree levels (Figure 2): 4,858 Bachelor’s degrees (4% increase), 1,165 Masters degrees (2% increase), and 604 Doctoral and Professional degrees were awarded (46% increase, due to the addition of LSU Law Center). Presented in Figure 3 is a breakdown of degrees awarded by college. This year, the Colleges of Engineering, Human Sciences & Education, Coast & Environment, and the School of Veterinary Medicine each had their highest degree counts ever. Finally, LSU’s minority graduates had substantial growth from 2011-12 to 2015-16 (Figure 4), increasing 38% for Black graduates, 56% for Hispanic graduates, 15% for Asian graduates, and 127% for other minority graduates.
STEM Graduates and Graduates Receiving Financial Aid Awards

LSU continues to increase the number of degrees awarded in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields (Figure 5). Between 2014-15 and 2015-16 LSU STEM degrees increased by 7%. In total, from 2006-07 to 2015-16, the number of STEM graduates increased by 226%. Figure 6 presents the number of graduates on Pelican Promise and Pell Grants. In 2011-12, 403 students graduated with Pelican Promise. In 2015-16, the number rose to 598, an increase of 48%. Likewise in 2011-12, 1,189 students graduated with Pell, while in 2015-16, 1,419 graduated with the Pell award, an increase of 19%. Finally, as illustrated in Figure 7, in 2015-16, 3,319 graduates were on TOPS, an 8% increase from 2014-15.

Did You Know?

LSU has also expanded its graduate count by geographic location. The 2015-16 year saw a record number of out-of-state degrees awarded, 1,380. In states with over 25 degrees awarded, California (73 degrees awarded), Georgia (96), Illinois (38), Maryland (38), and North Carolina (38) all set records. 2015-16 also has the largest number of degrees granted to students from Louisiana, 4,817, a 1% change from the previous record, 4,780, in 2002-03.

For more information about LSU Degrees Awarded, please visit the Office of Budget & Planning website: http://www.lsu.edu/bgtplan/studentdatareport/grading-class-profile/university-graduating-class-profile.php.