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**Center for  
Freshman Year**



# Academic Advising Frequently Asked Questions

Use the links below to navigate through General Advising questions you may have while viewing your first semester schedule. We look forward to supporting you as you work toward completion of your degree at LSU!

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# General Advising FAQs

## Where can I find my first semester schedule?

The Navigate Student app will help you to keep up with all of your responsibilities and puts all of your next steps in one place! Download the Navigate Student app in Google Play or the App Store to view your first semester schedule.

Bengal Bound Video: [Accessing the Navigate Student App and Your First Semester Schedule](#)

## Can I make changes to my first semester schedule?

Your first semester schedule was carefully developed by an orientation advisor and will be reviewed by an academic advisor. To ensure your success in your first semester, any changes to your established schedule will need to be made in consultation with an advisor. Students wishing to request changes to their fall schedule, can schedule a meeting with an orientation advisor via the Navigate Student App.

Bengal Bound Video: [How to Schedule an Appointment to Meet with an Orientation Advisor](#)

## I've decided I would like to change my major. How can I make that adjustment?

Students who would like to request a major and/or concentration change should email [orientation@lsu.edu](mailto:orientation@lsu.edu) with their name, LSU ID number (89 – XXX – XXXX) and new major request. Once the request is reviewed an advisor will review your first semester schedule and make adjustments as needed to ensure all courses will apply toward your new degree program. Students will be notified once their major and/or schedule change has occurred.

**NOTE:** If you are living in a residential college, a change to your major could impact your fall housing options and any residential college courses you are enrolled in, even if the courses would count towards your new major.

## Where can I find a list of all of the courses I will need to take to earn my degree?

Each major at LSU has an academic plan or recommended path which outlines the optimal path to graduation. Recommended paths for all degree programs and concentrations offered at the university are available in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

## What is the Comprehensive Academic Tracking System (CATS) and what are my first semester critical requirements?

Each recommended path contains the [Comprehensive Academic Tracking \(CATS\)](#) critical requirements which must be completed during the indicated semester. All critical requirements are listed at the top of the recommended path and individual requirements are listed at the top of each semester.

University College Video: [What is CATS?](#)

## Should I be worried if my schedule does not contain a course listed on the first semester of my recommended path?

The LSU recommended path is optimal path toward graduation. However there are some situations in which a student may not be taking coursework exactly as it is listed on the recommended path for their major.

If you find that you are not enrolled in a course that is listed on the first semester of your recommended path, this could have happened for a variety of reasons. You may have already earned credit in the listed course through your ACT/SAT scores, dual enrollment, AP, CLEP, or IB exams or you may not meet the course prerequisites and may have to take additional coursework prior taking the indicated course.

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While in some situations students may need to deviate some from their major specific recommended path, if eligible, it is important for students to either have credit earned or be enrolled in all semester 1 [CATS critical courses](#).

University College Video: [What is CATS?](#)

### **Should I be worried if I am enrolled in a course that is listed in a semester other than semester one of my recommended path?**

The LSU recommended path is optimal path toward graduation. However there are some situations in which a student may not be taking coursework exactly as it is listed on the recommended path for their major.

In some situations, a student may have already earned credit in a course or courses recommended in the first semester or they may not be eligible to enroll in the course based on the prerequisite. In these situations, the student may be enrolled in a course that appears in a future semester of their recommended path to ensure they are able to reach full time status and progress toward completion of their degree program.

While in some situations students may need to deviate some from their major specific recommended path, if eligible, it is important for students to either have credit earned or be enrolled in all semester 1 [CATS critical courses](#).

University College Video: [What is CATS?](#)

### **What is a prerequisite?**

Many LSU courses have prerequisites. A prerequisite is a requirement you must meet before enrolling in the course. Course prerequisites can be found in the [LSU General Catalog – Course Search feature](#). Students are not eligible to enroll in a course unless all prerequisites are met. In order for the prerequisite to be met, official credit in the prerequisite must be formally on file with LSU.

### **How many courses will I take each semester?**

To be considered a full-time student in a fall or spring semester, you must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours. Full time enrollment may be required for financial aid and/or scholarship eligibility. Students can refer to the [LSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships website](#) for more information on requirements. Students may also need to be full time in order to access specific university services and participate in student organizations.

While 12 hours is considered full time, it is suggested that students complete 15-17 credit hours per semester to complete an LSU degree program within four years. See below for information on credit hours.

### **What is a credit hour? Why do different courses meet for different amounts of time each week?**

LSU courses are measured in credit hours, which refers to the number of hours per week that the course will meet (EX. BIOL 1001 (3 credit hours) meets 3 hours per week). However, some courses such as labs may require additional meeting hours beyond the credit hours indicated. Credit hours for specific LSU courses can be found in the [LSU General Catalog – Course Search feature](#).

Three credit hour courses are typically offered either three days per week for 50 minutes per session or two days per week for 80 minutes per session. Some three credit hour courses may be offered in three hour block once per week.

In addition to the time spent in class each week, students should plan to spend at least two hours per one hour of credit studying. For a student taking 15 credit hours, this would mean planning for 30 study hours per week in addition to the 15 hours spent in class.

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### How early do LSU courses begin and what is the latest course offered?

The earliest course offered at LSU begins at 7:30 AM (Central Standard Time). Courses will begin at the set time listed on your course schedule which can be found in the Navigate Student app. If a course is being offered at night, there will be an "N" indicated next to the course time to signify the night offering.

Bengal Bound Video: [Accessing the Navigate Student App and Your First Semester Schedule](#)

### I have two classes scheduled back to back . . . will I be able to make it class on time?

Course times may be listed on your myLSU account or Navigate student app as being offered for a full hour (ex. 9:30 AM—10:30 AM). However, courses will actually end ten minutes earlier than the time listed (ex. 9:30 AM—10:20 AM) to allow time for students to navigate campus and arrive at their next class. Due to this, students can take courses back to back. However, it is recommended that students avoid taking too many courses back to back as this could be challenging especially if the courses have exams or major assignments due during similar time periods.

Bengal Bound Video: [Accessing the Navigate Student App and Your First Semester Schedule](#)

### How can I learn more about the courses in which I am enrolled?

The [LSU General Catalog – Course Search feature](#) allows you to view course descriptions by department. At the start of the semester, you will also receive a syllabus for each of your courses which will outline more specific information regarding course requirements and professor expectations. Students should carefully review their syllabus for each class to ensure full understanding and contact the course professor with any questions.

### What is a General Education Course?

Every LSU graduate must complete 39 credit hours of general education requirements within their degree program. These courses are designed to help you become a well-rounded student and citizen and to develop skills that will help you stand out to future employers.

Some majors require specific general education courses and others majors may offer more flexibility in general education course choices. It is important to refer to your recommended path for specific requirements. The complete list of General Education courses can be found in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

### I am enrolled in a MATH course that meets more or less time per week than the credits hours listed . . . why?

The offering of MATH courses may vary depending on the course and section in which you are enrolled. Review the chart below for information on your specific MATH course. Visit the [MATH department website](#) for more information on MATH placement.

Course	Credit Hours	Structure
<a href="#">MATH 1021</a> College Algebra	3	Sections 1 – 24: Three flexible lab hours are required each week in addition to the one assigned hour in the classroom.
		Sections 101 – 132: Four and a half flexible lab hours are required each week in addition to the two assigned hours in the classroom.  <b>NOTE:</b> Enrollment in specified sections of MATH 1021 depend upon the students MACT, QSAT or ALEKS PPL Score.
<a href="#">MATH 1022</a> Trigonometry	3	Sections 1-6: Three flexible lab hours are required each week in addition to the one assigned hour in the classroom.
		Sections 51 -52: 75-99% of the instruction is delivered via the web. There are no required class meetings or lab hours. Testing is completed on campus.

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Course	Credit Hours	Structure
<a href="#">MATH 1029</a> Intro to Contemporary Math	3	Course meets three hours per week. No lab hours required.
<a href="#">MATH 1100</a> The Nature of Mathematics	3	Course meets three hours per week. No lab hours required.
<a href="#">MATH 1431</a> Calculus with Business & Economic Applications	3	Course meets three hours per week. Students complete hour additional hour of lab time assigned based on their section of enrollment.
<a href="#">MATH 1530</a> Differential Calculus	3	Course meets three hours per week. No lab hours required. <b>NOTE:</b> Students needing MATH 1550 credit for their degree program must earn credit in both MATH 1530 and 1540 to meet degree requirements. Students must earn an <a href="#">ALEKS exam</a> score of 76 or higher to qualify to remain enrolled in MATH 1530.
<a href="#">MATH 1550</a> Differential and Integral Calculus	5	Course meets five hours per week. Additional course recitation times to be announced by the professor. <b>NOTE:</b> Students must earn an <a href="#">ALEKS exam</a> score of 76 or higher to qualify to remain enrolled in MATH 1550.
<a href="#">MATH 1551</a> HONORS: Differential and Integral Calculus	5	Course meets five hours per week <b>NOTE:</b> Students must earn an <a href="#">ALEKS exam</a> score of 81 or higher to qualify to remain enrolled in MATH 1530.

### What is the ALEKS exam?

There are two versions of the ALEKS exam currently utilized at LSU. The ALEKS PPL is utilized as a MATH placement exam to earn possible credit in MATH 1021 and for eligibility to enroll in MATH 1530, 1550, or 1551. Students can visit the Math Department website for more information on the [ALEKS PPL exam](#).

Students enrolled in CHEM 1201 are required to complete a version of the ALEKS exam to help students to prepare for success in the course. Students will receive information regarding the ALEKS requirement toward the start of the semester. Learn more about the Chemistry ALEKS preparation on the [Department of Chemistry website](#).

### Does LSU award credit based on AP, CLEP, or IB exams?

Incoming students who have submitted official AP, CLEP, or IB scores may be eligible for “P” or passing credit in specific courses. “P” or passing credit earned will not calculate into the student’s GPA but credit earned may allow you to meet degree requirements. Students can refer to the [LSU Early Credit website](#) for information on potential credits based on exam scores earned. Credit will not be awarded until an official score has been submitted to the LSU Office of Admissions.

While students may earn course credit based on AP, CLEP, or IB exams, the credit earned may or may not apply to the student’s intended major. Students are encouraged to review their recommended path to see if potential credits earned from AP, CLEP, or IB will apply to their intended major. Recommended paths for all degree programs and concentrations offered at the university are available in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

While some students may earn passing course credit based on AP, CLEP, or IB exams, it may be recommended that the student retake the course for a grade. This may apply to students planning to apply to medical, dental, or allied health programs and will depend on the course. Refer to the college specific FAQs below for more information based on college.

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**Will my Dual Enrollment Credit count at LSU?**

Students who have completed dual enrollment credit through another institution can review the [LSU Tiger Transfer Tables](#) to determine how credit in completed courses will transfer to LSU.

While students may earn course credit through dual enrollment, the credit earned may or may not apply to the student's intended major. Students are encouraged to review their recommended path to see if potential credits earned will apply to their intended major. Recommended paths for all degree programs and concentrations offered at the university are available in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

Grades earned through dual enrollment coursework will apply toward the student's overall college grade point average.

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# College of Agriculture

## **Where can I learn more about my degree program?**

Visit the [College of Agriculture website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered. You can also view the program specific recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#). For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

## **What coursework/GPA must I complete to earn admission into the College of Agriculture?**

Incoming freshmen pursuing degree programs through the College of Agriculture are directly admitted into the college during their freshman year. If a student decides to pursue a major within the college later in their academic career, there are specific GPA and coursework requirements that must be met.

## **Can dual enrollment credit earned through high school apply toward my degree?**

The College of Agriculture will accept college credit completed through high school dual enrollment as long as the coursework is determined to be equivalent to courses offered at LSU and is required for the specific degree programs. Students must have an official transcript sent from the institution that awarded the college-level credit. Grades earned through dual enrollment credits will apply toward the student's overall college grade point average.

## **Can Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit apply toward my degree?**

The College of Agriculture will accept college credit earned with "P" or passing credit through advanced placement tests such as AP, CLEP, or IB and through credit awarded based on ACT/SAT scores. Passing or "P" grades do not compute into the grade point average, but it may apply toward degree and admission requirements the same as a "C" or higher.

Students pursuing pre-veterinary or pre-medical/pre-dental tracks may opt to retake science based courses in which "P" credit was earned as this may or may not be accepted by their intended graduate/professional program. Students will need to review the websites of the programs to which they plan to apply or consult with those graduate/professional program admission offices to determine if "P" credit will be accepted.

## **What is AGRI 1001 and do I have to take it in my first semester?**

[AGRI 1001](#) (First Year Seminar in Agriculture) is a required first-year seminar course devoted to easing the transition experience while setting a tone for success. The focus of this course is on the student – how we can connect you with resources, focus on your academic development, and provide experiences for career exploration.

Each student in the course will create a personal development plan housing their resume, academic plans, and leadership involvement, helping College of Agriculture first-year students stand out amongst their peers with this professional development piece.

Some College of Agriculture degree programs require AGRI 1001 as a part of the curriculum, but in other programs the course will apply as a free elective.

## **What is AGRI 1500?**

Students admitted to the [College of Agriculture Residential College](#) must enroll in AGRI 1500 during their first semester. This is a zero-credit hour course through which students will complete approved events every Monday. The course provides

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special opportunities for College of Agriculture Residential College students to interact with faculty, resources, and spaces which are typically not open to other students.

### **Am I required to complete a foreign language for my major?**

All students in the College of Agriculture can take foreign language courses to fulfill General Education Humanities requirements but are not required to do so and can instead take alternative General Education Humanities courses.

### **Is there a specific track for students wanting to attend veterinary school?**

Students with the goal of attending veterinary school and focusing on career paths working with traditional large and small animals often pursue degrees in [Animal Science](#). Those interested in veterinary careers that will focus on exotic animals and wildlife often pursue a degree in [Natural Resource Ecology & Management](#). Read below for information on these paths.

#### *Animal Science/ Science and Technology*

Students pursuing this path are preparing for a career focused on livestock and companion animals. The Science and Technology concentration allows students to complete LSU vet school prerequisite coursework and a four year degree in Animal Science. For specific information on veterinary school admission requirements, students can visit the intended programs website.

#### *Animal Science/ Pre-Veterinary Medicine*

Students pursuing this path are preparing for a career focused on livestock and companion animals. The Pre-Veterinary Medicine concentration is a 3-year program designed for academically competitive students to apply to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) for admission after three years of specified undergraduate coursework. Eligible students apply to the LSU SVM during the junior year, and if accepted, the first year of veterinary medicine courses complete the requirements for the bachelor's degree. For more information on admission requirements, visit the [LSU School of Veterinary Medicine website](#).

#### *Natural Resource Ecology & Management/ Wildlife Ecology*

Students pursuing this path are preparing for a career as a wildlife or zoo veterinarian. Students who wish to pursue Vet School but are not eligible to enroll in BIOL 1201 during their first semester are strongly encouraged to follow the wildlife ecology (WECOL) concentration to prepare for application to the study of veterinary medicine after graduation.

#### *Natural Resource Ecology & Management; Pre-Vet Wildlife - Wildlife and Fisheries*

Students pursuing this path are preparing for a career as a wildlife or zoo veterinarian. The Pre-Veterinary Medicine concentration is a 3-year program designed for academically competitive students to apply to the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) for admission after three years of specified undergraduate coursework. Eligible students apply to the LSU SVM during the junior year, and if accepted, the first year of veterinary medicine courses complete the requirements for the bachelor's degree. For more information on admission requirements, visit the [LSU School of Veterinary Medicine website](#).

### **Does the College of Agriculture offer any pre-med paths?**

Students are able to apply to enter medical school with a degree in any area. However, they must complete requirements for admission into their intended medical schools prior to graduation. The College of Agriculture offers a specific pre-med concentration within the [Nutrition and Food Sciences](#) program. The concentration provides students with a strong grounding in nutritional sciences while meeting the coursework requirements for students planning to apply to medical or dental school.

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**Is there a specific program I need to complete to become a registered dietician?**

Students interested in becoming a registered dietician must complete a degree in [Nutrition & Food Sciences](#) with a concentration in dietetics. More information about the path to becoming a dietician can be in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

**Can I expect any additional fees if I am completing a course that requires site visits?**

Students pursuing degree programs in Natural Resource Ecology and Management will be required to complete certain courses that have extended length single day field trips and multiple day, overnight field trips. Transportation for field trips is provided by the university but is financed by students. Field fees vary in amount, based on the cost of transportation, and are paid at the time of other university fees through the advanced billing system.

**What's the difference between a College of Agriculture "advisor" and a "faculty advisor"?**

Advisors are professional staff members in the Office of Student Services (OSS) that assist students with changing their majors and concentrations, adding or dropping minors, understanding college and university policy and procedure, submitting college and university appeals, complete graduation checkouts, and many other functions. Beginning in the fall, all incoming freshmen will have full access to the OSS advisors via the [Navigate App](#).

Faculty advisors are faculty members that assist students in understanding more about their academic programs, including opportunities available to them during and after their time at LSU. Faculty advisors also assist students with course advising throughout their time at LSU. To see a full list of faculty advisors, view our [faculty advisor page](#). Students can schedule an appointment with their faculty advisor via the Navigate app or by emailing them directly.

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# College of Art + Design

## **Where can I learn more about my degree program?**

Visit the [College of Art & Design website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered. You can also view the program specific recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#). For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

## **What coursework/GPA must I complete to earn admission into the College of Art & Design?**

Incoming freshmen pursuing degree programs through the College of Art & Design are directly admitted into the college during their freshman year. If a student decides to pursue a major within the college later in their academic career, there are specific GPA and coursework requirements that must be met. In addition, the student may have to apply for formal admission into their specific program.

## **Can dual enrollment credit earned through high school apply toward my degree?**

The College of Art & Design will accept college credit completed through high school dual enrollment as long as the coursework is determined to be equivalent to courses offered at LSU and is required for the specific degree programs. Students must have an official transcript sent from the institution that awarded the college-level credit. Grades earned through dual enrollment credits will apply toward the student's overall college grade point average.

## **Can Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit apply toward my degree?**

The College of Art & Design will accept college credit earned with "P" or passing credit through advanced placement tests such as AP, CLEP, or IB and through credit awarded based on ACT/SAT scores. Passing or "P" grades do not compute into the grade point average, but it may apply toward degree and admission requirements the same as a "C" or higher.

## **Will my degree program lead toward professional licensing in the field?**

Students completing degrees in Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture will receive a professional degree that leads to licensing in the respective field. Students completing degrees in Studio Art will receive a professional degree, but this may not lead toward licensing.

## **What is a studio class?**

Studio courses are designed to prepare students for their respective field. Studio courses are a core part of the curriculum and through these courses students design projects over a period of time.

Studio courses require that the student complete twice the amount of contact time of the credit hours for the course. A student enrolled in a 3 credit hour studio course can expect to spend 6 hours per week in that student course. Students enrolled in a 6 credit hour student course can expect to spend 12 hours per week in that studio course.

## **My major's recommended path shows that I must complete 10 semesters instead of 8. Is there any way I can complete the degree in four years instead of five?**

Due to professional licensing requirements, the Architecture and Landscape Architecture programs are five-year programs. There is not a way to decrease this time frame through summer school or taking increased hours per semester due to the studio course requirements for each major.

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**Do I need to submit a portfolio before the start of my first semester at LSU?**

Incoming freshmen are not required to submit a portfolio during their first semester. Students pursuing professional degree programs will submit a portfolio review after their first or second year depending on the program. Students will learn more about portfolio requirements in their first year coursework.

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## **Where can I learn more about my degree program?**

Visit the [EJ Ourso College of Business website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered. You can also view the program specific recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#). For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

## **What coursework/GPA must I complete to earn admission into the EJ Ourso College of Business?**

Students are not directly admitted into the EJ Ourso College of Business and will initially be enrolled within University College ([Center for Freshman Year](#) or [Center for Advising and Counseling](#)) until all requirements listed below are met.

- 30 hours of university coursework including at least 12 hours completed on the LSU A&M campus and at least 9 hours from the EJ Ourso College of Business
- Grade of "C-" or higher in:

[ACCT 2001](#)  
[ECON 2000](#)  
[ENGL 1001](#)  
[ISDS 1102](#)  
[MATH 1021](#)  
[MATH 1431](#)

Economics, Entrepreneurship, General Business, International Trade & Finance, Information Systems & Decision Sciences, Management, and Marketing Majors:

- 2.6 LSU GPA
- 2.6 Cumulative GPA
- 2.3 LSU/Cumulative Business GPA

Accounting and Finance Majors:

- 3.0 LSU GPA
- 3.0 Cumulative GPA
- 2.5 LSU/Cumulative Business GPA

## **Can dual enrollment credit earned through high school apply toward my degree?**

The EJ Ourso College of Business will accept college credit completed through high school dual enrollment as long as the coursework is determined to be equivalent to courses offered at LSU and is required for the specific degree programs. Students must have an official transcript sent from the institution that awarded the college-level credit. Grades earned through dual enrollment credits will apply toward the student's overall college grade point average.

## **Can Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit apply toward my degree?**

The EJ Ourso College of Business will accept college credit earned with "P" or passing credit through advanced placement tests such as AP, CLEP, or IB and through credit awarded based on ACT/SAT scores. Passing or "P" grades do not compute into the grade point average, but it may apply toward degree and admission requirements the same as a "C" or higher.

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**I have heard that ECON 2000 is a difficult course. Do I have to take this in my first semester?**

While [ECON 2000](#) (Principles of Microeconomics) is listed in the first semester of recommended paths for EJ Ourso College of Business majors, this can be a challenging course. Students who have already completed [MATH 1021](#) (College Algebra) tend to perform better in the course. Students with prior MATH 1021 credit may find that ECON 2000 is on their first semester schedule. However, it is recommended that students completing MATH 1021 in their first semester take ECON 2000 in their second semester of enrollment.

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# College of the Coast & Environment

## **Where can I learn more about my degree program?**

Visit the [College of the Coast & Environment website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered. You can also view the program specific recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#). For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

## **What coursework/GPA must I complete to earn admission into the College of the Coast & Environment?**

Students are not directly admitted into the College of the Coast & Environment and will initially be enrolled within University College ([Center for Freshman Year](#) or [Center for Advising and Counseling](#)) until all requirements listed below are met.

- 24 credit hours earned
- 2.00 GPA on all work taken
- Grade of "C-" or higher on all math and science courses

## **Can dual enrollment credit earned through high school apply toward my degree?**

The College of the Coast & Environment will accept college credit completed through high school dual enrollment as long as the coursework is determined to be equivalent to courses offered at LSU and is required for the specific degree programs. Students must have an official transcript sent from the institution that awarded the college-level credit. Grades earned through dual enrollment credits will apply toward the student's overall college grade point average.

## **Can Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit apply toward my degree?**

The College of the Coast & Environment will accept college credit earned with "P" or passing credit through advanced placement tests such as AP, CLEP, or IB and through credit awarded based on ACT/SAT scores. Passing or "P" grades do not compute into the grade point average, but it may apply toward degree and admission requirements the same as a "C" or higher.

Students pursuing pre-medical/pre-dental tracks may opt to retake science based courses in which "P" credit was earned as this may or may not be accepted by their intended program. Students will need to review the websites of the programs to which they plan to apply or consult with those program admission offices to determine if "P" credit will be accepted.

## **What is the ALEKS exam?**

There are two versions of the ALEKS exam currently utilized at LSU. The ALEKS PPL is utilized as a MATH placement exam to earn possible credit in MATH 1021 and for eligibility to enroll in MATH 1550. Students can visit the Math Department website for more information on the [ALEKS PPL exam](#).

Students enrolled in CHEM 1201 are required to complete a version of the ALEKS exam to help students to prepare for success in the course. Students will receive information regarding the ALEKS requirement toward the start of the semester. Learn more about the Chemistry ALEKS preparation on the [Department of Chemistry website](#).

## **Is there a pre-med pathway offered through the College of the Coast & Environment?**

Students are able to apply to enter medical school with a degree in any area. However, they must complete requirements for admission into their intended medical schools prior to graduation. Due to the heavy science focused curriculum, students pursuing degree programs within the College of the Coast & Environment will already complete many medical school

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prerequisites as a part of the curriculum. Students may have to complete additional medical school prerequisite coursework within their approved electives for their specific major.

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#### **Is there a pre-law pathway offered through the College of the Coast & Environment?**

Students are able to apply to enter law school with a degree in any area. Many students interested in pursuing careers in environmental law and environmental policy pursue the Environmental Law concentration of the Coastal Environmental Science program.

The College of the Coast & Environment also offers a 3+3 fast track program in conjunction with the LSU Law School which allows eligible students to receive a bachelor's degree in Coastal Environmental Science and a juris doctorate in a total of six years.

### [3+3 Programs with LSU Law](#)

#### **Are there research opportunities offered for students pursuing majors through the College of the Coast & Environment?**

Students are provided with opportunities to work in laboratories, attend field trips, acquire hands on experience, and study abroad. The College of the Coast & Environment offers study and research opportunities in the Gulf of Mexico, the Everglades National Park, Antarctica, and other locations around the globe. Visit the [College of the Coast & Environment Global Impact Map](#) to learn more about specific projects.

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### **Where can I learn more about my degree program?**

Visit the [College of Engineering website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered.

Students can view the program specific recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#) or program-specific [Flowcharts](#) to assist them in knowing which courses to schedule each semester. For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

### **What coursework/GPA must I complete to earn admission into the College of Engineering?**

Students are not directly admitted into the College of Engineering and will initially be enrolled within University College ([Center for Freshman Year](#) or [Center for Advising and Counseling](#)) until all requirements listed below are met.

ALL majors other than Construction Management:

- 24 credit hours earned
- 2.00 LSU GPA
- 2.00 Cumulative GPA
- Grade of "C-" or higher in [MATH 1550](#)

NOTE: Petroleum engineering majors must also have a 2.8 GPA in all courses that apply to the degree

Construction Management Majors:

- 24 credit hours earned
- 2.00 LSU GPA
- 2.00 Cumulative GPA
- Grade of "C-" or higher in [MATH 1431](#)

### **Can dual enrollment credit earned through high school apply toward my degree?**

The College of Engineering will accept college credit completed through high school dual enrollment as long as the coursework is determined to be equivalent to courses offered at LSU and is required for the specific degree programs. Students must have an official transcript sent from the institution that awarded the college-level credit. Grades earned through dual enrollment credits will apply toward the student's overall college grade point average.

### **Can Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit apply toward my degree?**

The College of Engineering will accept college credit earned with "P" or passing credit through advanced placement tests such as AP, CLEP, or IB and through credit awarded based on ACT/SAT scores. Passing or "P" grades do not compute into the grade point average, but it may apply toward degree and admission requirements the same as a "C" or higher.

While "P" credits are accepted toward College of Engineering degrees, the college does support students repeating Math and Science courses in which a "P" grade was earned for the purpose of remediation and becoming confident in the material. The College of Engineering discourages repetition of any General Education Arts, Social Science, or Humanities courses in which "P" credit has been previously earned.

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**I was placed in MATH 1021 (College Algebra). Do I need to do anything?**

If you are placed in MATH 1021, that may have been due to an ACT/SAT score. If you believe you are proficient in MATH 1021 and would like to receive credit for it instead and see if you may qualify for a higher-level math, you may take the [ALEKS Exam](#). If you receive a qualifying score, you can receive credit for MATH 1021 and be placed in a higher math.

**I was placed in MATH 1022 (Trigonometry). Do I need to do anything?**

If you are placed in MATH 1022 and you are a Construction Management major, you do not need to do anything. MATH 1022 is a requirement for your degree and a pre-requisite for your PHYS courses.

If you are in any other engineering major and you were placed in MATH 1022, that may have been due to an ACT/SAT score. You may stay in this course to build your knowledge towards being successful in your required MATH 1550 course, or you may take the [ALEKS Exam](#) to see if you qualify for MATH 1550 now instead.

**I was placed in MATH 1550 (Calculus). Do I need to do anything?**

MATH 1550 is the first required math for all of College of Engineering majors other than Construction Management. If you are placed in MATH 1550, that may have been due to an ACT/SAT score. You will be required to take the [ALEKS Exam](#) and score a 76% or higher in order to remain eligible for the course. If you do not earn a 76% or higher, you will be purged\* from the MATH 1550 course and placed in the appropriate MATH based on the test's assessment. Please see the ALEKS website for more information on purge deadlines and scoring.

\*Please note that if you are purged from MATH 1550, you may also risk losing other courses from your schedule that may have required MATH 1550 as a co-requisite.

**What is the ALEKS exam?**

There are two versions of the ALEKS exam currently utilized at LSU. The ALEKS PPL is utilized as a MATH placement exam to earn possible credit in MATH 1021 and for eligibility to enroll in MATH 1550. Students can visit the Math Department website for more information on the [ALEKS PPL exam](#).

Review the chart below for information on required ALEKS PPL exam scores for credit and placement in entry level math coursework.

ALEKS PPL Score	Credit	Placement
81 or higher	Math 1021 <sup>1</sup>	Math 1530 (or lower courses), Math 1550, or 1551
76-80	Math 1021 <sup>1</sup>	Math 1530 (or lower courses) or Math 1550
61-75	Math 1021 <sup>1</sup>	Math 1022, 1029, 1100, or 1431
51-60		Math 1021, 1023, 1029, or 1100
41-50		Math 1021, 1029, or 1100
40 or lower		Math 1029, 1100, or Corequisite Section of Math 1021 <sup>2</sup>

Students enrolled in CHEM 1201 are required to complete a version of the ALEKS exam to help students to prepare for success in the course. Students will receive information regarding the ALEKS requirement toward the start of the semester. Learn more about the Chemistry ALEKS preparation on the [Department of Chemistry website](#).

**What do I do if I am still undecided about my major? Do I have to choose anytime soon?**

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If you are undecided on which College of Engineering major you would like to pursue, don't worry! You have the option to take [ENGR 1050](#) to gain a better understanding of each major offered by the College of Engineering.

Many College of Engineering majors offer major specific introductory courses that are only offered in the fall semester. It is recommend that students select a major as soon as possible to ensure they complete the introductory course as soon as possible. If a student is debating between College of Engineering programs, but leaning more toward one program than another, it is recommended that the major is declared and the student enrolls in the major specific introductory course. If you decide to change your major at a later date, it can be adjusted. The College of Engineering suggests that student finalize their major choice by their second semester due to program structures and graduation timelines.

### **Can I change my General Education classes that I was scheduled for? Why am I in those?**

Every LSU student must complete the university's [General Education requirement](#). Some College of Engineering majors have more specific general education requirements than others. Due to this, students must request schedule changes by meeting with an orientation advisor to ensure the course to which the student would like to change is approved for their particular major.

### **I have received my schedule, but I will still have more credits coming in from my high school or the College Board. How can I adjust my schedule and verify those credits?**

You must first make sure your new credits are sent to [admissions@lsu.edu](mailto:admissions@lsu.edu) so the credits can be evaluated and loaded to your academic record. After credits are posted, students can schedule a virtual meeting with an orientation advisor to request schedule updates if needed.

### **What type of computer do I need as a student in the College of Engineering?**

Below are general recommendations for College of Engineering students. You may also wish to contact your major department directly for any specific recommendations they may have.

Hardware	Minimum
CPU (no Celeron)	Intel Core i7
OS	Win 10 64-bit
Memory	16GB
Hard Disk	1TB 7200rpm
Display*	WXGA/WSXGA
Video	Built In
Wireless**	IEEE 802.11g/n/ac
Video conferencing capabilities	minimum of 3.0 Mbps (up/down)

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Hardware	Minimum
HD Camera	Built In or External

Speakerphone                      Built In or External

Microphone	Built In or External
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Dell, Lenovo, and Apple have established a pricing agreement that provides LSU faculty, staff and students with the ability to purchase hardware (laptops, and some desktops) at a reduced cost. For more information, please visit the [Tigerware](#) hardware purchasing page.

\*Size is user preference.

\*\*Must be compatible with WPA-Enterprise/PEAP Security

Hardware	Useful Upgrades
Memory	greater than 16GB

Hard Disk                      SSD - 256GB or greater

Display	FHD/UHD
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Video                          2GB or larger discreet adapter

Wireless	greater than 802.11g/n/ac
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Expansion External      USB dock with larger monitor / keyboard / mouse for residence hall and apartment use

*\*Macs are not recommended.*

### **What type of software do I need as a student in the College of Engineering?**

LSU provides, free of charge, a basic package of software titles for students. Several additional software titles are also available through the [Tigerware](#) site.

### **I am living in the College of Engineering Residential College (ERC), how many ERC cohort course do I have to take each semester?**

ERC students are required to take two courses per semester to meet the Residential College requirements. This is a key part of the living-learning component of the Engineering Residential College that provides students with the opportunity to cultivate lasting friendships with like-minded individuals and easily form study groups that meet where you live, all while you become immersed in the engineering community at LSU.

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First-semester ERC cohort courses include the following:

- ENGL 1001
- MATH 1022 and 1550
- CHEM 1201

Special Considerations:

- Students who enter LSU having already received credit for these courses have met the first semester ERC course requirement and are exempt from the two-course rule.
- Students who are majoring in computer science and Construction Management are not required to take CHEM 1201 and will therefore have only one ERC course in the first semester. In addition, Construction Management students are not required to complete MATH 1550 and depending on prior credit, may not have any ERC courses in the first semester, but can still participate in the Engineering Residential College and reside in Camellia Hall.
- Honors College students will be allowed to take one ERC course and one Honors College course to meet both respective groups requirements.
- Student-athletes and Tiger Band members with ERC course scheduling issues should contact Arlyn Saucier to discuss their concerns. These will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with consideration for schedule restrictions resulting from involvement with university-sponsored programs.
- Students with other hardships are required to address their issues with Arlyn Saucier.

**Who will schedule, add, or drop my Engineering Residential College courses.**

All ERC course changes must occur through Arlyn Saucier, the Engineering Residential College Coordinator. Students requesting schedule changes can meet with an orientation advisor to initiate this request.

**Can my friend who has a non-engineering major live with me in Camellia Hall?**

No, only students pursuing majors within the College of Engineering and who meet eligibility requirements may reside in the ERC. Exceptions to this rule are not allowed.

**I am changing my major to a non-engineering major, can I still live in the College of Engineering Residential College?**

Students who change majors to one outside of the College of Engineering before roommates and rooms are assigned will be asked to choose a traditional residence hall. This timeline and process is determined by Residential Life. Students who switch to a non-engineering major after school starts will not be asked to move out of Camellia Hall.

All questions regarding room assignments and roommates, fees, access, move-in dates, etc., should be directed to Residential Life at [housing@lsu.edu](mailto:housing@lsu.edu).

**What scholarships does the College of Engineering offer, and how do I apply for them?**

The College of Engineering has a limited number of scholarships for incoming students in the Center for the Freshman Year (UCFY). More scholarship opportunities are available once students have moved from UCFY into the College of Engineering. After students are admitted to the college, they will be provided with information on accessing the CoE Scholarships Database. From there, they can apply for the scholarships for which they meet the qualifications. Questions about scholarships can be directed to the CoE Scholarship Manager, Jennifer Lane at [coescholarships@lsu.edu](mailto:coescholarships@lsu.edu).

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## **Where can I learn more about my degree program?**

Visit the [College of Human Sciences and Education website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered. You can also view the program specific recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#). For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

## **What coursework/GPA must I complete to earn admission into the College of Human Sciences & Education?**

Students are not directly admitted into the College of Human Sciences & Education and will initially be enrolled within University College ([Center for Freshman Year](#) or [Center for Advising and Counseling](#)) until all requirements listed below are met.

### Child & Family Studies Majors:

- 24 hours earned
- 2.2 LSU GPA
- 2.2 Cumulative GPA
- "C" or higher in:  
[ENGL 1001](#)  
[MATH 1021](#) or higher

### Teacher Education Majors: Dual Certification, Early Childhood Education, & Elementary Education

- 24 hours earned
- 2.5 LSU GPA
- 2.5 Cumulative GPA

### Kinesiology Majors:

- 24 hours earned
- 2.5 LSU GPA
- 2.5 Cumulative GPA
- Grade of "C" or higher in the following courses:  
[ENGL 1001](#)  
[MATH 1021](#)  
[MATH 1022](#)  
[BIOL 1201](#)  
[BIOL 1202](#)

### Leadership & Human Resource and Learning Experience and Design Innovation Majors:

- 24 hours earned
- 2.2 LSU GPA

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- 2.2 Cumulative GPA
- “C” or higher in:  
[ENGL 1001](#)  
[MATH 1021](#) or higher

#### Social Work Majors:

- 24 hours earned
- 2.5 LSU GPA
- 2.5 Cumulative GPA
- “C” or higher in:  
[ENGL 1001](#)  
[MATH 1021](#) or higher  
[SW 2000](#)

#### Sport Administration Majors:

- 24 hours earned
- 2.2 LSU GPA
- 2.2 Cumulative GPA
- “C” or higher in:  
[ENGL 1001](#)  
[General Education Analytical Reasoning](#)  
[Gen Ed Analytical Reasoning MATH course](#)  
[Gen Ed Natural Science](#)

#### **Can dual enrollment credit earned through high school apply toward my degree?**

The College of Human Sciences and Education will accept college credit completed through high school dual enrollment as long as the coursework is determined to be equivalent to courses offered at LSU and is required for the specific degree programs. Students must have an official transcript sent from the institution that awarded the college-level credit. Grades earned through dual enrollment credits will apply toward the student’s overall college grade point average.

#### **Can Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit apply toward my degree?**

The College of Human Sciences and Education will accept college credit earned with “P” or passing credit through advanced placement tests such as AP, CLEP, or IB and through credit awarded based on ACT/SAT scores. Passing or “P” grades do not compute into the grade point average, but it may apply toward degree and admission requirements the same as a “C” or higher.

Students pursuing pre-medical/pre-dental or allied health tracks may opt to retake science based courses in with “P” credit was earned as this may or may not be accepted by their intended program. Students will need to review the websites of the programs to which they plan to apply or consult with those program admission offices to determine if “P” credit will be accepted.

#### **Will my degree program require an internship?**

Majors within the College of Human Sciences and education offer many professional experiences to prepare you for your future career. Many programs also require practicums and/or internships that will provide students hands-on experience. Review the major specific sections below for more information.

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## **Does the College of Human Sciences and Education offer paths toward admission to medical/dental schools and allied health programs?**

Students are able to apply to enter medical school with a degree in any area. However, they must complete requirements for admission into their intended medical schools prior to graduation. The College of Human Sciences and Education offers a specific pre-medical/pre-dental track with in the Kinesiology – Human Movement Science concentration. This concentration also offers tracks to prepare for admission into allied health programs such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, and physician assistant schools.

[LSU Premedical/Pre dental Advising](#)  
[Pre-Professional Health Advising](#)

## **Child and Family Studies**

*Are there concentration options with in this program?*

The Child and Family studies program offers two concentration options – Child & Family Studies and Child Life. Students interested in becoming a Child Life Specialist will want to pursue the Child Life concentration. Learn more about the Child and Family Studies degree requirements in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

*Will this major require an internship?*

Students pursuing a degree in Child and Family Studies complete a required for credit internship that provides students with hands-on experience in their chosen field.

## **Social Work**

*Are there concentration options within this program?*

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work does not offer multiple concentrations. Learn more about the Social Work degree requirements in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

*Will this major require an internship?*

Students pursuing a degree in Social Work complete a required for credit internship that provides students with hands-on experience in their chosen field.

*Will I be eligible to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker after the completion of this undergraduate degree?*

Students must complete a master's degree in Social Work to be eligible for licensure. However, if a student earns a Bachelor of Science in Social Work at LSU, they enroll in the LSU Master of Social Work program and complete the typically two year master's program in only one year.

*Are there any LSU student organizations for students pursuing degrees in Social Work?*

There are 4 Social Work student organizations on campus that will help students develop professionally.

## **Teacher Education Programs**

*Are there concentration options within teacher education programs offered by the College of Human Sciences & Education?*  
General/Special Education: Grades 1-5 (Dual Certification)

This program offers one concentration option. Learn more about degree requirements in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

### Elementary Grades Education

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education can choose between two concentrations:

Four-Year Teacher Certification (Grades 1-5)

Holmes Certification (Grades 1-5)

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Coursework will be consistent for both concentration options during the freshman year. Visit the [School of Education website](#) for more information on the two concentrations. Learn more about degree requirements in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

#### Early Childhood Education

While the program offers only one concentration, students will select between two certification areas when completing the degree: Birth to Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten to Third grade. Learn more about degree requirements in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

#### Kinesiology – Health and Physical Education Teacher Certification

The School of Kinesiology offers a concentration within the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology which leads toward teacher certification in grades K-12 in Health and Physical Education. Learn more about degree requirements in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

*Does LSU offer teacher certification programs to be eligible to teach at the middle and high school level?*

The LSU Geaux Teach programs allow students interested in teaching grades 6-12 to earn a bachelor's degree in the content area they plan to teach as well as a secondary teaching certification in only four years. Programs are offered in the following areas: [Biological Sciences](#), [Chemistry](#), [English](#), [French](#), [History](#), [Mathematics](#), [Physics](#), [Spanish](#).

LSU also offers K-12 certification programs in the following areas:

[Agricultural Education](#)

[Health & Physical Education](#)

[Music Education](#)

*Will my degree lead to teacher certification?*

Yes, the CHSE Office of Student Services and School of Education will work with you throughout your degree program to make sure you complete all requirements to apply for teacher certification in Louisiana.

*If I am certified to teach in Louisiana, can I automatically teach in other states?*

This depends on each state's Department of Education requirements. You will need to contact the state in which you plan on teaching to find out their requirements and whether your Louisiana teaching certificate will transfer.

*What are the Praxis® Exams?*

The Praxis® tests measure the academic skills and subject-specific content knowledge needed for teaching. The Praxis tests are taken by individuals entering the teaching profession as part of the certification process required by many states and professional licensing organizations.

There are multiple Praxis® exams required for students pursuing LSU degrees resulting in Teacher Certification.

#### Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators

The Praxis® Core measures academic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics that are essential for all students preparing to be teachers regardless of the content area or grade level they are aspiring to teach.

The Louisiana Department of Education has approved a waiver of the Praxis® Core for students who have an ACT composite score of at least 22 or an SAT combined verbal and math score of 1100 or higher (RSAT) may be used in lieu of Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators for prospective teachers in Louisiana.

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Students needing to complete the Praxis ® Core should do so by the start of their third semester at LSU. Prior to registering for Praxis ® exams, students should contact the College of Education Office of Student Services at [chseinfo@lsu.edu](mailto:chseinfo@lsu.edu) for specific registration instructions.

### Praxis ® Subject Assessments

Teacher education students must also complete Praxis ® Subject Assessments depending on their intended certification area. These exams should be completed in semesters five and six of the undergraduate career. Prior to registering for Praxis ® exams, students should contact the College of Education Office of Student Services at [chseinfo@lsu.edu](mailto:chseinfo@lsu.edu) for specific registration instructions.

### *Do I have to earn a certain GPA or grade in my coursework?*

All teacher education majors must maintain a 2.5 Overall and LSU GPA to enter 3000+ level EDCI coursework and also must earn a C- or better in every course to be degree applicable. In addition, eligibility for all EDCI 3000+ level coursework requires students to have an ACT/SAT score of 22/1100 or higher or passing scores on Praxis CORE.

### *How many hours should I take each semester to complete an Education program?*

While this will depend on the number of credits earned when entering college, Elementary Education and Dual Certification students are encouraged to complete an average of 18 credit hours each semester after taking 15 credit hours in the first semester to be able to graduate within four years.

### *Are some courses required for my degree offered only in specific semesters?*

Teacher education programs offered through the College of Human Sciences & Education do not have any free electives. The programs also have specific fall only and spring only courses that are prerequisites for one another. Due to this, it is very important for teacher education students to closely follow their recommended path when registering for courses.

### *Will I complete in-classroom experiences during my degree?*

Yes, all teacher education degree programs have pre-professional education courses which require experiences in the classroom. Students may begin pre-professional education coursework as early as their freshman year. In addition, each teacher education program requires the completion of one full year of student teaching which is completed in the last two semesters of the degree program.

## **Kinesiology**

### *Are there concentration options within Kinesiology?*

Students can select from the following concentrations within Kinesiology:

### Exercise Science and Human Performance

This concentration is designed for students interested in careers related to health and human performance.

**Career opportunities:** personal training, strength and conditioning, corporate wellness as well as hospital, government and community-based fitness settings.

### Health and Physical Teacher Certification

This concentration leads to certification for teaching in Louisiana and most other states, preparing a student to teach grades K-12 in physical education and health as well as coach in a variety of settings.

**Career opportunities:** K-12 physical education and/or health teacher, sports coach.

### Human Movement Science

The Human Movement Science program is designed for students pursuing entrance into various medically related fields. Common pre-requisites for these programs are built-in to the human movement science concentration. Students are

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encouraged to utilize elective hours to complete additional program prerequisites not already required within the degree program.

**Career opportunities:** Occupational Therapy School, Physical Therapy School, Physician's Assistant Programs, Dental and Medical Schools, among others.

### Physical Activity and Health

The Physical Activity and Health concentration is designed for students interested in areas of study such as physical activity behaviors, community health and wellness, mental health, drug and alcohol education, global health, healthy lifestyles, health advocacy, social determinants of health, and special populations.

**Career opportunities:** Government agencies (local, state, regional, or federal), Health communications, Hospitals and clinics, Non-Profit health organizations (e.g., American Heart Association), Medical sales, Universities, and Volunteer agencies

### Pre-Athletic Training

The Pre-Athletic Training Concentration at LSU is a limited admissions program designed to prepare students for a successful career as a highly qualified health care professional.

**Career opportunities:** Athletic Trainer

Learn more about degree requirements in the [LSU General Catalog](#).

### *Will this major require an internship?*

Students pursuing concentrations in Exercise Science and Human Performance and Health and Physical Education must complete internships within their curriculum to graduate. Students completing the Human Movement Science concentration are not required to complete an internship, but the School of Kinesiology offers [KIN 4505](#) (Practicum in Human Movement Science) which can apply as a free elective and provides students with an opportunity for observation and practice of skills techniques, and protocols of patient care within local clinics, hospitals, skill nursing facilities, development disability centers and private practices.

### *Am I required to have a certain GPA in this program?*

All Kinesiology majors must earn an overall and LSU GPA of at least 2.5 to graduate. However, students in the Human Movement Concentration who are planning to apply for admission to professional/graduate schools can expect to need a competitive GPA of 3.5+ for admission.

## **Leadership & Human Resource Development**

### *What is the difference between Leadership & Human Resource Development and Human Resource Management?*

Students interested in Human Resource Management often complete a degree in Management with a concentration in Human Resource Management. This program is a management-focused degree while the Leadership and Human Resource Development program is a more people-focused degree. Leadership and Human Resource Development students develop the knowledge and skills to help organizations develop their people to meet the challenge of change. They learn how to make the people, the human capital in organizations, more agile, prepare the workforce for change, connect and reenergize people with their work, and recraft jobs and increase workforce flexibility.

### *What can I do with a Leadership and Human Resource Development degree?*

Students who have earned degrees in Leadership & Human Resource Development have held careers in the following areas:

- Human Performance Improvement Consultant
- Organizational Development Consultant
- Management Consultant

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- Training and Development Manager
- Human Resource Manager
- Human Resource Generalist
- Human Resource Business Partner
- Talent Development Specialist
- Curriculum Designer/Developer
- Corporate Trainer
- Chief Learning Officer

*Will this major require an internship?*

Students pursuing degrees in Leadership & Human Resource development are required to complete an internship as a part of their degree program. Faculty advisors assist students in finding internship opportunities which can range from local and out of state businesses, agencies, consulting firms, and non-profit organizations.

While students are not required to complete their internship in Louisiana, it may be difficult to complete a remote internship while also taking other classes. Students wishing to complete their internship outside of Baton Rouge often complete the required internship course in their last semester or during the summer prior to graduation.

### **Learning Experience Design & Innovation**

*What is Learning Experience Design & Innovation?*

The Learning Experience Design & Innovation (LXDI) program encompasses the development and application of web-based and e-learning technologies, instructional design theories and systems, learning experience design principles, and leadership, team, and change management skills.

### **Sport Administration**

*Are there concentration options within Sport Administration?*

Students pursuing degrees in Sport Administration can select between the following concentrations.

#### Sport Commerce

The sport commerce concentration prepares students for operations and marketing in sports, sales (for example, ticket sales for sporting events) and virtually any position in office settings of sports companies. Students can also complete a minor in business administration within the Sport Commerce concentration.

#### Sport Leadership

The sport leadership concentration prepares students for careers in general management, direction of a sport or sport recreation organization (e.g., Boys and Girls Clubs) and as an athletic director.

NOTE: Students can complete both concentrations within the required 120 credit hours, but must plan early to ensure that program electives are utilized to meet both concentration requirements.

*Are Sport Administration students required to complete an internship?*

Students pursuing degrees in Sport Administration are required to complete an internship as a part of their degree program. Faculty advisors assist students in finding internship opportunities which can range from local and out of state businesses, sports organizations, and non-profit organizations.

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While students are not required to complete their internship in Louisiana, it may be difficult to complete a remote internship while also taking other classes. Students wishing to complete their internship outside of Baton Rouge often complete the required internship course in their last semester or during the summer prior to graduation.

Students may complete additional internships throughout their program. However, students must register and complete their required sport administration internship course ([KIN 4835](#) – Practicum in Sport & Leisure Administration) at the end of the program for course credit once pre-requisites are met.

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# College of Humanities & Social Sciences

## **Where can I learn more about my degree program?**

Visit the [College of Humanities & Social Sciences website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered. You can also view the program specific recommended paths in the [LSU General Catalog](#). For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

## **What coursework/GPA must I complete to earn admission into the College of Humanities & Social Sciences?**

Students are not directly admitted into the College of Humanities & Social Sciences and will initially be enrolled within University College ([Center for Freshman Year](#) or [Center for Advising and Counseling](#)) until all requirements listed below are met.

- 24 credit hours earned

Declaration of PSYC, COMD, or any Secondary Education concentration requires a 2.5 LSU system and overall GPA.

Admission into a Secondary Education concentration also requires passing scores on the [PRAXIS Core Academic Skills Assessment](#)

## **Can dual enrollment credit earned through high school apply toward my degree?**

The College of Humanities & Social Sciences will accept college credit completed through high school dual enrollment as long as the coursework is determined to be equivalent to courses offered at LSU and is required for the specific degree programs. Students must have an official transcript sent to the LSU Office of Admissions from the institution that awarded the college-level credit. Grades earned through dual enrollment credits will apply toward the student's overall college grade point average.

## **Can Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit apply toward my degree?**

The College of Humanities & Social Sciences will accept college credit earned with "P" or passing credit through advanced placement tests such as AP, CLEP, or IB and through credit awarded based on ACT/SAT scores. Passing or "P" grades do not compute into the grade point average, but it may apply toward degree and admission requirements the same as a "C" or higher.

Students pursuing pre-medical/pre-dental or allied health tracks may opt to retake science based courses in with "P" credit was earned as this may or may not be accepted by their intended program. Students will need to review the websites of the programs to which they plan to apply or consult with those program admission offices to determine if "P" credit will be accepted.

## **Do I have to complete foreign language courses as a College of Humanities & Social Sciences major?**

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science offered through the College of Humanities & Social Sciences must complete a minimum of four sequential semesters in the same foreign language. Students pursuing the International Studies major must complete a six-semester sequence in the same foreign language. Students completing a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies must have at least one foreign language or computer language course taken within their curriculum.

Currently, the language courses offered at LSU include: Arabic, Cajun French, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, and Spanish.

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Foreign language courses are not always offered each semester. Larger programs such as French and Spanish often offer needed courses during the fall, spring, and summer semesters. However, languages representing smaller programs such as Latin, Greek and Hebrew may only be offered during the fall and spring semesters or in alternating semesters.

**If I completed a foreign language not offered at LSU, am I able to use those hours toward my foreign language sequence?**

This would depend upon the number of hours completed and the student's individual situation. Unless the student completed 14-16 hours of foreign language coursework in the same language, the coursework would likely apply toward their free elective requirement.

**What are the post-graduation employment opportunities for students who earn a degree through the College of Humanities & Social Sciences?**

Degree programs offered through the College of Humanities & Social Sciences emphasize communication, analytical reasoning, and critical thinking, making graduates well equipped to enter a variety of professions. Students can meet with the HSS Career Coach, Kelly Rownd ([rownd1@lsu.edu](mailto:rownd1@lsu.edu)), to discuss their unique skill set and job opportunities that they may pursue after they graduate from LSU.

**What internships are available for College of Humanities & Social Sciences students?**

There are numerous internship opportunities that College of Humanities & Social Sciences students may consider. Many HSS departments offer internship courses, and there are also internship opportunities available through the Olinde Career Center. Students can schedule an appointment with the HSS Career Coach, Kelly Rownd ([rownd1@lsu.edu](mailto:rownd1@lsu.edu)), to discuss internship options.

**Does the College of Humanities & Social Sciences offer a pre-law program?**

Students are able to apply to enter law school with a degree in any area. The College of Humanities & Social Sciences also offers 3+3 fast track programs in conjunction with the LSU Law School which allows eligible students to receive a bachelor's degree in in one of the following 30+ areas and a law degree in a total of six years, instead of seven.

- African & African American Studies
- Anthropology
- Communication Studies
- English
  - Creative Writing
  - Literature
  - Rhetoric, Writing, & Culture
- French
- Geography (B.A.)
- Geography (B.S.)
- History
- International Studies
  - Global Diplomacy
- Liberal Arts
  - Classical Civilization
  - Religious Studies
- Political Science
  - Without a concentration
  - American Government & Politics
  - Comparative Government & Politics
  - International Politics & Law
  - Law & Legal Systems
  - Political Theory
  - Public Policy & Political Analysis
  - Race, Ethnicity, & Gender
- Psychology
- Screen Arts
  - History, Theory, & Criticism
  - Production
  - Screenwriting
- Sociology
  - Without a concentration
  - Criminology
- Spanish

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- Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
- Philosophy
  - Without a concentration
  - Law, Ethics, & Social Justice

Any LSU student interested in either pursuing the traditional four year path to law school or the HSS 3+3 Pre-law program may contact the University's pre-law advisor at [prelaw@lsu.edu](mailto:prelaw@lsu.edu).

**What are some of the benefits to pursuing degree offered through the College of Humanities & Social Sciences?**

College of Humanities & Social Sciences degrees emphasize communication, analytical reasoning, and critical thinking, which make our students highly sought after in terms of careers. Because of the flexibility of degree programs, students are able to pursue second majors and minors, typically without adding time to their graduation goal.

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# Manship School of Mass Communication

## Where can I learn more about my degree program?

Visit the [Manship School of Mass Communication website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered. You can also view the program specific recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#). For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

## What coursework/GPA must I complete to earn admission into the Manship School of Mass Communication?

Students are not directly admitted into the Manship School of Mass Communication and will initially be enrolled within University College ([Center for Freshman Year](#) or [Center for Advising and Counseling](#)) until all requirements listed below are met.

- Grade of "B-" or higher in [MC 2010](#)
- 3.00 LSU & cumulative GPA will be given priority on a space available basis

NOTE: Admission to the Manship School of Mass Communication is selective and competitive. Meeting the minimum requirements listed above does not guarantee admission. Students must submit an application to the School by the last day of class of the semester prior to intended enrollment. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the application process.

## If I don't have a 3.0 GPA will I be able to get into the Manship School?

The Manship School conducts a holistic review, meaning if a student's cumulative and/or LSU GPA is slightly below the 3.0 (at a 2.7/2.8), we still encourage students to apply. If a student's essay and resume are strong and error free, they still have a chance of being admitted through our holistic review.

## When do I apply to the Manship School?

Typically, students apply at the end of their second semester. However, if a student is in MC 2010 in fall and have 30 hours of credit (including early credit), they can apply at the end of their first semester.

A student should not be enrolled in MC 2010 fall 2021 if they do not have credit in ENGL 1001

## Is there a limit on how many students are accepted?

No, the Manship School accepts all students who meet admissions requirements that are approved by the committee.

## Does the Manship School offer a pre-law path?

Students are able to apply to enter law school with a degree in any area. The Manship School of Mass Communication also offers [3+3 fast track programs](#) in conjunction with the LSU Law School which allows eligible students to receive a bachelor's degree in in one of the following 30+ areas and a juris doctorate in a total of six years, instead of seven.

## I'm thinking about the 3+3 Pre-Law program, should I start in semester 1?

Students are strongly encourage students to formally declare the 3+3 program as soon as possible due to coursework requirements and differences. Students can opt-out of the program if their academic goals change.

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# College of Music & Dramatic Arts

## **Where can I learn more about my degree program?**

Visit the [College of Music & Dramatic Arts website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered. You can also view the program specific recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#). For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

## **What coursework/GPA must I complete to earn admission into the College of Music & Dramatic Arts?**

Incoming freshmen pursuing degree programs through the College of Music & Dramatic Arts are directly admitted into the college during their freshman year. For students majoring in Music or Music Education, an audition for admission to the LSU School of Music is required. Students interested in Music Education must complete a Music Education interview in addition to an audition on their primary instrument / voice. No audition or additional materials are required for students majoring in the School of Theatre. If a student decides to pursue a major within the college later in their academic career, there are specific GPA and coursework requirements that must be met.

## **Can dual enrollment credit earned through high school apply toward my degree?**

The College of Music & Dramatic Arts will accept college credit completed through high school dual enrollment as long as the coursework is determined to be equivalent to courses offered at LSU and is required for the specific degree programs. Students must have an official transcript sent from the institution that awarded the college-level credit. Grades earned through dual enrollment credits will apply toward the student's overall college grade point average.

## **Can Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit apply toward my degree?**

The College of Music & Dramatic Arts will accept college credit earned with "P" or passing credit through advanced placement tests such as AP, CLEP, or IB and through credit awarded based on ACT/SAT scores. Passing or "P" grades do not compute into the grade point average, but it may apply toward degree and admission requirements the same as a "C" or higher.

## **How do I enroll in Music Theory as a Music Major?**

All Music students are automatically enrolled in a pre-Music Theory course (MUS 1701) and a placement exam determines eligibility for the course Music Theory I (MUS 2620). All incoming music majors (and pre-music majors) are required to complete the mandatory Music Theory placement exam. The Music Theory placement exam is free and can be completed over the summer online.

Should you need to remediate (not pass the placement exam), you can enroll in the Music Theory module offered online this summer with the goal of enrolling in Music Theory I (MUS 2620) for Fall! The goal is to support student success beginning on track in Music Theory I (MUS 2620).

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# College of Science

## Where can I learn more about my degree program?

Visit the [College of Science website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered. You can also view the program specific recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#). For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

## What coursework/GPA must I complete to earn admission into the College of Science?

Students are not directly admitted into the College of Science and will initially be enrolled within University College ([Center for Freshman Year](#) or [Center for Advising and Counseling](#)) until all requirements listed below are met.

- 24 hours earned in courses numbered 1000 or above
- 2.00 LSU GPA
- 2.00 Cumulative GPA
- Grade of "C-" or higher in all math and science courses

### All Majors:

- Grade of "C" or higher in:  
[ENGL 1001](#)  
[MATH 1022](#) or [1023](#) or [1550](#) or [1551](#)

### Biochemistry, Biology, and Microbiology Majors:

In addition to ENGL 1001, these majors must have:

- Grade of "C" or higher in:  
[BIOL 1201](#)  
[BIOL 1202](#)  
[CHEM 1201](#)  
[MATH 1550](#) or [1551](#)

NOTE: Students who would like to take a slower paced version of [MATH 1550](#) (Differential and Integral Calculus) and complete both [MATH 1530](#) (Differential Calculus) and [MATH 1540](#) (Integral Calculus) as a substitution for MATH 1550.

NOTE: Entry into Secondary Education concentrations requires a 2.5 LSU/cumulative GPA and passing scores on the [PRAXIS Core Academic Skills Assessment](#)

## Can dual enrollment credit earned through high school apply toward my degree?

The College of Science will accept college credit completed through high school dual enrollment as long as the coursework is determined to be equivalent to courses offered at LSU and is required for the specific degree programs. Students must have an official transcript sent from the institution that awarded the college-level credit. Grades earned though dual enrollment credits will apply toward the student's overall college grade point average.

## Can Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit apply toward my degree?

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The College of Science will accept college credit earned with “P” or passing credit through advanced placement tests such as AP, CLEP, or IB and through credit awarded based on ACT/SAT scores. Passing or “P” grades do not compute into the grade point average, but it may apply toward degree and admission requirements the same as a “C” or higher.

Students pursuing pre-medical/pre-dental or allied health tracks may opt to retake Biology, Chemistry, and Physics courses in which “P” credit was earned as this may or may not be accepted by their intended program. Pre-medical/pre-dental students are strongly encouraged to review the admission requirements of their intended medical or dental school to confirm if letter grades are required in prerequisites. Students who wish to retake a course in which they earned “P” credit must make the decision to retake the course prior to moving on to higher level sciences.

**I am concerned about taking so many science intensive courses in my first semester. Is my schedule correct?**

It is normal for a student pursuing a degree offered in the College of Science to be enrolled in multiple math and science courses in their first semester. Some of these courses may include [BIOL 1201](#), [BIOL 1208](#), [CHEM 1201](#), and [MATH 1550](#).

In addition, students will be taking non-science based General Education courses. It is important for students to take advantage of instructor office hours and additional services provided by the [Center for Academic Success](#) to ensure academic success in their first semester of coursework.

Be mindful that not taking specific courses when they are suggested in the recommended path can delay admission into the College of Science, when students are eligible to apply to professional programs, and their anticipated graduation.

**My recommended path indicates I should take BIOL 1201 and/or CHEM 1201 in my first semester. Why wasn't I enrolled in these courses for my first semester?**

In order to enroll in [BIOL 1201](#) (Biology for Science Majors I) and/or [CHEM 1201](#) (General Chemistry I) students must have an ACT composite of 23+ or credit/registration in MATH [1022](#), [1431](#), [1530](#), [1550](#), OR [1551](#).

Students who are not eligible for enrollment in [MATH 1022](#) or higher will not be eligible to complete BIOL 1201 and/or CHEM 1201 in their first semester of enrollment at LSU. Students in this situation will complete [MATH 1021](#) (College Algebra) in their first semester and then can complete either [MATH 1022](#) or [MATH 1550](#) along with [BIOL 1201](#), [BIOL 1208](#), and [CHEM 1201](#) in their second semester of enrollment

**My recommended path indicates that I should take MATH 1550 in my first semester. Why wasn't I enrolled in this course for my first semester?**

Initial enrollment in MATH 1550 is considered based on a variety of factors: standardized test scores, AP or CLEP credit, Dual Enrollment, or in some cases High school transcripts. The only prerequisites for MATH 1550 is a required score the ALEKS assessment. Any student may complete the ALEKS assessment. However, we want students prepared and ready for this course. For more information on MATH placement and the ALEKS assessment visit <https://www.math.lsu.edu/ugrad/PlacementCredit>

**What the MATH ALEKS assessment?**

The [ALEKS Math Assessment](#) is an assessment of readiness for calculus, testing skills in numeric manipulations, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. This assessment is required to take MATH 1550/1551 or 1530 and should be completed as soon as possible for accurate math placement.

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If a student does not have standardized test scores or wishes to attempt to place into a higher math, the ALEKS assessment is an alternative path for placement.

Any student can provisionally schedule MATH 1550/1551/1530 until the purge date (July 7th). After the purge date, a 76% is required to remain in or schedule MATH 1550/1530. MATH 1551 requires an 81%.

### **What is the LSU ALEKS CHEM Prep?**

The [LSU ALEKS CHEM Prep Requirement](#) as it is an assignment and part of the grade for all students enrolled in CHEM 1201. Students will receive information on this assignment closer to the start of their first semester.

### **Do I have to take a science lecture and lab course at the same time?**

While not required, it is recommended that students enrolled in [BIOL 1201](#) also take the corresponding lab ([BIOL 1208](#)) in the same semester.. Also, most labs are pre-requisites for the next science courses required.

The required general chemistry lab ([CHEM 1212](#)) is a two credit hour lab that is not completed until the student is enrolled in [CHEM 1202](#). Students must first complete [CHEM 1201](#) prior to enrolling in [CHEM 1202](#).

### **Can Honors versions of the typical math/science courses apply toward my degree?**

Yes, honors versions of science/math courses such as MATH 1551 (honors version of MATH 155) and CHEM 1431 (Honors version of CHEM 1201) can apply toward a student's College of Science degree program. Learn more about the Ogden Honors College at [honors.lsu.edu](https://honors.lsu.edu).

### **What is [SCI 1001](#)?**

Every student with a declared major within the College of Science is expected to complete SCI 1001 during the fall semester of their freshmen year. SCI 1001 provides the framework to be a successful science and math student at LSU. Students will connect with College of Science faculty as well as peer mentors. Students will discover research opportunities both on and off campus as well as explore career options. SCI 1001 is a certified communication intensive course which helps students advance communication skills while simultaneously learning the course content.

### **How can I get involved in the College of Science?**

Get to know your faculty, peer mentors in SCI 1001, participate in research on campus, join student organizations for Science majors, or join the Science Residential College.

### **Can I graduate with a degree in Pre-med?**

Pre-med is not a major offered at LSU. However, students can pursue any major and complete the pre-requisites for the medical school they wish to attend. The College of Science offers advising for any students interested in applying to medical or dental school regardless of their major. Visit the [Premedical/Predental Advising](#) website for more information on medical and dental school preparation.

**I already have credit for ENGL 1001 and ENGL 2000, but it says I still have to take English is that correct?**

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Yes, some majors within the College of Science require completion of 2000 level or above literature classes. Some of the literature coursework is coded as ENGL (English) while others may be coded as CPLT (Comparative Literature) or HNRS (Honors). Refer to your recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#) for information on course options.

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## Allied Health Programs

### **Where can I learn more about my degree program?**

Visit the [University College Pre-Professional health website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered. You can also view the program specific recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#). For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

### **Will my dual enrollment credit through high school apply toward my degree program?**

In most cases, dual enrollment credit that transfers to LSU is typically approved of by the LSU Health Sciences Centers and the Schools of Pharmacy in Louisiana. To verify, please visit the website for these programs and check any available transfer matrices published online.

### **Can I apply my Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit toward my LSU degree and admission requirements for the business college?**

Yes... but, Advanced Placement and Advanced Standing credits are not considered to be competitive, and in some cases not accepted by your professional programming. AP and CLEP credit in the following subjects are encouraged to be repeated for a letter grade: **BIOL, CHEM, PHYS, MATH, PSYC, SOCL**.

### **Will I graduate with my professional degree from LSU?**

No. Our pre-professional programming is designed to work in conjunction with the LSU Health Sciences Centers and the Schools of Pharmacy in Louisiana. Ultimately your degrees will be conferred by those institutions. PPT, POT, and PPA programs are undeclared pre-professional health programs that require that you first earn an undergraduate degree at LSU.

### **Can I limit myself to 12 hours in my first semester?**

Yes, however, the first semester of college is a transitional time for many students. If a student enrolls in only 12 hours and finds themselves needing to withdraw from a course, going below 12 hours (full-time) may impact student aid, housing, insurance, etc. We recommend that students carefully consider the pros and cons when making the decision about how many hours to schedule.

### **I'm concerned that I'm taking too many Math/Science courses in my first semester.**

The prerequisites for the pre-professional healthcare programs are very math and science intensive. While students can request to reduce their math/science coursework in their first semester they may be very limited in other course options as their prerequisite coursework may have very little flexibility in the way of elective and general coursework. In addition, delaying the suggested sequence of coursework may result in having 12 or fewer hours in upcoming semesters and could result in your application date being delayed by up to one year.

### **I'm not taking any science courses this semester and I'm concerned that I will be delayed in my plan to apply to my professional healthcare program.**

Placement in science coursework is based on a student's ACT/SAT scores, any placement exams that you may have taken, Dual Enrollment, and Math credit that has been earned. Students have shown the most success in BIOL coursework when

they've either earned an ACT composite score of 23 or higher or are concurrently enrolled in MATH 1022 (Trigonometry) or higher. Likewise, students show the most success in CHEM 1201 when they have College Algebra (MATH 1021) credit and have either completed or are enrolled in Trigonometry (MATH 1022) or higher.

**I've heard that I need to be \_\_\_\_\_ major to apply to my program.**

While certain programs do align more closely with the prerequisites for your program, there are no preferred or required majors for your professional graduate study. Acceptance rates do not seem to favor one major or another regarding acceptance into these professional programs.

**What if I'm not selected for admission into my intended allied health program?**

Completion of the Pre-Professional Allied Health curriculum at LSU A&M (Baton Rouge) does not guarantee admission into the LSU Health Sciences Allied Health programs. Each of the professional healthcare programs are classified as "Selective Enrollment" programs. This means that not every student who applies to these programs will be accepted. While students are encouraged to apply again during upcoming application cycles, once you've completed your prerequisite coursework you will be asked to consider one of LSU's traditional undergraduate degree programs. The good news is that your pre-professional healthcare coursework will apply to many of the 330+ degree programs on campus and academic advisors are here to assist you in selection of the program that will be the best fit for you.

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# University College

## Pre-Nursing

### **Where can I learn more about my degree program?**

Visit the [University College Pre-Professional health website](#) for more information on each individual degree program offered. You can also view the program specific recommended path in the [LSU General Catalog](#). For resources and career opportunities for your major, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

### **Will my dual enrollment credit through high school apply toward my LSU degree?**

Yes, as long as the coursework completed is determined to be equivalent to courses offered at LSU and is fulfills one of the prerequisite courses required for admission into the LSU Health New Orleans- School of Nursing. Students will need to have their official transcript sent from the institution that awarded the college-level credit. Grades earned will apply toward your overall college grade point average.

### **Can I apply my Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit toward my LSU degree and admission requirements for the LSU Health New Orleans – School of Nursing?**

Yes. LSU Health New Orleans – School of Nursing will recognize up to a combined nine (9) hours Accelerated Program (AP) and CLEP prerequisite coursework. Nine (9) hours of advanced standing credit will be recognized if earned from the college/university.

### **Can I limit myself to 12 hours in my first semester?**

Yes, however, the first semester of college is a transitional time for many students. If a student enrolls in only 12 hours and finds him/herself needing to withdraw from a course, going below 12 hours (full-time) may impact student aid, housing, insurance, etc. We recommend that students carefully consider the pros and cons when making the decision about how many hours to schedule.

### **Will I graduate with my bachelor's degree from LSU Baton-Rouge?**

No. Our pre-nursing program is designed to work in conjunction with the LSU Health New Orleans – School of Nursing. Students complete the 37 credit hours of prerequisite coursework at LSU A&M (Baton Rouge) and once admitted to the LSU Health New Orleans – School of Nursing, complete their remaining three years of professional and clinical coursework at that campus. Students are awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing once they have completed both portions of the program.

### **What GPA and grades do I need to make in my classes in order to be eligible to eventually apply to the LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing?**

Students are required to have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in their prerequisite courses and a grade of "B-" or higher in their science courses. If you don't earn these final grades at the end of each academic semester, please contact the UCFY Pre-Nursing advisor to discuss the possibility of re-taking the necessary courses again the following semester since you may not be able to re-add these courses on your own.

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**What if I'm not selected for admission into the LSU Health New Orleans – School of Nursing?**

Completion of the pre-nursing curriculum at LSU A&M (Baton Rouge) does not guarantee admission into the LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing. The program admits students in the fall and spring of each year. Class size is limited and admission is competitive.

If a student is not initially admitted into the LSU Health New Orleans – School of Nursing, they may be encouraged to apply again during upcoming application cycles. However, once the student has completed all prerequisite coursework they may be directed to consider one of LSU's traditional undergraduate degree programs. The good news is that your pre-nursing coursework will apply to many of the 330+ degree programs on campus and academic advisors are here to assist you in selection of the program that will be the best fit for you.

In addition, students who complete a four-year degree program at LSU, could explore the LSU Health New Orleans Career Alternative RN Education (CARE) program designed for individuals who have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in any field and who would like to become a nurse. Students can visit the [LSU Health New Orleans – School of Nursing website](#) for more information on this program.

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# University College

## Undecided Programs

### **Where can I learn more about undecided paths offered at LSU?**

As a freshman, LSU students have the opportunity to remain undecided in their first two semesters which provides time to transition into LSU and explore what major works best for them. The Center for Freshman Year offers the following undecided pathways:

Undecided Arts & Humanities – Explore how to best tap your creativity in the arts, music, writing or literature and/or performing.

Undecided Social Sciences – Explore how to best move toward careers in Public Services, non-profit organizations, politics, and fields of law.

Undecided Science & Engineering – Explore your readiness, interest, and knowledge about science and engineering fields.

Learn more about the 300 programs LSU has to offer for you on the [LSU Find Your Major website](#). For resources career opportunities with different degree programs, visit the [LSU Olinde Career Center website](#).

### **Will a student's dual enrollment credit through high school apply toward their LSU degree?**

This will depend on what major/concentration a student declares. If the coursework is determined to be equivalent to courses offered at LSU and will satisfy a degree requirement, the dual enrollment credit may apply. Students need to have their official transcript sent from the institution that awarded the college-level credit. Grades earned will apply toward a student's overall college grade point average. If dual enrollment taken through LSU, coursework will already be reflected on a student's academic record (i.e., college record and transcript).

### **Can a student apply their Advanced Placement/Advanced Standing credit toward their LSU degree and admission requirements for their college?**

This will depend on the student's major and credit earned. Students receiving "P" or passing credit in courses based on an advanced placement exam or ACT/SAT scores may be able to apply the credit toward an LSU degree program. However, this grade does not compute into the grade point average.

While some students may earn passing course credit based on AP, CLEP, or IB exams, it may be recommended that the student retake the course for a grade. This may apply to students planning to apply to medical, dental, or allied health programs and will depend on the course.

### **Can students take 12 hours in their first semester?**

Yes students are able to take 12 credit hours in their first semester, however, this is a transitional time for many students. If a student enrolls in only 12 hours and finds themselves needing to withdraw from a course, going below 12 hours (full-time) may impact student aid, housing, insurance, etc. We recommend that students carefully consider the pros and cons when making the decision about how many hours to schedule. If a student takes 15 hours each semester for 8 semesters, they can graduate in 4-years for a degree requiring 120 hours.

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