



Office of First-Year  
Experience

# HOW TO'S

## Cajun Connection

**August 6, 2018**

### HELLO PARENTS!

This "How To" will focus on **Cajun Connection**. For questions specific to your student, please call or email the appropriate department.

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UNIV 100 (First-Year Seminar) is a 3 credit-hour, full semester course designed to help first-year UL Lafayette students transition successfully from high school to university life and academic work. This course is mandatory for graduation, your student is likely already registered in a UNIV 100 section. The course has two components: (1) [Cajun Connection](#), Thursday, August 16, 2018, which is an extended introduction to UL Lafayette, to the campus community, and to University-level work and (2) the [First-Year Seminar](#), which then continues for the rest of the semester. In addition to introducing your student to UL Lafayette's campus and traditions, Cajun Connection provides your student with many opportunities to get involved in campus activities and to engage with others in the Ragin' Cajun community with similar interests.

Cajun Connection is officially the first day of class for freshman; therefore, students must attend as if attending any other class. Attendance from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on August 16, 2018 is mandatory. This means arriving on time, and being fully prepared with a book bag, writing utensils, and a notebook. See what to bring below.

#### WHEN TO SHOW UP

**Check-in begins at 8 a.m.** in the Quad where students will receive a t-shirt, academic year planner, and a Cajun Connection packet. Students will be able to confirm their Cajun Connection classroom location at check-in. Students are receiving an email about Cajun Connection on Monday, August 6, to their UL email, detailing instructions on how to locate their Cajun Connection classroom.

#### WHAT TO BRING

- Every incoming freshman should have their student I.D. on them at all times. This is how we will check attendance.
- All students should arrive in class ready with necessary supplies such as writing utensils and paper.
- Certain portions of Cajun Connection will be outside so it is important to come prepared for **summer conditions** (August in Louisiana). This includes comfortable shoes to walk in.
- A water bottle is a great idea, as well as sun screen, sun glasses, some sort of hat, and an umbrella.

*\*Students involved in band and athletics who will miss Cajun Connection will complete an online makeup.*

## PARKING AND DINING FOR CAJUN CONNECTION

Cajun Connection is taking place on UL Lafayette's main campus. On campus residents will park in residential parking lots. Commuter students will park at Cajun Field and be bussed to campus. Busses will begin service at 7:00 a.m. and will run about every 20 minutes. As we expect to transport roughly 1,500 commuter students, there will inevitably be some extent of wait time. Class attendance is taken promptly at **8 a.m.** but we encourage students to arrive early! [On-campus parking](#) is also available to commuter students in the [Girard Park Circle Parking Garage](#). Garage rates consist of \$5.00 for the first two hours, then \$1.00 for each additional hour.

Light breakfast will be provided during Cajun Connection.

## NOTE ON BUYING TEXTBOOKS

Buying college textbooks can be a stressful and expensive feat, but it doesn't have to be! Students should wait until the first week of classes to buy books—professors will go over the syllabus on the first day of class to cover textbook information. It is easy to lose money when buying books prior to the first day of class because not all textbooks are required or specified on the syllabus. Some ways to save money include renting textbooks from the [Ragin' Cajuns Store](#) on campus, ordering books online, buying them used, or sometimes checking-out textbooks (for a limited time) from the campus library.

## Freshman Week

College isn't all work and no play. Freshman Week is a fun time to get to know other students! Freshman Week begins on Sunday, August 12, and ends Sunday, August 19, 2018. See the next page for the week's schedule. Some of the fun activities planned for Freshman Week include:

First night block party

Out of state student program

Take your education further with study broad

The Lafayette experience

UL academic mentoring matters



Fruit ninja

Voter registration

### *First-Year Info Sessions - to help your student succeed here at UL Lafayette.*

Students get their passport stamped at every session they attend during Freshman Week, then turn it in to their Peer Mentor during Cajun Connection on Thursday (students pick up a passport at the first session they attend). For every session your student attends, they will be entered into a drawing for great prizes! First-Year Info Sessions range in topics including "Money Management 101," "The Lafayette Experience," "Major Conversation: How do you fit in?" and more! First-Year Info Sessions begin Monday, August 13, through Wednesday, August 15, 2018. View the [full schedule](#).



PASSPORT		FIRST-YEAR INFO SESSIONS	
		Get this <b>passport</b> stamped at every info session you attend, fill out the bottom, then give it to your Peer Mentor during Cajun Connection to be entered into a drawing for prizes! Winners will be contacted during their UNIV 100 class.	
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View the detailed schedule at  
[firstyear.louisiana.edu/freshmanweek](http://firstyear.louisiana.edu/freshmanweek)

# FRESHMAN WEEK 2018 activities

## Sunday, August 12

[Move-In Day](#) for residential students @ your residence hall

4pm, *Ragin' Cajuns 1st Home Soccer Game* @ Ragin' Cajuns Soccer/Track Complex

7pm, *First Night Block Party* @ Chi Alpha

## Monday, August 13

10am-4pm, *Hilliard Museum Open to Freshmen Only!* @ Hilliard University Art Museum

11-11:45am, ☐ *Info Session 1, "Working in College: When, Where, Why?"* @ Union-Louisiane

12pm, *Out-of-State Student Program* @ Union-The Brew

2-2:30pm, ☐ *Info Session 2, "The Balancing Act of Managing Time in College"* @ Union-Louisiane

3-3:45pm, ☐ *Info Session 3, "What's Happening the First 2 Weeks on Campus"* @ Union-Louisiane

3-5pm, 🖐 *Black P.R.I.N.T.: Black Card Revoked* @ Union-Bayou Bijou

4-4:45pm, ☐ *Info Session 4, "Major Conversation: How do you fit in?"* @ Union-Louisiane

4-5:30pm, *Panhellenic Recruitment Interest Meeting* @ Baker Hall

5-6pm, *Tailgate with Young Life College* @ Boucher Street

5:30-7pm, *Panhellenic Recruitment Interest Meeting* @ Bonin Hall

6-7pm, 🖐 *Black P.R.I.N.T.: Cuts and Shears* @ Evangeline Art Gallery

6-8pm, *Freshmen Invited to Football Practice* @ Cajun Field

7-8pm, *Residence Hall Floor Meeting* @ your residence hall

## Tuesday, August 14

10-10:30am, ☐ *Info Session 5, "Take Your Education Further w/Study Abroad"* @ Union-Louisiane

10:40-11am, ☐ *Info Session 6, "How to Master Math in your First Year"* @ Union-Louisiane

11am-1pm, 🖐 *Black P.R.I.N.T.: Voter Registration* @ Union-Porch

11:20am-12:15pm, ☐ *Info Session 7, "Money Management 101"* @ Union-Louisiane

1:30-2:30pm, *Pups and Popsicles* @ Dupré Library

2-4pm, 🖐 *Black P.R.I.N.T.: Black People Mingle* @ Union-Pelican

3-3:45pm, ☐ *Info Session 8, "The Lafayette Experience"* @ Union-Louisiane

4-4:45pm, ☐ *Info Session 9, "College is More than Going to Class"* @ Union-Louisiane

5-6pm, ☐ *Info Session 10, "UL Academic Mentoring Matters"* @ Union-Louisiane

6-7pm, *I Got Lucky-Alcohol Education Program (MANDATORY-on campus residents)* @ Union-Ballroom

7-9pm, *Campus Ministries Cool Down* @ Boucher Street (between Rose Garden and Union)

6pm, 🖐 *Black P.R.I.N.T.: Coleman Love Pool Party* @ Bourgeois Hall

## Wednesday, August 15

10-10:30am, ☐ *Info Session 11, "Studying Strategies for College"* @ Union-Louisiane

11-11:45am, ☐ *Info Session 12, "Take Your Education Further w/Study Abroad"* @ Union-Louisiane

2-3pm, *Roommate Jeopardy* @ Union-River Room AB

3-3:45pm, ☐ *Info Session 13, "Money Management 101"* @ Union-Louisiane

3-5pm 🖐 *Black P.R.I.N.T.: NPHC Primetime* @ Union-Cypress Lake Plaza

4-4:45pm, ☐ *Info Session 14, "Communicating w/Professors & Professionals"* @ Union-Louisiane

5-6pm, *Speed Networking* @ Union-Ballroom A

5-9pm, *Swamp Party & Food Trucks* @ Boucher Street (between Rose Garden and Union) 🗑

6-7:30pm, *Game Show* @ Union-Bayou Bijou

6:30-8:30pm, *Freshman Fais Do Do* @ Our Lady of Wisdom

8-10pm, *Movie on the Porch* @ Union-Porch

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### ICON LEGEND



Concessions for sale (cash only)



Transportation provided from Union



First-Year Info Sessions



[Black P.R.I.N.T.](#) Events

### ABBREVIATIONS

**BCM:** Baptist Collegiate Ministry,  
1226 Johnston St.

**Chi Alpha:** Chi Alpha Christian  
Fellowship Center, 1402 Johnston St.

**OLW:** Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic  
Church, 501 East St. Mary Blvd.

**Union:** Student Union, 620 McKinley St.

### MEAL TIMES

Cypress Cafeteria will be open during the  
following hours:

#### Monday - Friday

*Breakfast* 7 to 9am

*Lunch* 11am to 1pm

*Dinner* 5 to 7pm

#### Saturday & Sunday

*Brunch* 11am to 2pm

*Dinner* 5 to 7pm

### EXERCISE & RECREATION

**Bourgeois Hall** will be open for rec  
activities. *Bring your Cajun Card for entry.*  
Call 337-482-5305 for shuttle.

- Saturday & Sunday: 12pm to 11pm

- Monday - Friday: 7am to 11pm

### SHOPPING IN LAFAYETTE\*\*

Saturday 8/18, buses will run to the River  
Marketplace and Ambassador Town  
Center from 11am to 5pm.

- Pickup from Student Union.

- Pickup from Target and Costco  
(last pickup at 5:30pm).



Download the **Ride Systems** app for  
bus pickup and drop-off times.

Look for **Freshman Week Route**.

### PARKING FOR COMMUTERS



**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**

- Park free at Girard Park Circle garage

#### Thursday

- Before 5 pm, park at Cajun Field/ride bus

- After 5 pm, park anywhere on campus

- When normal bus routes are not in  
service, call the shuttle 337-482-5305

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- Park anywhere on campus all day



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8am-12:30pm, **Cajun Connection** - UNIV 100 (MANDATORY) @ The Quad

6pm, *Fruit Ninja* @ BCM

6-7:30pm **Black P.R.I.N.T.: Career Fashion Show** @ Union-Ballroom

7:30-10pm, *Let It Greaux Movie Night & Food Trucks* @ Rose Garden (behind Coronna Hall) 

8-10pm **Black P.R.I.N.T.: Trap Karaoke** @ Union-Bayou Bijou

## Friday, August 17

10am-5:30pm **Black P.R.I.N.T. Summit** @ Union

## Saturday, August 18

8-10am, *Farmer's Market Bike Ride* @ Union-Meet at The Brew

10-11am, *Morning Yoga* @ Union-Cypress Lake Plaza

10:30-11:30am, *Cajun Wildcard Workouts* @ Bourgeois Hall-Training Studio

11am-5pm, *Shopping in Lafayette\*\** @ River Marketplace & Ambassador Town Center 

5-8pm, *Drop-In Sports* @ Rose Garden (behind Coronna Hall)

10pm-12am, *RHA Foam Party* @ Rose Garden (behind Coronna Hall)

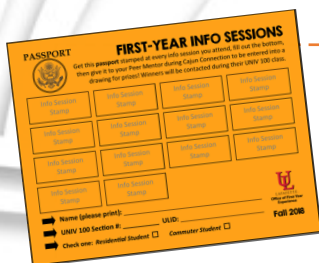
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### INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING DOOR PRIZES WITH EVERY FIRST-YEAR INFO SESSION YOU ATTEND!

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### MARK YOUR ENTRANCE INTO UL @ NEW STUDENT CONVOCATION!





**Tuesday, August 21, 2018**

2:30 p.m., please be seated by 3:15 p.m.

Cajundome, 444 Cajundome Blvd.

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