



UNIVERSITY of
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Office of First-Year
Experience

HOW TO'S Cajun Connection

A RESOURCE FOR PARENTS OF RAGIN' CAJUN® FRESHMEN

August 14, 2019

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your questions?**

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

New Student Convocation

Thursday, August 22, 2019

3:00 p.m.

in the Cajundome

Doors open at 2:00 p.m.

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UNIV 100

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 22, 2019**, is an extended introduction to UL Lafayette, the campus community, and University-level work.
2. [First-Year Seminar](#) continues for the rest of the semester.

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 freshmen. Attendance is mandatory. This means arriving on time, and being fully prepared with a book bag, writing utensils, and a notebook.

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Quad where students will take the class picture. Students will be able to confirm their Cajun Connection classroom location at check-in. Class starts promptly at 11:00 a.m.

- 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 to 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).

- Comfortable shoes to walk in, a water bottle, sun screen, sun glasses, some sort of hat, and an umbrella.

What to bring

HOW TO'S Cajun Connection

Parking & 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 bused to campus. Buses 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 9:30 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](#). A box lunch will be provided at Cajun Connection.

A note on buying textbooks: 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. 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, buying or renting books online, buying used books, or sometimes checking-out textbooks (for a limited time) from the campus library.

Freshman Week

[Freshman Week](#) is a fun time to get to know other students! Freshman Week begins on Sunday, August 18, and ends Sunday, August 25, 2019. See the next page for the week's schedule.

Students will get a passport at the first Info Session they attend during Freshman Week. They will get their passport stamped at every Info Session they attend, then turn it in to their Peer Mentor during Cajun Connection on Thursday, August 22. Every Info Session your student attends, they will be entered into a drawing for great prizes!

First-Year Info Sessions include "Money Management 101," "Major Conversation: How do you fit in?," "How to Master Math in Your First-Year" and more! Info Sessions begin Monday, August 19, through Wednesday, August 21, 2019.



New Student Convocation 2019

New Student Convocation is the official academic welcome for first-year students and marks their entrance into the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. They will have the chance to meet with fellow classmates and faculty, as well as learn about opportunities awaiting them in college.

New Student Convocation takes place on Thursday August 22, 2019 after Cajun Connection. The event will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. at the Cajundome and will end by 5:00 p.m. Doors will open at 2:00 p.m.

Students can take the University Shuttle to the Cajundome for free! They can also drive, bike or walk. Students should bring their Cajun Card. This is a mandatory event for first-year students.

Welcome to Campus!

View the detailed schedule at
firstyear.louisiana.edu/freshmanweek

FRESHMAN WEEK activities

August 18 - 25, 2019

Sunday, August 18

Move-In Day for residential students @ your residence hall

5-7pm Panhellenic Social @ Hilliard University Art Museum, 710 E St. Mary Blvd.

7pm First Night Block Party @ Chi Alpha

10am, 6pm, 9pm Catholic Mass @ OLW

Monday, August 19

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

11-11:45am  Session 1, "Working in College: When, Where, Why?" @ Union-Bayou Bijou


12-12:30pm  Session 2, "Take Your Education Further with Study Abroad" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

12-1pm Out-of-State Student Mixer with Alumni @ Alumni Center near Angelle Hall

1-1:50pm  Session 3, "Campus Cupboard Volunteer Opportunities" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

2-2:50pm  Session 4, "Money Management 101" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

3-3:45pm  Session 5, "What's Happening the First 2 Weeks on Campus" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

3-4pm  Black P.R.I.N.T. - Motivational Monday @ Union-Evangeline Art Gallery

4-4:45pm  Session 6, "Major Conversation: How do You Fit in?" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

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

5-6pm  Session 7, "UL Academic Mentoring Matters" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

6-8:30pm Let It Grow (Movie Night and Potted Plant party) @ Randolph Hall


9-10pm 1ST Floor Meetings in the Halls, see flyers in your building (Mandatory for campus residents)


Tuesday, August 20

10:40-11am  Session 8, "How to Master Math in Your First-Year" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

11am-12pm Dorm Sports Leagues - Is It In You? @ Union-River Room


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


2-4pm  Black P.R.I.N.T. Rec Day @ Bourgeois Hall

3-3:45pm  Session 9 "Money Management 101" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

3-3:45pm Panhellenic Recruitment Interest Meeting @ Bonin/Coronna

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4-4:50pm  Session 10, "Civic Engagement and Service Learning" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

5-6pm  Session 11, "The Dos and Don'ts: Faculty Perspective" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

5-6:30pm of the Arts Meet and Greet @ Fletcher Hall


5:30-7pm Black Student Mixer @ Louisiane Room (2nd floor of Union)


7-8:30pm Campus Ministries Cool Down @ Boucher Street

Wednesday, August 21

10am-12:30pm, Kneaux Lafayette, University Program Council @ Union Courtyard / Porch

1-1:50pm  Session 12, "Campus Cupboard Volunteer Opportunities" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

1-2:50pm (drop in)  Session 13, How will you Engage? @ Union Room 169

2-2:50pm  Session 14, "Health and Wellness" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

3-3:45pm  Session 15, "The Lafayette Experience" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

3-3:45pm Roommate Jeopardy—How well do you know your roommate @ Union-The Brew

4-4:45pm  Session 16 "Communicating with Professors & Professionals" @ Union-Bayou Bijou

(Continued on reverse)

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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, 1402 Johnston St.

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

Union: Student Union, 620 McKinley St.

The Quad: Fleur-de-lis Fountain

MEAL TIMES

Cypress Cafeteria will be open during the following hours:

Fri, August 16th

7:00am – 10:00am

11:00am – 2:00pm

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Sat, August 17th

11:00am – 2:00pm

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Sun, August 18th (meal swipes begin)

11:00am – 7:00pm

Mon, August 19th – Fri, August 23rd

7:00am – 7:00pm

Sat, August 24th – Sun, August 25th

11:00am – 7:00pm

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

PARKING FOR COMMUTERS

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Thursday

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7:30-9:30pm Cru FrizzPops @ Union Courtyard

7:30-10pm Freshman Fais Do Do @ OLW

8-10pm 🖐 Black P.R.I.N.T. NPHC Wild N' Out @ The Quad

Thursday, August 22

8:30-9:30am Donuts and Coffee with Fraternity and Sorority Life @ The Quad

9:30am-2pm Cajun Connection - UNIV 100 CLASS (MANDATORY) @ The Quad

3:30-4:30pm Doors open at 2:30 (MANDATORY) @ The CAJUNDOME 🚌

6pm—until Fruit Ninja @ BCM

6-9pm 🖐 Black P.R.I.N.T. Scavenger Hunt @ Union Porch

Friday, August 23

11am-1pm Icy with IFC @ Boucher Street

11am-2pm Backyard Bash at Rose Garden @ green spaces outside Coronna Hall

12-4pm 🖐 Black P.R.I.N.T. Pool Party @ Bourgeois Hall

8-10pm University Program Council - Dive-in Movie! @ Aquatic Center in Bourgeois Hall

Saturday, August 24

12-4pm Rec Sports at the Residence Halls - green spaces outside Coronna Hall

4-8pm Cru Girard Cook Out @ Girard Park (Near the Pavilions)

7-11pm Skating in the Quad

Sunday, August 25

10am Sunday AM Worship @ Chi Alpha

10am, 6pm & 9pm Catholic Mass @ OLW

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7pm Back to School Bash @ OLW



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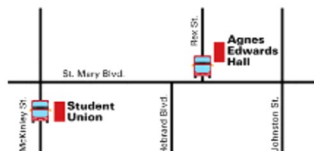
Starting at 1:30pm.

Free ride!

We'll drop you at the door!

We'll bring you back to campus!

Bus stops at Rex St. & Student Union



Drive or Bike!

Carpool with friends.

Ride your bike



Free Parking @ Cajun Field



Arrive by 3:00pm | Bring your Cajun Card