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# HOW TO'S

## Housing & Dining

A RESOURCE FOR PARENTS OF RAGIN' CAJUN® FRESHMEN

August 7, 2019

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### University Housing

The [Office of University Housing](#) provides on-campus accommodations for UL Lafayette students. It is important for your student to abide by departmental and University rules and regulations. Being familiar with the [Housing Handbook](#) by Freshman Move-In Day (Sunday, August 18, 2019) is the best way to start the school year off right!

**First-time freshmen should check their University email for a detailed letter containing Move-In Day information as well as roommate names and contact information.** Students should reach out to each other to get acquainted, plan room décor, and decide who will bring what supplies to help cut costs and save space! Students will need to make sure that their first full payment for housing and meals is made prior to the [University's deadline for tuition and fees](#) (Wednesday, August 14, 2019).

### The Freshman Move-In Process: Sunday, August 18, 2019

1. Students and parents arrive at their unload zone at their scheduled unload time.
2. Volunteers unload your student's belongings from your vehicle.
3. Park your vehicle according to the map provided to you.
4. Head to the Bayou Bijou room in the Student Union to watch the welcome video.
5. Go to the Student Union Ballroom where your student will receive their room key and attend a community fair.
6. Proceed to your student's residence hall. By the time your student arrives at his or her room, their belongings should be there waiting for them.
7. Unpack, settle in, and help your student adjust to their new space.
8. All residents will be invited to attend a welcome event in the evening, after move-in is complete.

For more information about Freshman Move-In Day, [click here](#). **Students should check their University email for more detailed move-in instructions** including unload zones and times, parking locations, and more. **Please note** that early move-ins follow a different process and are dictated and arranged by Athletics, the Pride of Acadiana Marching Band, or SOUL Camp and the respective building manager's discretion.

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## UL Lafayette Dining Services

Whether your student is living on or off campus, they won't go hungry while they're here! The [Dining Services](#) staff works hard to ensure that your student has access to tasty and healthy meals throughout their busy schedule.

Be sure to start following Dining Services on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for daily updates, menus, contests, and more! Daily Menus for Cypress Lake Dining Room can be viewed on the [Dining Services website](#) and the app, [Bite by Sodexo](#).

## Meal Plans

Meal plans are divided into three different components: meal swipes, declining balance dollars, and flex meals. The components of your student's meal plan will be loaded onto their Cajun Card. Meal plans for the Fall 2019 semester will begin on **August 18, 2019**.

Meal Swipes are only used in [Cypress Lake Dining Room](#) and at Lagniappe Café (a hot meal to go option). Declining Balance is used like a debit card, except it is a tax free purchase. [Declining Balance](#) can be used at any location operated by UL Lafayette Dining Services. [Flex Meals](#) are used at certain retail locations and include an entree, side, and drink.

Students can select a meal plan or see their selected meal plan for the upcoming semester on the Housing Portal. Meal plans are financially beneficial and are huge timesavers for students with busy schedules across campus.

## Dining Locations

Cypress Lake Dining Room, The Brew (where we proudly serve Starbucks coffee), McAlister's Deli, and Lagniappe Café are all located in the Student Union. The Ragin' Cajun Food Court at Agnes Edwards Hall includes Chick-fil-A, Pizza Hut Express, Hissho Sushi, Simply to Go, and other convenience items. Café Fleur de Lis, located near Legacy Park Apartments, offers Pizza & Wings, Bayou Burger, The Plate, and The Wok. Inside of Dupre Library, you can enjoy Jazzman's Café & Bakery and, last but not least, we have a standalone Zeus behind Griffin Hall.

### Hours of Operation before classes begin:

	AUGUST 18	AUGUST 19-22	AUGUST 23	AUGUST 24-25
CYPRESS LAKE DINING HALL	11 AM - 7 PM	7 AM - 7 PM	7 AM - 7 PM	11 AM - 7 PM
RAGIN' CAJUN FOOD COURT	Closed	8 AM - 6 PM	8 AM - 2 PM	Closed
MCALISTER'S	Closed	10 AM - 2 PM	10 AM - 2 PM	Closed
THE BREW	Closed	7 AM - 5 PM	7 AM - 5 PM	Closed