



# Office of the First-Year Experience

## The “How To” to Beginning College

July 5, 2016



[Cajun Connection Information](#)

### HELLO PARENTS!

This “How To” will focus on a host of topics to get you started! For questions specific to your student, please contact the appropriate department directly.

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### RESOURCES

#### Campus Post Office

Student Union 158  
337-482-6113  
[postoffice@louisiana.edu](mailto:postoffice@louisiana.edu)

Mon. - Thur. 7:30 - 5:00  
Closed for lunch 12 to 12:50  
Fri. 7:30 - 12:00



## The Little Things

You are receiving this communication as your student’s contact with the university. To ease you into the whirlwind that is college, this “How To” will focus on a few of the odds and ends you’ll want to think about before August arrives. Subsequent issues will touch on more vital information such as Finances, Parking, Housing, and Support Services.

### Postal Service

UL Lafayette maintains a U.S. Postal Service station in the Student Union for our students’ convenience. Any student enrolled at the university is welcomed to rent a Post Office Box. The P.O. Box is available for free to residential students; no mail is delivered to the residence halls directly, so this is their best chance to receive mail while at college. Students living off campus may rent a box for \$85/year plus a key deposit.

Other mailing services offered by the Campus Post Office include:

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Express Mail           | Priority Mail   |
| Global Priority        | First Class     |
| Parcel Post            | Air/Surface     |
| Certified              | Registered      |
| Insured                | USPS Tracking   |
| Signature Confirmation | Return Receipts |

The Campus Post Office will also issue Money Orders upon request. Orders can be made in the amounts of \$.01 - \$1,000.00. Cash is the only method of payment accepted for Money Orders.

In addition to money order, the on-campus post office also sells stamps either in books or individually. Cash is the preferred form of payment; credit cards will not be accepted. Prices are subject to change.





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### Cajun Card Office

Student Union 134  
337-851-2273  
[Office Website](#)  
[cajuncash@louisiana.edu](mailto:cajuncash@louisiana.edu)

### Cajun Card Staff:

Justin Mire, Director  
Jennifer Fontenot, Manager

### Hours of Operation:

Mon. - Thur. 7:30 - 5:00  
Fri. 7:30 - 12:30

### University Bookstore

Student Union 140  
337-851-2665  
[Office Website](#)  
[bookstore@louisiana.edu](mailto:bookstore@louisiana.edu)

### Bookstore Staff:

Tim McFarland, Director

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Lafayette, LA 70504

## Cajun Card

The [Cajun Card](#) is one of the most important things your student will want to keep with them throughout college. Your student's ULID, a very important number, is on the back of the card. The Cajun Card serves as your student's campus identification card which will [grant them access](#) to residence halls, parking lots, and building labs, as well as allow them free entrance into all academic, social, and [athletic events](#) happening on campus. The card is also important as it is a student's [library card](#), [meal plan](#), and campus debit card with reloadable [Cajun Cash](#). All students should receive their Cajun Card at orientation—so check it out just to be certain your student got theirs. Thanks to the [Red Dot Discount Program](#), your student's Cajun Card will also get them some great deals at select local businesses! You can manage your student's declining balance online at [cajuncard.louisiana.edu/account-management](http://cajuncard.louisiana.edu/account-management).



## University Bookstore

The [Bookstore](#) in the Student Union will offer any textbook which is required for a class at UL Lafayette. It's no secret that college textbooks can be expensive, so the Bookstore allows students to [buy or rent](#) text books to help with the costs. We suggest using caution if buying books prior to the first day of class, as some books are required while others are only recommended. Buying ahead of time can sometimes mean getting an incorrect book or the wrong edition. In addition to textbooks, the Bookstore also sells leisure reading published by the [university press](#), [Ragin' Cajun Spirit gear](#), school supplies, and vending machine products. If you're interested in UL apparel and other items but can't make it all the way to campus, check out the Ragin' Cajun Red Zone located at 1805 Johnston Street!

## Academic Calendar

The university's Academic Calendar contains important dates like when classes begin, add/drop dates, student holidays and more.

You can view the calendar for each semester at <http://registrar.louisiana.edu/registration/academic-calendar>

University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Fall Semester 2016  
(Subject to Change)  
<http://registrar.louisiana.edu/registration/academic-calendar>

Calendar Dates	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Summer Session							
First Day of Classes	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28
Drop/Add Deadline	August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1	September 2	September 3	September 4
Final Exams	October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20	October 21	October 22	October 23
Final Grades	November 1	November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5	November 6	November 7
Final Commencement	December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7