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Office of the First-Year Experience

The “How To” to Beginning College

Orientation



This “How To” will focus on a host of things to keep in mind while at Orientation. For specific questions please contact the appropriate department directly.

RESOURCES

Office of Orientation:

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Orientation can be a whirlwind for parents and students alike. Most departments on campus will be trying to give you information regarding their services, and though it is pertinent to be aware of services offered on campus, it can quickly become overwhelming. This How To will highlight some of the key things to look for and think about while at Orientation. For the digital version of this newsletter, go to the [OFYE website](#).

IMMUNIZATIONS:

In order to be fully admitted to UL Lafayette, all students must submit a [Proof of Immunization Compliance](#) form to the university Health Center. Failure to submit immunization records will hold students from scheduling classes for future semesters. For [immunization questions](#), please use the [compliance question form](#). For other health concerns please contact the Student Health Center by phone at 337-482-1293 or by email at shs@louisiana.edu.

FINANCES IN COLLEGE:

It is no secret that college can be an expensive investment. The last day to make a tuition payment, or schedule a payment-plan via [deferment](#), is *Wednesday August 3rd*. Payment will be made either electronically or in person through the [Student Cashier Center](#). Any questions regarding TOPS or other scholarships will be handled through the [Office of Financial Aid](#). Their office can be reached by phone at 337-482-6506 or by email at finaid@louisiana.edu.

TRANSFERRING CREDITS TO UL LAFAYETTE:

If any student has dual enrollment, AP credit, CLEP credit, or any type of credit that would potentially transfer to the university, you will want to make sure the proper procedures have been followed to get that credit successfully transferred.

✿ College Credit – official transcripts can either be sent digitally to etranscripts@louisiana.edu or by using the [Request for Transcript of Credits](#) form, which is provided by the Office of Admissions.

✿ AP and CLEP Credit must be provided by the organization itself, not students or parents. Visit their website in order to request the credit/s to be sent to UL Lafayette.

[Read here](#) for more information about transfer credits. Contact our transfer coordinator at transfer@louisiana.edu for questions.



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FALL 2016 Academic Calendar

Aug 3: Deadline to pay tuition & fees

Aug 8: Students dropped from classes for non-payment

Aug 18-19: CAJUN CONNECTION* for all Freshman (*Mandatory*)

Aug 22: Classes Begin

Aug 26: Last day for adding classes

Sept 5: Labor Day

Sept 16-18: FAMILY WEEKEND*

Oct 6-7: Fall Break

Oct 17-28: Advising for Spring Semester

Oct 22: THE BIG EVENT*

Nov 24-25: Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov 30: Dead Days Begin

Dec 2: Last day of class

Dec 5: Finals begin

Dec 7: Study Break Day

Dec 9: Finals End

* denotes OFYE event *

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PARENT ORIENTATION:

Parents are highly encouraged to attend [Parent Orientation](#). You can sign up for a parent orientation session at a different time than your student if you are unable to make that one. Parent orientation provides parents with a wealth of information so they don't feel lost before students start at UL Lafayette. To sign up please go to the [parent orientation website](#).

SOUL CAMP:

Consider sending your student to [SOUL Camp](#)! Students who attend SOUL Camp are armed with the additional tools that assist in a successful transition to UL Lafayette. To learn more about the camp please go to the orientation website.

LIVING & LEARNING COMMUNITIES (LLCs):

In LLCs freshmen have the unique opportunity to live in the residence halls with a group of students who have similar interests. They allow students to take a class with this group AND live together. Enrolment in the LLC program is continuously changing so please visit OFTYE's website to [learn more about LLCs](#) and check availability! The following themes are offered:

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| ✿ Nursing (Major Specific) | ✿ Gateway to the Arts |
| ✿ Engineering (Major Specific) | ✿ Service & Leadership |
| ✿ Darwin (Major Specific, Biology) | ✿ Lifetime Recreation |
| ✿ Honors | ✿ A Taste of Business |

If a student has not applied for housing they can apply for an LLC when the housing application is filled out. If a student has already applied for housing, please contact Dana Bekurs directly at dana@louisiana.edu.

WHAT TO PACK FOR HOUSING:

Freshmen move-in day for Fall 2016 is Sunday, August 14th. Typically there are many questions about [what to bring](#) with you, but the most important thing to remember are the basics. These include: XL twin bed sheets, basic toiletries (including a shower curtain), a trash can, high efficiency (HE) laundry detergent, a TV with its own coaxial cable, a radio/alarm clock, and a lock for your closet. For additional questions, please contact the Housing Department by phone at 337-482-6471 or by email at oncampusliving@louisiana.edu.