Welcome to LSU, new graduate students!

The half day orientation was planned with you in mind, as you begin your new graduate career this year. We are endeavoring to achieve twin goals today: one, to equip you with campus and community resources in a single setting that should help you navigate the campus environment with greater ease. And two, encourage connections and collaborations among all students within our graduate student population.

The new student orientation is set up on a concurrent session format, which includes brief campus information sessions, followed by a question and answer session. Immediately following the orientation, you are encouraged to attend the graduate student social/mixer at the International Cultural Center, hosted by the Graduate Student Association (GSA).

Prior to coming to orientation, you may want to secure your student IDs at the Tiger Card Office located in the LSU Student Union on the first level just past Campus Federal Credit Union, as you will need it for your orientation name tag. (Note: all fees must be paid prior to requesting your student ID) Additionally, if you haven’t been issued a parking pass, you may want to do that as well, because you will need to have a parking pass, in order to park on campus. If you haven’t gotten your parking pass prior to orientation, you may park in the Barnes and Nobel at LSU Bookstore’s parking garage at a rate of $1.50 per hour.
## Agenda

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<td>9:30 a.m.</td>
<td><strong>Campus Tour</strong>&lt;sup&gt;(optional)&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>In front of the LSU clock tower</td>
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<td>11:00 a.m.</td>
<td><strong>Lunch and Registration</strong></td>
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<td><em>(No food is allowed in the Union Theater)</em></td>
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<td>Lobby area of the Union Theater</td>
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<td>Noon</td>
<td><strong>Welcome</strong></td>
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<td>Michelle Massé, Dean</td>
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<td>Tifanie Pulley, Graduate Assistant</td>
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<td>Office of Recruitment, Retention &amp; Diversity</td>
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<td>12:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Concurrent sessions in small groups</strong> <em>(assignments will be given at orientation check-in).</em></td>
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<td>Athletics &amp; Union Auxiliary</td>
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<td>Health Insurance, Student Health Center &amp; UREC</td>
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<td>Student Government Association</td>
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<td>4:30 p.m.</td>
<td><strong>Welcome Mixer</strong> sponsored by the Graduate Student Association (GSA)</td>
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<td>International Cultural Center – 3365 Dalrymple Drive</td>
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Campus Life
Enhance your time at LSU and learning through innovative leadership, service, and involvement initiatives that enrich the LSU experience.
http://www.lsu.edu/campuslife/

Housing
Department of Residential Life Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA 70803

E-mail: reslife@lsu.edu
Telephone: (225)-578-8663
On campus housing: https://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/reslife/
Off campus housing: listings, roommates, sublets, furniture and more: http://offcampushousing.lsu.edu

Parking and Transportation Services
Website: https://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/parking/
LSU offers a bus system, campus transit system, and parking permits. Visit the Parking and Transportation website to view schedules, maps, and other information about getting around in the LSU area.
Financial Aid: In order to receive financial aid you must fill out a FAFSA form. For more information, eligibility requirements and the application visit: http://lsuonline.lsu.edu/financialaid.aspx

Grants: A variety of grants may be available to you as a graduate student. Look at this link for more information concerning what types of grants are available as well as requirements and application process. http://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/financialaid/grants/

Assistantship: More than 2,100 Graduate Assistantships are awarded annually at LSU. Five types of Assistantships are available. Graduate Assistantships are available through more than 70 academic departments, as well as some administrative units. http://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/graduateschool/resources/financial-assistance/assistantships/

Fellowships: Most Fellowship programs are offered through departments. Unless otherwise specified, all fellowships require full time enrollment. http://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/graduateschool/resources/financial-assistance/fellowships/

Tuition and Fees: http://www.bgtplan.lsu.edu/fees.htm

Meal Plans and Dining

Website: http://www.dineoncampus.com/lsu/
Plans vary for residents, commuters, staff and parents.

Meal Plan FAQs: http://www.dineoncampus.com/lsu/show.cfm?cmd=_mealPlansFAQs
Dining options on campus: http://www.dineoncampus.com/lsu/show.cfm?cmd=menus
Healthcare

Website: http://www.shc.lsu.edu/
Fees and Payments: http://www.shc.lsu.edu/fees.html
Insurance FAQs: http://www.shc.lsu.edu/insurance_filing_a_claim.html

Full-Time Student Eligibility
All students who are identified by the University as full-time students are required to pay the Student Health Center (SHC) fee, which is included in their tuition and fees. This allows full-time students to utilize most of the services the SHC offers at no additional charge.

Part-Time Student Eligibility
Part-time students have the option to pay the SHC fee. Part-time students can elect to pay the fee when they register for classes. They can also pay the fee at any time during the semester in Medical Records or Mental Health Service. They start receiving services at the time they pay the fee. If a student has dropped from full-time to part-time status during a semester and has received a full or partial refund of the SHC fee from the Office of Bursar Operations, that student must repay the remainder of the SHC fee to remain eligible.

Payment
The Cashier Area accepts cash, checks with appropriate identification, TigerCard, MasterCard & Visa. Students are not required to pay at the time of service. All unpaid charges are automatically transferred to their fee bill and can be viewed on PAWS. In addition, the Cashier area can assist students with filing insurance claims.
International Student Resources
Website for international services: http://www.oip.lsu.edu/iso/
International Student Association: The main goal of ISA is to promote the well-being of international students, to promote better friendship, interaction, and understanding among international students, between international students and other groups at LSU and the wider Baton Rouge community. http://www.lsu.edu/studentorgs/intlstudentassoc/
International Cultural Center: The International Cultural Center was established to be a place on campus where all nationalities could come together and learn from each other. http://www.lsu.edu/icc/

Diversity and LGBTQ Resources
LSU Diversity Website: http://uiswcmsweb.prod.lsu.edu/edco/edco/
LSU Office of Multicultural Affairs: http://uiswcmsweb.prod.lsu.edu/edco/oma/
LSU SPECTRUM: Spectrum is the LSU student organization for LGBTQ students and their allies. http://www.spectrumlsu.com/

Religious Centers
Christ the King, Catholic Center at LSU: http://www.ctklsu.org/
LSU Christian Student Center: http://lsucsc.com/
Muslim Student Association: https://www.facebook.com/MSAatLSU/info
Baptist Student Center: http://www.lsubcm.org/
Athletics and Recreation


University Recreation provides exceptional recreation facilities and programs that inspire, educate and empower students to cultivate active healthy lives. It includes cardio and weight areas, personal training rooms, a climbing gym, gymnasium, classrooms, indoor pool, studios, indoor track, SAC fields, a challenge course, and racquetball and squash. Students can also get involved in intramural and club sports.

Safety

Emergency Contacts:
LSU Campus Police: 225-578-3231
LSU Rape Hotline: 225-383-7273
LSU Campus Transit: 225-578-5555

Safety on Campus:
Take a look at LSU’s prevention resources to stay safe and vigilant while on campus [https://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/lsupd/safety-information/](https://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/lsupd/safety-information/)
Use Campus Transit late at night: a door-to-door service, free of charge, that runs nightly from 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Students can access this service by calling 225-578-5555. LSU con- tracts with First Transit to provide bus service for students, faculty, staff, and visitors, both on and off campus on the LSU.

Mental Health and Counseling Services: [http://www.shc.lsu.edu/counseling.html](http://www.shc.lsu.edu/counseling.html)
Phone, Cable and Internet
Cox Communications: http://www.cox.com/residential/home.cox
Suddenlink: http://suddenlink.com/

Utilities
Entergy: http://www.entergy.com/
Baton Rouge Water: http://www.brwater.com/

Newspapers
The Advocate: http://theadvocate.com/
The Reveille: http://www.lsureveille.com/

Baton Rouge Events
Like any large metro area there are a great deal of annual festivals and events in the Baton Rouge area.
Most famous of course is Mardi Gras but there are also a host of wonderful festivals and annual events that are a must if you're here at the time. Baton Rouge is also a sprawling community so sometimes it can be hard to get hold of exactly what's going on. There are tons of wine, beer, arts, music and community festivals.
Best of Baton Rouge: http://www.bestofbatonrouge.com/events/
Visit Baton Rouge: http://www.visitbatonrouge.com/events/
The Advocate: [http://calendar.theadvocate.com/batonrougela/events](http://calendar.theadvocate.com/batonrougela/events)
Dig Magazine: [https://digbatonrouge.com/events/](https://digbatonrouge.com/events/)

Welcome and Geaux Tigers!