

COLLEGE 101

FOR UL LAFAYETTE PARENTS & FAMILY



It's Geaux Time, Cajuns

It's officially August, which means the start of the Fall 2025 semester is right around the corner! From housing move-in through the first week of classes, there are tons of events happening to help acclimate your student to campus life.

Housing Move-In

As a reminder, Housing Move-In for freshmen takes place August 16-17, **by appointment only**. Students should refer to their StarRez Housing Portal in ULink for information about their housing assignment, move-in date and time, and roommate information.

Housing move-in is a **BIG** day with a lot of moving parts. To help the day run as smoothly as possible, it's important for you and your student to review all of the information on the [Move-In Central website](#). **Students should also be closely monitoring their University email for additional updates as move-in approaches.**

Parents and guardians are encouraged to follow [UL Lafayette University Housing on Facebook](#) for updates and tips.

Welcome to Campus!

Not sure who to contact with your questions?
Send them to us:
parents@louisiana.edu

University Housing

337-482-6471
oncampusliving@louisiana.edu
Buchanan Hall, 2nd Floor

Office of First-Year Experience

337-482-6599
ofye@louisiana.edu
Lee Hall, room 106

Office of Student Engagement & Leadership

337-482-6272
getinvolved@louisiana.edu
Student Union, room 162

August 22, 2025: New Student Convocation

All first-year students are required to attend New Student Convocation on August 22, 2025.

New Student Convocation

New Student Convocation is the official academic welcome for first-year students and marks their entrance to UL Lafayette. At Convocation, students, administrators, and faculty will share their own experiences and advice about making the most of your time at UL Lafayette, finding your people, and making your mark. New Student Convocation will be held at **9:30 AM** in the Cajundome, with doors opening at **9:00 AM** and FREE grab-and-geaux food and drinks will be available for students.

New Student Convocation

Students should:

- Bring your Cajun Card, as they will be required to check-in upon arrival.
- Students are encouraged to park at Cajun Field and cross Cajundome Blvd. via the pedestrian tunnel. For students who do not have access to transportation, shuttle transportation is also available from the Student Union and satellite housing locations to the Cajundome.
- Students are to wear their red Orientation t-shirt.
- There is a clear bag policy in place at the Cajundome, please plan accordingly.
- After the Convocation ceremony, students will participate in the official Class of 2029 class photo.



Questions about Cajun Connection & New Student Convocation?

Contact the [Office of First-Year Experience](#) at
ofye@louisiana.edu or 337-482-6599.

Cajun Craze

From August 16 through August 30, the campus community is offering a variety of activities to make your student's first few weeks on campus fun, educational, and most importantly - welcoming! Schedule highlights include:

- **Swamp Party**
- **Two-Steppin' Tuesday**
- **Bowl -A- Palooza**
- **Make Art for your Room**
- **Rec Fest**
- **Ragin Cajuns Downtown Alive**
- **On-Campus Job Expo**
- **Get on Board Day**
- **Class Locator Tours**
- **JiggAerobics**
- **First-Year Info Sessions**
- **And much more!**

[Share the full Cajun Craze schedule with your student today.](#)

Summertime in Louisiana means inclement weather happens. Encourage your student to follow @ulfirstyear and @ulgetinvolved on Instagram for weather updates!

Getting involved and attending on-campus events are great ways for students to connect with the campus community and start making UL Lafayette their home away from home!



Important Details about Cajun Craze

- Cajun Craze events are open to both residential and commuter students. All students are encouraged to join in on the fun!
- Students should bring their Cajun Card to all Cajun Craze events.
- Parking and transportation details can be found on the [Cajun Craze website](#).
- Cypress Lake Dining Hall will be open for Cajun Craze and meal plans will be active. Dining Hall Hours of Operation are as follows:
 - August 17 open 11 AM - 7 PM
 - August 18-22 open 7 AM - 10 AM; 11 AM - 2 PM; 4 PM - 7 PM
 - Follow [UL Lafayette Dining Services](#) for updates.
- [The Rec Center](#) is open during Cajun Craze. Students can visit Bourgeois Hall to enjoy the fitness center, aquatic center, rock wall, and much more! View the [Cajun Craze website](#) for hours of operation.

Fraternity & Sorority Recruitment

Joining a fraternity or sorority—often referred to as “Greek Life”—is a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved, make friends, and support philanthropic causes. On average, students who join fraternities or sororities experience higher grades, higher graduation rates, and an increased sense of belonging.

Is your student interested in learning more?

Encourage them to attend the student information session to learn more about the process and benefits.

Student Info Session for Fraternity & Sorority Life -- Get the “Scoop!”

- When: August 20 from 2 PM - 4 PM
- Where: Student Union, Ballroom A
- Free ice cream provided!



Fraternity & Sorority Councils & Recruitment Registration

Fraternities and sororities are organized into councils, each of which has a different new member recruitment process. Learn more about each of our councils below.

Interfraternity Council (IFC)

- [IFC Recruitment Registration](#)
- [Follow IFC on Instagram](#)

Advisor/Staff Contact: Kyle Duplantis
kyle.duplantis@louisiana.edu

National Panhellenic Council (NPHC)

- NPHC Interest Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11 @ 6PM in the Student Union Ballroom. Follow @ulgetinvolved for future details
- [Follow NPHC on Instagram](#)

Advisor/Staff Contact: Amber Felix
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Panhellenic Council (PHC)

- [PHC Sorority Recruitment Registration](#)
- [Follow PHC on Instagram](#)

Advisor/Staff Contact: Heidie Lindsey
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Questions about Fraternity & Sorority Life?

Contact the [Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life](#) at
337-482-1304