

COLLEGE 101

FOR UL LAFAYETTE PARENTS & FAMILY



It's Geaux Time, Cajuns

It's officially August, which means the start of the Fall 2026 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 20-21, **by appointment only**. Students should refer to their 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

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Office of First-Year Experience

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Lee Hall, room 106

Office of Student Engagement & Leadership

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Student Union, room 162

August 23, 2026: New Student Convocation

All first-year students are required to attend New Student Convocation on August 23, 2026.

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 2:00 PM in the Cajundome, with doors opening at 1:30 PM. After the Convocation ceremony, students will participate in the official Class of 2030 class photo.

New Student Convocation

Students should:

- Bring your Cajun Card, as they will be required to check-in upon arrival.
- 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.



Questions about New Student Convocation & Cajun Craze?

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

Cajun Craze

From August 20 through August 28, the campus community is offering a variety of activities to make your student's first week on campus fun, educational, and most importantly - welcoming! Schedule highlights include:

- **Swamp Party**
- **Two-Steppin' Tuesday**
- **Foam Party**
- **Late Night in the U**
- **Rec Fest**
- **Ragin Roar**
- **Ragin Cajuns Downtown Alive**
- **Get on Board Day**
- **Class Glow-Cator Event**
- **Out of State Student Mixer**
- **Student Organization Events**
- **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 20 open 11 AM - 7 PM
 - August 21-23 open 11 AM - 2 PM; 4 PM - 7 PM
 - Follow [UL Lafayette Dining Services](#) and @dine_ul on Instagram 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.



Interested in Learning More about Sorority Recruitment?

Attend the Sorority Parent Orientation

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

Panhellenic

- Formal Recruitment Orientation: August 30
- Formal Recruitment: September 3–7

General Info

- Community size >1,500 students (we saw a 14% growth rate year to year)
- 25 chapters, 4 councils, & Growing
- Our chapters reported over 33,000 hours of community service last year
- Higher GPA than non-affiliated students (male and female)
- National/International and local Networks, opportunities, scholarships
- Community/Honorary Opportunities - Order of Omega, Greek Unity Board, etc.
- Academic, Career, and Leadership Development

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](#)
- **Informal Events & Information Sessions:** August 20 – September 8
- **Formal Recruitment:** September 8–11

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National Panhellenic Council (NPHC)

- NPHC Interest Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17
- [Follow NPHC on Instagram](#)

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Panhellenic Council (PHC)

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

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Questions about Fraternity & Sorority Life?

Contact the [Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life](#) at
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