

For information about the international application process, please visit:

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For information about requirements for international admission, please visit:

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1. How can I find out when each semester begins, and the deadlines to apply for each semester?

[Academic calendars](#) are updated each semester. Select your desired semester and note the date on which classes begin. Please be aware of the deadlines for [undergraduate](#) admission.

The admissions offices must receive ALL documents prior to the deadline in order to enroll in the desired semester.

2. How long does the admissions process take and how can I check the status of my application?

An admissions decision cannot be made until all transcripts, [Chronological Records of Education](#) and test scores have been submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Therefore, the timeframe on the admissions process can vary.

Undergraduate students should utilize the [F-1 Student Application Checklist](#) or the [Application Checklist for J-1](#) Students to ensure that all documents have been submitted. Please be advised that J-1 applicants must attend [a university that has an agreement](#) with UL Lafayette.

The status of all applications can be checked by logging back into the [application portal](#).

3. How do I determine if I am a *first-time freshman* or a *transfer* applicant? Can I apply as a *first-time freshman* if I do not want to have my credits transferred to UL Lafayette?

If you have never attended a post-secondary institution (college or university in OR outside of the U.S.), then you would be considered a first-time freshmen applicant. If you have attended a post-secondary institution, then you would be considered a transfer applicant.

No. All transfer credit is considered part of a student's academic record and cannot be erased without declaring academic amnesty. **If you previously attended a university, you must apply as a transfer student.**

4. Must I provide English translations of my transcripts? Do I also need to provide transcripts in my native language?

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions requires official transcripts (with school seal/stamp in a sealed envelope) in the language of instruction. Official/Certified English translations must also be provided if the original transcripts are not in English.

5. Do I need a TOEFL score if English is an official language in my country?

All freshman applicants must provide proof of English proficiency regardless if English is their native language or not. Freshmen applicants from countries where English is an official language must submit SAT or ACT scores, rather than TOEFL or IELTS scores.

6. Can I be admitted with unofficial transcripts and test scores?

Yes. However, official transcripts and test scores must be submitted prior to an admissions decision being rendered. This is because we cannot issue the SEVIS I-20 form needed until the admissions file is fully completed and all official items have been received. Unofficial transcripts and test scores may be mailed to the Office of Admissions or submitted electronically to etranscripts@louisiana.edu.

7. How can I submit my official test scores?

Make sure to indicate our score code when you register for your test. UL Lafayette's school score code for the SAT and TOEFL is **6672**. The ACT score code is **1612**. You can also request that your scores be sent to UL after you have taken the exam by contacting the company that administered the exam.

8. Are there scholarships available to international students?

Yes, UL Lafayette offers three types of [undergraduate international scholarships](#).

9. Do I have to provide a financial guarantee if I apply for a scholarship?

Yes. You may apply for the scholarship first, but if you will be studying on an F-1 visa, you must provide proof of the amount that the scholarship does not cover in the form of an [Undergraduate Financial Guarantee \(F-1\)](#). The Confidential Financial Guarantee and matching bank statement must be received before a SEVIS I-20 A-B can be generated.

Please note that J-1 students, transfer students from universities outside of the U.S., reentry students, and students who have attained a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent thereof are not eligible for scholarships.

10. Can I come to UL Lafayette before achieving English proficiency?

UL Lafayette does offer an Intensive English Program where students can take English courses prior to enrolling at the University. For more information, please [click here](#).

11. When will I receive my SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019 and how will it be shipped to me?

Only after a student has been admitted to the university, will an I-20 or DS-2019 be shipped. Students transferring from U.S. institutions will also have to complete the [Undergraduate Transfer Form](#) and be released from their current institution before being transferred to UL Lafayette.

I-20's can be shipped via regular mail (at the University's expense) or sent through eShip Global (with courier choices of UPS, FedEx, or DHL) at the student's expense. The courier option is strongly recommended. Most I-20s sent overseas through regular mail do not arrive at their destination.

12. What is a ULID and when do I get one?

The ULID is the student identification number and is used by all students once they have been admitted. The number will appear on a student's admissions letter and should be used for all communication with any department on the UL Lafayette campus.

13. Once I am admitted, what is the next step?

Please carefully review and follow the steps on the [F-1 Pre –Arrival Checklist](#) and [F-1 Next Steps Checklist](#) or [J-1 \(Visiting Student\) Pre-Arrival Checklist](#). It is especially important to secure housing prior to arriving in Lafayette. You can contact the Housing Department at housing@louisiana.edu or (337)482-6471. If you require airport pickup, please complete the [New Student Arrival Pickup Request](#) and a current UL Lafayette student will pick you up from the airport. The OIA has lots of information for incoming international students and will assist you with any questions you may have. The Office of International Affairs can be reached at oia@louisiana.edu or (337)482-6819.

14. How many credit hours do I have to take each semester?

Any international undergraduate student studying on an F-1 visa must maintain at least 12 hours of credit per semester to remain in status. Please visit the OIA's website for information about [maintaining your status](#).

15. How much is tuition and when can I pay it?

Tuition rates vary from semester to semester. See the Student Cashier Center's website for [current tuition and fees](#) and [information about payments](#).

16. Are international students required to live on campus?

International students are not required to live on campus, but [on-campus housing](#) is available.

17. Where can I find out information about athletics?

www.ragincajuns.com is the official website of UL Lafayette Athletics.

18. When do I go to orientation? When do I register for my classes?

All incoming international students must attend international orientation, which is typically a two-day orientation the week prior to classes. [Orientation schedules](#) are available for upcoming semesters.

International students transferring from U.S. universities or community colleges will be allowed to register once they submit a [Confidential Financial Guarantee](#), bank statement and an [International Student Transfer Form](#) is submitted by their DSO. Freshman and students transferring from outside of the U.S. will be advised and register for classes at orientation.

19. When will I find out if I have received any transfer credit?

Transfer credit is awarded by the individual academic colleges. An official evaluation of transfer credit is not determined until after a student has been admitted. Once a student receives his/her Cajun Card (identification card) either at orientation (freshman and out-of-country transfers) or after submitting the [International Student Transfer Form](#) (U.S. transfers), he/she can log in to the University's ULINK portal to view awarded transfer credit.

20. Can I work while attending school?

International students are allowed to work on-campus with special permission from the Office of International Affairs. They must first secure a campus job, which includes providing a letter from their prospective campus department, completing paperwork at the Office of International Affairs, and apply for a Social Security Card. For more information, please visit [Working in the U.S.](#) on the OIA's website.

21. Does UL Lafayette provide services for students with disabilities?

The [Office of Disability Services](#) provides services to students with disabilities. For more information, please visit the website listed above or call (337) 482-5252.

Please visit the Office of International Affairs' web page at <http://oia.louisiana.edu/> for additional information.

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