

For information about the international application process, please visit:
<http://admissions.louisiana.edu/basics/application.shtml#International>.

For information about requirements for international admission, please visit:
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1. How can I receive information electronically from UL?

Visit our website at www.louisiana.edu and click on the *Prospective Students* link. Next, click on *My Ragin' Connection: Get Connected* (left side of red icon). The next screen, *Send Me Stuff*, allows you to enter your contact information. You will then begin receiving information from the university.

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

The academic calendars for each semester are listed at <http://admissions.louisiana.edu/registrar/Semester%20Calendars.shtml>. Select your desired semester and note the date on which classes begin. Deadlines to apply for each semester are as follows: Fall semester—June 1; Spring semester—October 1; Summer semester—March 1. This means that the Office of Admissions must receive ALL documents prior to the deadline in order to enroll in the desired semester.

3. How long does the admissions process take?

An admissions decision cannot be made until all transcripts, financial information, and English proficiency tests have been submitted to the Office of Admissions. Therefore, the timeframe on the admissions process can vary. Please make sure to utilize the [Application Checklist for F-1 students](#) or the [Application Checklist for J-1 Students](#) to ensure that all documents have been submitted.

4. 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 don't 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.

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

The Office of Admissions requires official transcripts (with school seal/stamp in a sealed envelope) in the language of instruction. Official English translations must also be provided.

6. 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.

Any student wishing to transfer from an institution outside of the United States must provide proof of English proficiency except for the U.K., Australia, New Zealand, Canada (excluding Quebec), and some Caribbean countries.

7. Can I be admitted with unofficial transcripts and test scores? And if so, how can I submit unofficial transcripts and test scores?

Yes. However, official transcripts and test scores must be submitted prior to registering for classes. Unofficial transcripts and test scores may be mailed to the Office of Admissions or submitted electronically to meganl@louisiana.edu.

8. Are there scholarships available to international students?

UL Lafayette offers three groups of international scholarships. For more information regarding international scholarships, please visit <http://oia.louisiana.edu/waiver.shtml>.

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

Yes. All international applicants must provide a [Confidential Financial Guarantee \(F-1\)](#) or [Confidential Financial Guarantee \(J-1\)](#) prior to applying for a scholarship. The Confidential Financial Guarantee and matching bank statement must be received before a SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019 can be generated.

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 in the university. For more information, please visit <http://oia.louisiana.edu/new-students/iep/index.shtml>.

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. In addition, transfer students from U.S. institutions will also have to complete the [International Student Transfer Form](#) and be released from their I-20 at their current institution. I-20's can be shipped via regular mail (at the university's expense) or sent through the university approved courier (at the student's expense). If the regular mail option was initially selected, a student will have to wait 30 days from the date the original I-20 was mailed to receive a new I-20 via pre-paid courier.

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

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

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

It is important to secure housing prior to arriving in Lafayette. Please contact the Housing Department at housing@louisiana.edu or (337) 482-6471 or the Office of International Affairs at uia@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.

15. 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 three-day orientation the week prior to classes. For an orientation schedule, visit <http://uia.louisiana.edu/>. Advisors are available at orientation to register all incoming international students for their classes.

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

Tuition rates vary from semester to semester, but please visit <http://bursar.louisiana.edu/> for the most current rates. All incoming international students pay tuition the week before classes begin at International Orientation.



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17. When will I find out if I've received any transfer credit?

The Office of Admissions does not award transfer credit. Transfer credit is awarded by the individual degree programs. Transfer credit is not determined until after a student has been admitted. Once a student receives his/her Cajun Card (identification card) on the second day of International Orientation, he/she can log in to the University's Ulink portal to view awarded transfer credit.

18. Can I work while attending school?

International students are allowed to work on-campus with special permission from the Office of International Affairs. For more information, contact ويا@louisiana.edu.

19. Does UL provide services for students with disabilities?

The Office of Disability Services provides services to students with disabilities. For more information, please contact <http://disability.louisiana.edu/> or (337) 482-5252.

20. Where can I find out information about athletics?

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

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