

Student Support

Student Success Center

The Student Success Center, located above the LSUA Bookstore, provides students with an array of services to help them achieve their educational goals. These services are administered by three offices: Student Services, the Advising Center, and Multicultural and International Affairs.

Student Services

Student Services, located in the Student Success Center, Room W206, offers programs that support the university's commitment to academic excellence and that enrich each student's experience of college life. Through such programs, students receive counseling, career guidance, tutoring and other forms of supplementary instruction, and disability services. Students are also offered a variety of opportunities for participation in campus activities and organizations.

Student Services offices are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred; walk-ins are welcome. After hours appointments can be scheduled by calling (318) 473-6545 or e-mailing studentservices@lsua.edu

Counseling Services

The goal of the counseling provided by Student Services is to anticipate and address problems that can interfere with a student's academic progress. Students can receive professional assistance in the following areas:

Personal Counseling

- sessions with qualified counselors;
- help with personal growth issues, interpersonal relationship skills and crisis intervention;
- appropriate referrals.

Academic Counseling

- study skills training;
- time management assistance;
- college adjustment counseling.

Career Counseling

- choosing a college major;
- computer-based assessment (DISCOVER) with follow-up counseling sessions;
- exploring career options;
- developing résumés;
- career-related workshops;
- résumé and interview assistance.

Assistance is provided through individual appointments, group counseling, educational workshops and seminars, self-help information, and assessment. All counseling services are free and confidential.

Career Services

Counselors are also available to help students choose their majors and make other, longer-term career decisions. In addition, students have access to DISCOVER, a user-friendly and interactive computerized career information and guidance system designed to assist with career planning.

Students seeking post-graduation employment are encouraged to attend the Job Fair. Held each spring, the fair provides an opportunity for employers in the region to identify suitable applicants for both part-time and full-time positions. Students have the opportunity to meet prospective employers and gain experience in the networking process.

Both full-time and part-time job referrals are available to students seeking off-campus employment. Career Services posts listings on the Job Opportunity Board located in Student Services. For more information or to list your résumé with Career Services, visit the Student Success Center, Room W206, or call (318) 473-6545.

Tutoring, Learning, and Computer Lab (TLC LAB)

The TLC Lab, located in Room W204 of the Student Success Center, provides a quiet area for both individuals and groups that need a place to study. The lab is equipped with 16 computers and excellent software packages. The Writing Center, located within the TLC Lab, provides free peer tutoring for students who need assistance with developmental English and English composition courses. The Math and Science Center, also located within the TLC Lab, provides free peer and faculty tutoring for students who need assistance in math and science. The center also offers students the opportunity to watch the math video tapes that accompany current math text books.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of tutoring and other academic support services provided by Student Services. Tutoring hours are posted at the entrance of the TLC Lab each semester. For more information, call (318) 473-6545.

Testing Services

Testing Services administers the following national tests to area students: ACT, PRAXIS, Pearson Vue, Dantes, and CLEP. Testing Services also administers Independent Study tests, special needs tests, and other testing as appropriate.

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

Students who identify themselves to SSD and present written documentation of a learning, physical, or psychological disability may be eligible for academic accommodations. Students who are having problems or need assistance should visit the Director of Student Services at the Student Success Center, Room W206; call (318) 473-6545; or e-mail studentservices@lsua.edu.

Students who are Louisiana residents can also contact the Louisiana Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, 900 Murray Street, Alexandria, LA 71301 to inquire about benefits available to students with disabilities.

Student Life

The primary purpose of Student Life is to coordinate student activities and to work with student organizations to enhance the campus experience. Such organizations are also supported by the Student Organizations Council (SOC), a body that encourages the development of student leaders and provides guidance to student endeavors. Each student organization has a representative on the SOC (a current list of student organizations is provided on pages 65-66). Student Life also assists individual students and academic departments in the coordination of student activity projects.

Advising Center

The Advising Center, located in the Student Success Center, Room W211, helps students to make a successful transition to university life and to build a solid foundation for future success in college and beyond. In particular, academic advisors help students to

1. select a course of study appropriate to their abilities and interests;
2. understand and follow the requirements of their degree programs;
3. assess their progress towards meeting those requirements;

4. learn how to calculate their grade point average (GPA);
5. develop and practice habits that lead to success in academic courses;
6. develop independence and a sense of responsibility;
7. understand and practice principles of academic integrity;
8. balance study, work, and leisure time;
9. become familiar with university policies and procedures;
10. learn about campus resources available to them.

Once enrolled at LSUA, each student will be assigned an academic advisor. Transfer and re-entry students will be advised by faculty members within the discipline of the student's major. New freshmen and students who have not yet decided on a major will, unless otherwise indicated, be advised by Advising Center personnel. Students are required to see their assigned advisors before they schedule classes online. They should keep in mind that between semesters and during summer semesters departmental advisors are generally less available than they are during fall and spring. Therefore, advising for spring semester needs to be addressed during the previous fall semester and advising for summer and fall should be addressed during the spring semester.

In addition, all new freshmen and transfer students, with less than 12 transfer hours, are expected to attend an orientation session before they register for classes. Students should call the Advising Center to sign up for an orientation session. For more information, call (318) 767-2604, e-mail SSAC@lsua.edu, or visit the Advising Center website at <http://advising.lsua.edu>.

Multicultural and International Affairs

The cultural origins and backgrounds of LSUA's students are diverse. To highlight this diversity and to broaden awareness of different cultural and ethnic experiences, Multicultural and International Affairs coordinates special activities, programs, and events and works with administration and faculty to support travel abroad initiatives. In addition, the office works closely with counseling, advising, and admissions to strengthen the university's commitment to serving its diverse constituents. Multicultural and International Affairs is located in the Student Success Center,

Room W210. For more information, call the director at (318) 473-6473.

Participation in Campus Life

LSUA provides students with an array of opportunities to participate in the life of the campus. These opportunities include working on student publications; participating in intramural sports; supporting LSUA's intercollegiate baseball and softball teams; participating in student organizations; serving on Student Government; serving on campus committees; exercising at the Fitness Center; and living in LSUA's student housing complex.

Student Publications

The Sentry, LSUA's student newspaper, is published throughout the regular school term and informs students, faculty, and staff of campus news. The opportunity to serve on the *Sentry* staff as editors, reporters, cartoonists, contributing writers, and photographers is available to all students. Students who avail of this opportunity learn the fundamentals and mechanics of reporting news. For more information, call (318) 767-2602 or e-mail sentry@lsua.edu.

Sauce Piquante, LSUA's student yearbook, provides a written and visual record of the activities and events of each academic year. The yearbook is free to students and faculty and copies can be obtained from Auxiliary Services. The opportunity to serve on the yearbook staff is available to all students. For more information, call the Student Publications office at (318) 767-2602; or e-mail yearbook@lsua.edu.

Jongleur, LSUA's student literary magazine, is published each spring. Students who are interested in creative writing are invited to submit their poems, essays, and short stories to the *Jongleur* staff for consideration. Student art work is also welcome. Students interested in working on the editing staff of the *Jongleur* should contact Dr. Bernard Gallagher at (318) 427-4472 or e-mail bernardg@lsua.edu.

Intramural Sports

The Intramural Sports Program is designed to provide students with opportunities to participate in competitive and noncompetitive recreational sports and activities and to develop their capacities for team work, sportsmanship, and leadership. The program is open to all students, regardless of their level of skill or ability. Game equipment is furnished by the Intramural Sports office. Watch for sign-up

information on campus. For more information, visit the Fitness Center, second floor, room 204.



Intercollegiate Athletics

The university's men's baseball and women's fast-pitch softball teams, will begin their third season of competition in spring 2010. The university competes as an independent institution in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The construction of LSUA's new baseball-softball complex is already underway and is scheduled for completion by the beginning of the 2010 season. The complex will be located on the north side of campus, adjacent to the Fitness Center.

Student Organizations

Students are encouraged to participate in one or more of the many organizations and clubs available to them on campus. For information about starting new organizations or about joining established organizations, visit the Student Life office located in the Student Center, Room W209.

A list of LSUA's current student clubs and organizations is presented below:

- A+Pel
- Project 1 Eight
- Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM)
- Biological Science Organization (BSO)
- Catholic Student Organization (CSO)
- Circle K Interest Group
- Clio Society
- Criminal Justice Association
- El Circulo Espanol (Spanish Club)
- Empty Space Players
- French Club
- Gamma Beta Phi
- Gamma Lambda Tau -Clinical Lab Tech (CLT)
- Geology Club
- Identity
- Kappa Sigma
- Lambda Tau Chi (Math Club)
- Lambda Pi Eta (Communications Honor Society)
- LSUA Club Soccer
- Non-Traditional Students Organization
- Psi Chi
- Psychology Club
- Sigma Kappa Sigma
- Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society)
- Speak Easy Communication Club

Student Government Association
 Student Nurses Association
 Student Radiological Technology Association
 Student Social Workers Association
 Theta Sigma Delta
 The LSUA Green Team

Student Government

The Student Government is the recognized governing organization of LSUA's student body and provides student representation in all areas of university life. For more information, e-mail SG@lsua.edu.

Student Participation on Campus Committees

LSUA has a long tradition of encouraging student participation in the decision making processes of the campus. Where appropriate, student representatives have served on Faculty Senate committees, administrative committees, and departmental committees. Students on such committees are voting members with all the rights and privileges of other members. The committees that currently have student representation are listed below:

Faculty Senate Committees

- Admissions and Standards
- Improvement of Instruction
- Library
- Public Relations

Administrative Committees

- Chancellor's Arts and Humanities
- Campus Beautification
- Enrollment Management
- Honors Convocation
- Information Technology Advisory
- Multi-Cultural Affairs
- Operation of the Student Center
- Planning Council
- Strategic Planning Steering
- Student Conduct
- Student Grievance
- Student Organizations and Activities
- Student Technology Fee
- Traffic Appeal

Students who are interested in serving as committee representatives should contact the Office of the Chancellor or the President of the Faculty Senate for more information. Students are also invited to offer their ideas and suggestions to LSUA's administrators.

Fitness Center

LSUA's newly renovated Fitness Center offers a wide variety of activities and services to the university's student body. Students can participate in intramural sports and take advantage of the many physical education courses taught at the facility. The center houses a state of the art cardio and weight lifting room that comes complete with cardio bikes, treadmills, ellipticals, stair steppers, a cross aerobic machine, and a set of both cable and free weights. Connected to the cardio and weight lifting room is a recreational sports room that contains Brunswick Pool Tables, Killerspin Ping Pong Tables, Foosball Tables, and an arcade-style Dance Dance Revolution system with metal pads and bars. The center also contains an indoor swimming pool, multipurpose basketball courts, and a free movement room. The outdoor tennis courts, which have optional lighting, are also managed by the Fitness Center. A new softball and baseball complex, located next to the tennis courts, is under construction and should be completed in the near future. The Education Department office is located on the first floor of the building, and the offices of the baseball and softball coaches, along with the Campus Fitness Manager's office, are located in Room 204 on the second floor. For more information, call (318) 473-6597.

Student Housing

Opened in August of 2007, *The Oaks* is the first on-campus, apartment-style housing complex dedicated to students attending LSUA. It consists of a community center building and four apartment style, multi level buildings with a total of 256 beds. Eighty-eight apartments provide a variety of one, two, and four bedroom living units. A modern community center building provides the community office, computer lab, an entertainment area, and laundry room space as well as an outdoor pool/patio area. For more information about student housing, visit <http://www.livetheoaks.com>.

Student Conduct

LSUA expects that all students on campus conduct themselves in a manner harmonious with socially-accepted standards of behavior. Moreover, while the university bears no direct responsibility for the conduct of students while off campus, it does expect that students conduct themselves at all times in a manner that commends them and the institution to the wider public. Behavior of students that is in conflict with the general interest and welfare of the university and its student body will result in appropriate disciplinary measures.

It is the responsibility of all students to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations governing student conduct and discipline as outlined in the Student Handbook. The handbook is issued at the beginning of each school year and is available from Student Services, Student Center, Room W206.



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