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The Fall 2020 application for undergraduate admission is now open! Apply **today** to take the next step toward becoming a Ragin' Cajun!

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Undergraduate Admissions
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Non-Degree Applicant FAQ

1. Who is considered a non-degree applicant/student?

A non-degree seeking program is one that does not lead to a bachelor's degree or undergraduate certificate. A non-degree seeking applicant is someone applying to one of the non-degree seeking programs offered at UL Lafayette (see question #4 for complete list).

2. Am I eligible for financial aid as a non-degree student?

No, non-degree students are not eligible to receive any form of federal financial aid (ex. grants, loans). To be eligible for federal financial aid, you must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program.

Tuition rates and application fees are the same for non-degree applicants/students as they are for degree-seeking applicants/students. Any non-degree student that is 60 or older can utilize the 60 Plus Tuition Exemption (<https://universityconnection.louisiana.edu/60-program/tuition-exemption>).

3. How do I audit a course?

To audit a course, you must first be a student at the university. Often, people who want to audit one course apply for entry as a non-degree student. Once granted admission, you would receive access to the registration system and would register for the class. Next, you would need to complete a Request to Audit card to convert your registration for the class to audit. For additional information, please contact University College (universityconnection@louisiana.edu).

4. What non-degree majors are available at UL Lafayette?

- Additional Certification in Education
 - Description: non-degree program for students pursuing a second certification in Education.
 - Admission Requirements: eligible to enroll at last college/university attended (if coursework completed after graduation); bachelor's degree from regionally accredited institution (College of Education determines the GPA/PRAXIS requirements for admission into the PBC program – see question #5).
 - Admission Documents: application; application fee; late application fee (if applicable); official transcripts for **ALL** colleges/universities attended.
- Alternative Certification in Education (Alt Cert)
 - Description: non-degree program for students pursuing their first certification in Education after completion of bachelor's degree.
 - Admission Requirements: eligible to enroll at last college/university attended (if coursework completed after graduation); bachelor's degree from regionally accredited institution (College of Education determines the GPA/PRAXIS requirements for admission into the PBC program – see question #5).
 - Admission Documents: application; application fee; late application fee (if applicable); official transcripts for **ALL** colleges/universities attended.

- Cross Enrollment - SLCC to UL Lafayette (paper application with Registrar's Office)
 - Description: non-degree program for applicants currently attending South Louisiana Community College (SLCC) who want to take a UL Lafayette course through cross enrollment arrangement between the institutions.
 - Admission Requirements: meet transfer/re-entry admissions requirements.
 - Admission Documents: paper application with Registrar's Office (no application fee); official college/university transcript from **ALL** colleges/universities attended (good academic standing at their home institution); if less than 24 hours, official high school transcripts and ACT/SAT scores.

- DOORS – Diversified Opportunities for Older and Returning Students
 - Description: non-degree program for applicants 21 or older who are enrolling at the university for the first time or returning after several years' absence.
 - Admission Requirements: proof of high school diploma or GED (no test score or high school GPA requirement); eligible to enroll at last college/university attended.
**** If denied admission as degree-seeking student, a student cannot be admitted as a DOORS student. ****
 - Admission Documents: application; application fee; late application fee (if applicable); official high school transcripts with proof of high school completion/GED certificate; official transcript from last college/university attended.

- High School Dual Enrollment
 - Description: non-degree program high school students who have completed their junior year.
 - Admission Requirements: on track to complete TOPS Core 4 Curriculum; high school GPA of 2.75 or higher (unweighted 4.0 scale); ACT-English of 18 or higher; ACT-Math of 19 or higher; ACT-Composite of 21 or higher.
 - Admission Documents: application form (through University Connection and online); application fee; official high school transcripts; ACT scores.

- Post-Baccalaureate
 - Description: non-degree program for students who have previously earned a bachelor's degree.
 - Admission Requirements: eligible to return to last college/university attended; proof of undergraduate degree on official transcript.
 - Admission Documents: application; application fee; late application fee (if applicable); official college/university transcript from last college/university attended and proof of degree.

- Special Non-Degree Undergraduate
 - Description: non-degree program for applicants who are enrolling at the university for the first time or returning after several years' absence (no age restriction) – often used for special campus programs, such as Friends of the Humanities.
 - Admission Requirements: proof of high school diploma or GED; eligible to enroll at last college/university attended (if applicable).
 - Admission Documents: application; application fee; late application fee (if applicable); official high school transcripts with proof of high school completion/GED certificate; official transcript from last college/university attended (if applicable).

- Summer Visitor **(only available for enrollment in summer sessions)**
 - Description: non-degree program for undergraduates who are pursuing a degree at another university or high school graduate who intends to seek a degree from another university and wishes to attend UL Lafayette for a summer session only.
 - Admission Requirements: official college/university transcript from last college/university attended (good academic standing at their home institution); recent high school graduates with no college hours since graduation must meet first-time freshman admission requirements, including GPA and test score minimums.
 - Admission Documents: application; application fee; late application fee (if applicable); official high school transcripts with proof of high school completion/GED certificate/official ACT or SAT scores; official transcript or letter of good standing from last college/university attended (if applicable).

- Visiting Student
 - Description: non-degree program for undergraduates who are pursuing a degree at another university or high school graduate who intends to seek a degree from another university and wishes to attend UL Lafayette for a summer session only - these students typically only enroll in the semester for which they apply.
 - Admission Requirements: official college/university transcript from last college/university attended (good academic standing at their home institution); recent high school graduates with no college hours since graduation must meet first-time freshman admission requirements, including GPA and test score minimums.
 - Admission Documents: application; application fee; late application fee (if applicable); official high school transcripts with proof of high school completion/GED certificate/official ACT or SAT scores; official transcript from last college/university attended (if applicable); additional information required for exchange visitors (J1).

5. Am I eligible for financial aid and will my credits transfer in the Alternative Certification in Education (Alt Cert) program?

Students that wish to pursue their alternate certification will submit an application for admission to Alternative Certification in Education (Alt Cert) program (online application through Undergraduate Admissions). The Alternative Certification in Education (Alt Cert) program is a non-degree seeking program, so students in this program are not eligible for financial aid.

Once granted admission into the Alternative Certification in Education (Alt Cert) program, the College of Education will review application information and will update your major to the appropriate Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) program once you meet their GPA and PRAXIS score requirements. Once the College of Education updates your major to the appropriate PBC program, your transfer credits will be posted to your academic record and you will be eligible to apply for financial aid.

Re-entry Applicant FAQ

1. Who is considered a re-entry student?

Any applicant who has earned college credit at UL Lafayette as a degree-seeking student **since** their high school graduation (with the exception of the summer semester immediately following high school graduation) is considered a re-entry applicant. This includes any applicant that is currently or has previously enrolled at another college/university.

2. What are the requirements to be admitted as a re-entry student (GPA, etc.)?

All re-entry applicants must:

- Be eligible to return to the most recent institution attended, **AND**
- Have a cumulative/overall GPA of 1.50 or higher (**excluding developmental/remedial courses**).

3. What documents do I need to submit?

- Online Application
- Application Fee
- Late Fee (if applicable)
- Transcripts from **ALL** college/universities attended

4. Do I need to resubmit application documents since my last application (ex. test scores, transcripts)?

Test scores:

As long as official ACT/SAT scores are currently on file with UL Lafayette, a re-entry applicant will not be asked to resubmit test scores. Test score records are normally retained for six years after initial application.

High school transcripts:

As long as a final, official high school transcript (including final grades and graduation date) is currently on file with UL Lafayette, a re-entry applicant will not be asked to resubmit high school transcripts. High school transcripts are normally retained for six years after initial application.

College/university transcripts:

As college/university attendance can change frequently, UL Lafayette will use college/university transcripts issued within one calendar year. Any transcript on file with UL Lafayette that is older than one calendar year will need to be resubmitted to the university in order for an application decision to be returned.

5. If I sit-out one fall or spring semester (or more), do I need to reapply?

Yes, any time a student does not enroll/attend for a fall or spring semester the student must submit an application and be re-admitted in order to regain access to ULink and the registration system.

6. Do I have to reapply if I am returning after an academic suspension?

Yes, once the terms of your suspension have been fulfilled (one semester or one year), then you would need to apply for readmission in order to return to the university. If your overall/cumulative GPA is less than 1.50, then you will need to submit an Application for Admission by Exception Committee form to be considered for readmission.

7. Who should I meet with to determine if my credits will still apply to my degree?

Your academic advisor should be able to assist in determining which credits will still apply to your degree program. Re-entry students are required to meet with an academic advisor before registering for classes. Academic advisors are assigned based on major. Once a re-entry student receives a letter from the Academic Success Center (after being granted readmission), the student should then make an appointment to meet with their academic advisor. Contact information for specific departments for advising can be found here - <https://studentsuccess.louisiana.edu/node/414>.

8. Can I major in the same program I have already received a degree in from UL Lafayette?

No, once a student completes a specific degree program, the student should move to another degree program to continue enrolling in classes at UL Lafayette. To change majors after graduation (with continued enrollment), contact your academic dean's office.

9. How do I change my major?

After admission, students with less than 59 credit hours or less than a 2.00 cumulative/overall GPA would initiate a change of major request in the Academic Success Center (Lee Hall, room 115).

After admissions, students with more than 60 credit hours and a 2.00 cumulative/overall GPA or higher would initiate a change of major request in the academic dean's office of the college of the new major.

Information about additional restrictions for change of major requests can be found here - <https://studentsuccess.louisiana.edu/services/choose-your-major/change-your-major>.

10. What is Academic Amnesty and how do I request it?

Academic Amnesty provides an opportunity for an undergraduate student or applicant to start a new academic record. When academic amnesty is awarded, effective with a given semester all college/university credits and grades earned prior to that semester are no longer used in subsequent academic status determinations or GPA calculations. Prior credits and grades continue to show on the permanent academic record and affect financial aid awards.

Academic amnesty can be considered only if the student has not been enrolled in any college of university for at least three years before the effective semester of the amnesty. A request for academic amnesty by a student previously enrolled at UL Lafayette should be made to the student's academic dean within one calendar year of the date of re-enrollment. If amnesty is required to be considered for admission, the applicant should submit their amnesty request to the appropriate dean's office. Once a decision is returned to Undergraduate Admissions, an admission decision can be returned.

Academic amnesty may be granted to an individual only once. Once granted, academic amnesty may not be rescinded.

UL Lafayette does not automatically recognize academic amnesty granted to a student or applicant granted to a student by another institution. A request to recognize academic amnesty granted by another institution should be made to the academic dean or Undergraduate Admissions. Transfer and re-entry students requesting Academic Amnesty should email the Assistant Director for Transfer Admissions to request the information needed to declare amnesty.