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Student Achievement at UL Lafayette

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette recognizes the importance of identifying, evaluating, and publishing goals and outcomes related to student achievement. Student success is recorded and documented in a variety of formats for different metrics.

Retention of full-time, degree-seeking first-time freshmen

First fall to second fall

The focus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is to increase the retention rate of students from the first fall semester to the second fall semester to a target retention percentage of 78%.

Semester	Cohort	Percent returned in second fall
Fall 2012	2704	74.2%
Fall 2013	2679	76.3%
Fall 2014	2906	76.0%
Fall 2015	3151	74.4%
Fall 2016	3015	75.0%
Fall 2017	2975	74.8%

Source: UL Lafayette Office of Institutional Research

First fall to third fall

The focus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is to increase the retention rate of students from the first fall semester to the third fall semester to a target retention percentage of 65%.

Semester	Cohort	Percent returned in third fall
Fall 2012	2704	62.4%
Fall 2013	2679	64.5%
Fall 2014	2906	64.2%
Fall 2015	3151	62.1%
Fall 2016	3015	63.5%

Source: UL Lafayette Office of Institutional Research

Six-year graduation rate of full-time, degree-seeking first-time freshmen

The goal each year is to increase the number of students who earn a baccalaureate degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Same institution graduation rate (IPEDS)

Students who enter the University of Louisiana at Lafayette as part of the cohort and complete their degree from the University within six years.

	IPEDS Full-time, degree-seeking first-time freshmen		
		Same institution	
Cohort Year	Cohort	Number of graduates	Six-year graduation rate

Fall 2007	2704	1206		44.6%
Fall 2008	2574	1238		48.1%
Fall 2009	2559	1166		45.6%
Fall 2010	2915	1325		45.5%
Fall 2011	2923	1324		45.3%

Source: UL Lafayette Office of Institutional Research

Statewide graduation rate

Students who enter the University of Louisiana at Lafayette as part of the cohort and complete their degree from the University or any other undergraduate Louisiana Public Postsecondary Institution within six years.

Statewide graduation rate calculated by Board of Regents					
Cohort Year	Cohort	Number of graduates at UL Lafayette	Number of graduates from any other undergraduate LA public postsecondary institution	Total number of graduates	Six-year graduation rate
Fall 2007	2663	1183	158	1338	50.2%
Fall 2008	2545	1231	155	1380	54.2%
Fall 2009	2496	1156	156	1308	52.4%
Fall 2010	2832	1301	169	1465	51.7%
Fall 2011	2809	1283	149	1425	50.7%

Source: UL Lafayette Office of Institutional Research

Plans after graduation

According to the Undergraduate Senior Exit Survey Report (2017–2018), 74.1% of respondents indicated their immediate post-graduation plan to be employed full-time or part-time immediately after graduation, while 22.3% plan to attend graduate or professional school full-time or part-time. The remaining respondents (3.6%) indicated an intention to either pursue additional coursework, military service, start or raise a family, or volunteer.

Licensure exam summary report

The goal through licensure exams, is for academic departments within the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to prepare students to meet and surpass the benchmarks of their intended discipline.

Learn more about each discipline's licensure exam pass rates:

- Architecture
- Athletic Training, Board of Certification Exam
- Curriculum & Instruction Exam Pass Rates
- Health Information Management
- Nursing
- Speech-Language Pathology

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