

VII. SECTION VII

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND OTHER RESOURCES

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Educational Services

Center for Gifted Education

The UL Lafayette Center for Gifted Education is an instructional, research, and service center through which the University's activities in gifted child education are coordinated. Its primary activities include professional training for teachers of the gifted, summer enrichment programs for academically and creatively talented students, and consultation services in the area of gifted child education. The Center also houses an extensive collection of reference and curriculum materials on gifted and creative education and sponsors research in gifted and creative education. Faculty members may propose courses for the summer enrichment programs.

Each summer the UL Lafayette Center for Gifted Education offers enrichment opportunities for academically and creatively talented students. These programs include interdisciplinary classes for preschool children, the nation's only Creative Scholars Program for highly creative students in grades 7-8, and a variety of mini-courses in the sciences, arts, and humanities for students from kindergarten through the tenth grade. Two residential programs are offered for seventh and eighth grade students with high academic, creative, or artistic ability. Classes in these programs are developed and taught by university faculty and area teachers with specialized training in gifted child education; faculty stipends are based on class enrollments. Inquiries should be addressed to the Director of the UL Lafayette Center for Gifted Education.

Continuing Education Programs

UL Lafayette's Continuing Education department is an important component of the University's commitment to education. Continuing Education strives to provide an educational link between the University and the public. From art courses for children and cajun dance for adults to technical training programs for business, UL Lafayette's Continuing Education departments work year round to serve industry and the community. The University values highly the close relationships it has

established with business and industry and its role in the promotion of area economic development.

Courses are offered both during the day and evening hours as well as on weekends.

UL Lafayette's Continuing Education department has five divisions identifying and meeting the needs for training: Advanced Technology Training, Business and Industry Training Service, Environmental Training Center, Potpourri, and Elderhostel.

Faculty can receive extra pay or donate their pay to their departments for other uses (such as travel monies) by teaching Continuing Education courses. Additional information is available at the Continuing Education Department.

Counseling and Testing Center

The UL Lafayette Counseling and Testing Center is part of the Division of Student Affairs and offers a variety of services to the campus community. These services include personal counseling, crisis intervention, and short-term psychotherapy for individuals, couples, and groups. Consultation services and workshops are also available to student groups, faculty, and staff. The Center also offers national standardized testing information and administration.

Consultation

The Counseling and Testing Center responds to requests from individuals, campus groups, and departments who need information, advice or customized programming on timely issues. These issues may involve dealing with individuals, special topics, or organizational and morale problems.

Testing Services

The Counseling and Testing Center serves as a National Testing Center for many nationally standardized tests. Information and application forms are available at the reception desk for the Law School and Medical College Administration Tests, Graduate Record Exam, National Teacher Exam, American College Test, the Test of English as a Foreign Language, and the Miller Analogies Test. Administration of these tests is conducted on national test dates by the Supervisor of Testing Services.

Faculty/Staff Assistance Program (F/SAP)

The Counseling and Testing Center provides limited services of assessment, short-term counseling (up to six sessions), and referral services to UL Lafayette employees for a wide range of drug, alcohol, and mental health concerns.

Referral Procedures

Referrals from faculty and staff range from simply suggesting to a student that he/she make an appointment to telephoning the Center (482-6480) with the student present to arrange services. Occasionally faculty and staff "walk" a referral to the Center for help.

Confidentiality

All staff follow ethical guidelines set forth by the American Association for Counseling and Development, the American Psychological Association and the National Association of Social Workers. Counseling records are not a part of any other University records and are held in strictest confidence.

Honors Program

Students entering the University with a composite ACT score of 26 or greater are invited to enter the Honors Program, which is affiliated with state, regional, and national associations of honors programs. Students with lower ACT scores may apply for admission to the program; such students are individually considered. Honors Program students are assigned specially selected freshman advisors, their schedule requests receive priority attention, and small-enrollment classes with enriched content are designed for them. Honors versions of freshman and sophomore courses in biology, business administration, chemistry, communications, computer science, economics, education, engineering, English, geology, history, mathematics, music, philosophy, physics, political science and psychology are presently offered, with others in the planning stages. Special interdisciplinary honors classes in humanities and science are taught by teams of faculty members. All honors students schedule a special seminar each semester which provides a forum for the discussion of topics chosen by student committees. In addition, social and cultural activities are scheduled to provide further enrichment of the student's university experience and special scholarships are offered for which they are invited to compete. Student representatives, through service on the Honors Board, participate in Honors Program planning. By completing a senior thesis and meeting other requirements, students may receive an Honors Baccalaureate Degree. Inquiries should be made to the Director, University Honors Program.

Students who are not admitted to the Honors Program as beginning freshmen may qualify later if they have distinguished academic records. Advisors and teachers are urged to identify such students and send them to the Honors Director for a conference.

Media and Printing Services

A department in the Division of Computing and Information Services, Media and Printing Services includes instructional support, printing, and centrally located copying for the University.

University Media Center

The University Media Center located in Dupré Library, suite 302, offers instructional support services to faculty and staff. Information about all services may be obtained by calling 482-6780 or 482-6778.

Lending Services

Available on a loan basis are various instructional items, including video playback and television units, 35mm slide, overhead, 16mm, opaque projectors and other projection devices such as liquid crystal devices [LCD]. Audio equipment, screens, and public address systems are also available. All items for loan are for use for University functions only.

Production Services

Video and audio cassette duplication, black and white transparencies, and lamination are available on a fee basis.

New Equipment Ordering

Information may be provided upon request for specifications for new equipment, and brand to brand comparisons for departmental purchasing.

Video Conferencing

Point to point and multipoint video conferencing may be scheduled for meetings, seminars and classes. The University Media Center oversees several compressed video classrooms that may be used for distance education.

Printing Services

Located on Coliseum Drive, Printing Services offers offset printing and large volume duplicating. Daily campus deliveries are made, same-day duplicating copying is offered, as well as a host of additional printing services. Printing requisitions used when ordering reflect current pricing. Special printing jobs should be discussed in advance with Printing Services supervisory staff.

Duplicating Services

At present, Copy Centers are located in Maxim Doucet Room 101, Martin Hall Room 126, Lee Hall Room 106, Small Business Development Center (formerly Bank One building), Career Services Center (formerly Eckerd's building), Foster Hall Room 106, Conference Center Room 464, Wharton Hall Room 402, Griffin Hall Room 221, Bourgeois Hall Room 122B, and Dupré Library Room 115. The Dupré center is open throughout regular hours of operation.

The operating services portion of the departmental budget will be charged monthly for all copies produced by members of the department. Additional information about the copy centers may be obtained from the office of the Director of Media & Printing Services.

Scholarships

The Scholarship Office is responsible for coordinating and administering all academic University and UL Lafayette Foundation scholarships. The Scholarship Office, which is part of Enrollment Management, is also responsible for coordinating the incoming freshman scholarship program. Activities of this office include writing scholarship guidelines, consulting donors, and awarding scholarships in coordination with academic deans and department heads.

The Scholarship Office informs scholarship recipients of their selection, insures that students are able to collect their scholarship funds, publicizes the availability of University scholarships, and keeps donors apprised of the status of their scholarships.

The Scholarship Office annually distributes over 4,000 scholarships totaling in excess of \$2,500,000.

Speech, Language, and Hearing Center

The Department of Communicative Disorders operates the UL Lafayette Speech, Language, and Hearing Center on the second floor of Burke-Hawthorne Hall. Diagnostic and therapeutic services are available to faculty members, UL Lafayette students and, by special arrangement, children of the faculty. The clinic services speech, language and hearing handicapped of all ages Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Television Production

The University owns a television studio located on the second and third floors of Wharton Hall. While the main purpose of the studio is to provide experience for students studying for careers in the broadcast industry, it is also used by faculty and staff to prepare tapes for classroom and public relations uses. Persons interested in using the facility should call the Television Studio.

Tutoring Services

Free tutoring in many courses is offered to all students throughout the academic year through the Junior Division and the Special Services Departments. This service is coordinated with various academic and administrative departments. The program provides an opportunity for students to receive special academic assistance to clarify and review subject matter presented in the classroom.

Tutoring is located primarily in Lee Hall, but is also available for some subjects in other buildings on campus. Tutoring begins the first week of each semester. For further information call the Junior Division or Special Services Department.

University Computing Support Services

University Computing Support Services operates a computing facility for campus use and provides consulting assistance, software configuration assistance, training, and documentation for campus users.

The UCS Sun client-server facility, located on the first floor of the Conference Center and Stephens Hall, provides e-mail and Internet access, personal and University web pages, as well as numerous academic applications. An account on this system is provided to any student, faculty, or staff member (including retirees) who request one; eligibility is determined from the administrative database. Faculty may request additional computing resources ("projects") for their classes.

These systems may be accessed via workstations connected to the campus network, either directly or by dialup; or from any system on the Internet. Public labs and output distribution areas are located on the first floor of Stephens Hall and the first floor of the Conference Center. The Stephens Hall facility also has a video projector.

The Help Desk (Stephens Hall 201, 482-5516, helpdesk@louisiana.edu) is an initial point of contact for information and technical assistance with most campus computing activities. Short courses on various computing skills are scheduled during the fall and spring semesters, and faculty may also request a presentation or training session for their students.

Other Resources

Assessment

The University uses several instruments to assess the effectiveness of its educational, administrative, and student support programs. Institution-wide assessment activities include the Student Evaluation of Instruction, conducted in all classes each semester. Results of the SEI are distributed to the class's instructor and his/her department head. The University also conducts an annual evaluation of administrators, usually late each Spring Semester. Additionally, graduating seniors are asked to complete a Student Opinion Survey which rates student satisfaction with all aspects of university life, and alumni are surveyed every five years to assess their opinions of the quality of their academic preparation for their careers.

Athletics

The University sponsors an intercollegiate athletics program that competes in the NCAA's Division I. The University competes in fourteen sports, seven each for men and women. Season tickets are available to faculty and staff at a discounted price. Information is available from the Athletics Ticket Office.

Grants and Awards

The University awards an array of Endowed and Board of Regents (BORSF) Professorships and Endowed Chairs to distinguished faculty. Faculty with appropriate credentials may compete for

Professorships or Chairs, which carry an annual salary stipend and are awarded for a three-year term.

In addition, the University's Foundation hosts an annual banquet to recognize three outstanding faculty members as Distinguished Professors and one as Outstanding Teacher. The University's Outstanding Advisor is recognized annually at the Honors Convocation.

Faculty may also compete annually for a limited number of institutionally-funded Summer Research Awards, Faculty Development Grants, and Instructional Improvement Mini-Grants. Information regarding all of these awards and grants is generally disseminated by deans and department heads.

KRVS

KRVS is licensed to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and operates on 88.7 FM (100,000 watts) in Lafayette, Louisiana. The station serves much of Acadiana (French Louisiana).

Because nearly one quarter of the listeners served by KRVS are French speaking, KRVS broadcasts approximately 30 hours weekly of Cajun and Creole programs. KRVS supplies historical and cultural programs, as well as musical programs designed to preserve the rich heritage and language of the French-speaking people of Acadiana.

A member of National Public Radio and a Public Radio International Affiliate, KRVS broadcasts many network offerings including All Things Considered, Morning Edition, Car Talk and World Cafe.

Recreation

Faculty and staff have access to recreational facilities at the Bourgeois Hall complex. The facilities include basketball, racquetball, and tennis courts; an indoor track; a weight room; putting greens; and a swimming pool complex. Spouses of faculty and staff may also use the facilities for a moderate annual fee. Information about open recreation programs and hours of operation is available from the Intramurals Office.

UL Lafayette France Program

UL Lafayette/France is a six-week program which offers academic courses in a European environment. Students and faculty live and study for five weeks in Paris while having several opportunities to travel to other nearby countries of Europe. After our stay in Paris, the Program then travels to London for a one week stay.

UL Lafayette/France offers a wide variety of course offerings which change each year depending on faculty proposals. In the past, we have offered courses from the colleges of Liberal Arts, the Arts, Nursing and Allied Health Professions, and Business Administration.

University Art Museum

The University Art Museum was founded in 1968 to collect, preserve, exhibit and interpret works of art unique to the cultural heritage of Southwestern Louisiana. Since that time, the UAM has continued to expand its programming and collections focus in order to bring to the region temporary exhibitions which support art and culture from a global perspective. The University Art Museum has two exhibition galleries: the main gallery located on the second floor of Joel L. Fletcher Hall, UL Lafayette's College of the Arts, and the UL Lafayette Foundation/UAM Permanent Collection building located at 101 Girard Park Drive.

The University Art Museum's Permanent Collection consists of more than 1000 important works of art, including paintings, prints, drawings, sculpture, and photography. This collection represents

18th, 19th and 20th century Louisiana artists, as well as artists from the United States, Europe and Japan. An assortment of Second Century B.C. Egyptian artifacts are also included in the UAM Permanent Collection. In addition, the University Art Museum has an increasing interest in American Folk Art, created primarily by African-American visionary artists from the American South. This growing focus has been generated by donations from the Sylvia and Warren Lowe Collection, widely regarded as one of the top five folk art collections in the United States.

Through its permanent collection and changing exhibitions schedule, the museum presents and interprets art and culture in a manner that invites appreciation, inquiry and learning. The University Art Museum is committed to extending its resources, programs and services beyond the physical boundaries of the university to audiences throughout the region. This, the UAM believes, provides the basis for educational outreach programs which is benefiting to both children and adults.