

# **THE UNIVERSITY**

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette, the largest member of the University of Louisiana System, is a public institution of higher education offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Within the Carnegie classification, UL Lafayette is designated as a Research University with high research activity. The University's academic programs are administered by the Colleges of the Arts, Education, Engineering, General Studies, Liberal Arts, Nursing and Allied Health Professions, B. I. Moody III College of Business Administration, Ray P. Authement College of the Sciences, and the Graduate School. The University is dedicated to achieving excellence in undergraduate and graduate education, in research, and in public service. For undergraduate education, this commitment implies a fundamental subscription to general education, rooted in the primacy of the traditional liberal arts and sciences as the core around which all curricula are developed. The graduate programs seek to develop scholars who will variously advance knowledge, cultivate aesthetic sensibility, and improve the material conditions of humankind. The University reaffirms its historic commitment to diversity and integration. Thus, through instruction, research, and service, the University promotes regional economic and cultural development, explores solutions to national and world issues, and advances its reputation among its peers.

