

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE  
TO THE

University of  
**LOUISIANA**  
Monroe

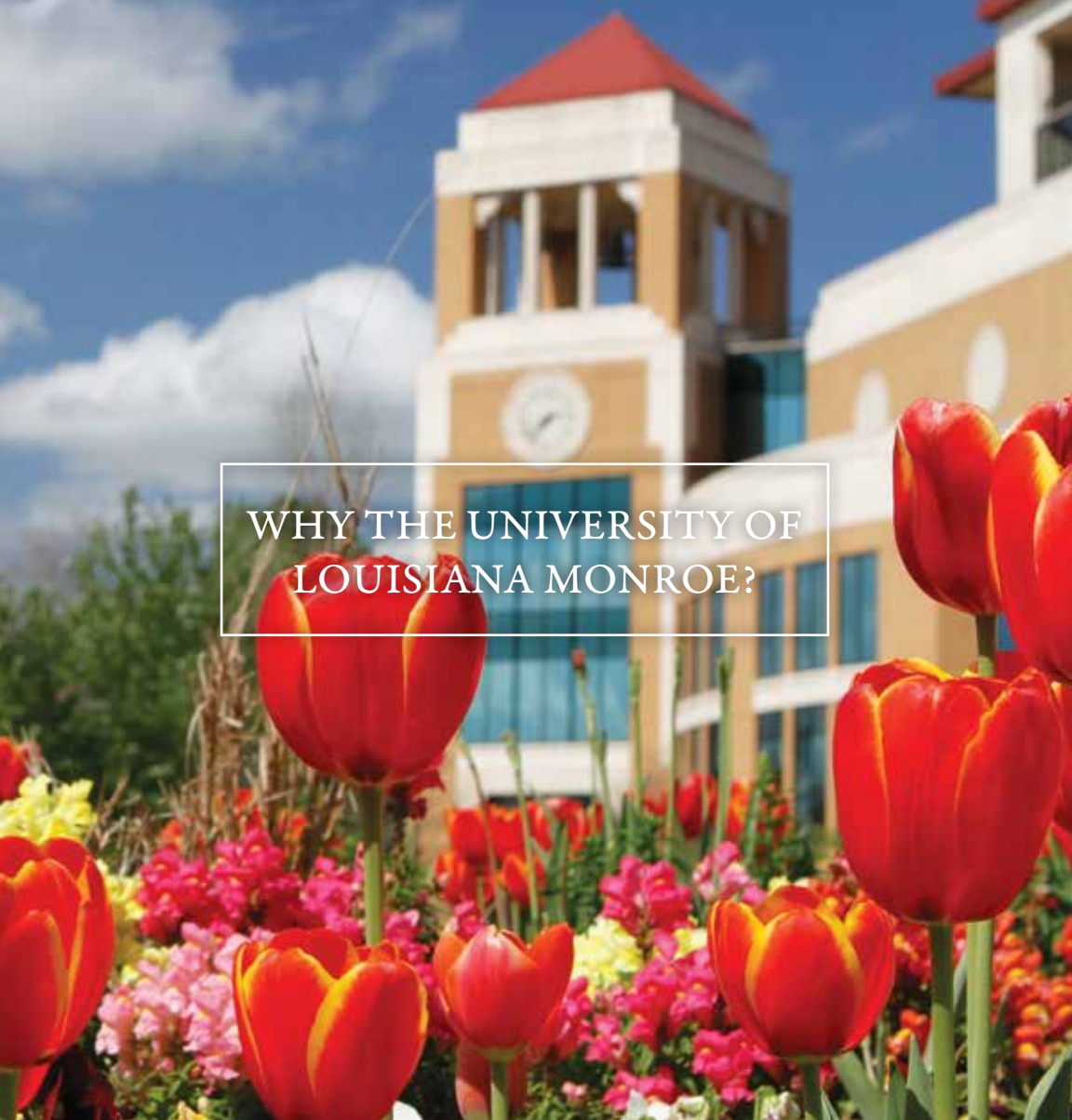


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**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA  
AT MONROE**

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[www.ulm.edu](http://www.ulm.edu)



WHY THE UNIVERSITY OF  
LOUISIANA MONROE?

At ULM, diversity is a reality. We are a vibrant community intersecting arts, cultures, religions, languages, and experiences. No matter who you are or what you want to become, you'll be a valued member of a fast-growing global community.

**150**

Student Organizations

**26<sup>x</sup>**

National Championship  
Water Ski Team

Home to the Fortune  
200 company,  
CENTURYLINK

**48%**

of incoming freshmen  
receive scholarships

Biology graduates are  
accepted into medical  
school at above the  
national and state  
average

NCAA Division I  
Sunbelt Conference

**9<sup>th</sup>**

ranked Nursing  
Program in the  
United States

Specialized majors include  
Risk Management and  
Insurance, Atmospheric  
Sciences, and Toxicology

**18:1**

Student-Teacher Ratio

**1:3**

Male-Female Ratio

**100%**

**PASS RATES**

in Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Speech  
Language Pathology, Medical Laboratory  
Sciences, Marriage and Family Therapy,  
Counseling, and Radiologic Technology

**96**

Majors and Minors  
Offered

University of  
**LOUISIANA**  
Monroe

**8817**

**7216** Undergraduate students

**911** Graduate students

**390** Pharmacy/Professional

**748** Out-of-State

**302** International

**65.2%** Caucasian

**26.4%** African American

**2%** Asian

**1.1%** Hispanic

**5.4%** Other

**TOP COUNTRIES  
NUMBER OF STUDENTS**



**55** COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

**TOP UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS**

Computer Science  
Biology  
Accounting  
Mathematics

**TOP GRADUATE MAJORS**

Pharmacy (PPHD)  
Business Admin  
Psychology  
Communication



# LOUISIANA SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE

Louisiana sits above the Gulf of Mexico at the mouth of the Mississippi River, bordered by Arkansas to the north, Mississippi to the east and Texas to the west. Originally colonized by the French during the 18th century, it became U.S. territory as part of the historic Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and was admitted to the Union in 1812. Louisiana's capital city is Baton Rouge. It is also home to the historic port city New Orleans, which is famous for its unique cuisine, jazz and spectacular Mardi Gras festival.



## EXPLORE LOUISIANA

• Our Louisiana roots run deep inside a culinary wonderland drawn from French, Spanish, African, Sicilian, Caribbean, Irish, German and American Indian cultures. Add a dash of country comfort and a pinch of sophistication, and you've got a recipe for the best food on the planet.

• It's the birthplace of America's only indigenous art form—Jazz—but Louisiana also is home to a host of musical styles ranging from Country, Gospel and Blues to Hip-Hop, Rockabilly and Rock 'n' Roll.

• When you make a list of all the unique things Louisiana offers, you quickly see the long-lasting influences of our French, Spanish and African ancestry.

Our past is well-preserved in our architecture, music, food and lifestyles—which include our amazing festivals—and of course in our museums of history and fine arts.

It is not an accident that Louisiana clings to the phrase "Laissez les bons temps rouler," meaning "Let the good times roll."

• With year-round hunting, fishing, golf and countless other opportunities for outdoor recreation, it is easy to see why Louisiana's nickname is "Sportsman's Paradise." Not to mention Louisiana hosts two major professional sporting teams: New Orleans Saints (NFL) and New Orleans Pelicans (NBA).



## AVERAGE SEASONAL TEMPERATURES

**SPRING**  
LOW 57°F / HIGH 79°F  
14°C 26°C

**SUMMER**  
LOW 75°F / HIGH 93°F  
24°C 34°C

**FALL**  
LOW 63°F / HIGH 80°F  
17°C 27°C

**WINTER**  
LOW 45°F / HIGH 62°F  
7°C 17°C



**The Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans is the largest enclosed stadium in the world.**

## TAX-FREE

**Louisiana is the only state that offers tax-free shopping to its foreign visitors.**



**The first bottler of Coca-Cola, Joseph Biedenharn, lived in Monroe.**



ON CAMPUS

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### WARHAWKS ATHLETICS

Big sports fan? Come cheer on our championship Warhawk sports teams, including men's (baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, track and field, waterski) and women's sports (basketball, beach volleyball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, track and field, tennis, volleyball, waterski).

### ULM ACTIVITY CENTER

Your student ID gets you free access to the weight room, cardio room, yoga studio, fitness classes, indoor running track, multipurpose court, basketball court, and much more.

### STUDY BREAK

Campus libraries, bookstores, and computer labs are here for you to make sure you have everything you need to keep up your GPA.

### STUDENT LOUNGES

Student Lounges are great places to relax and get to know your peers.

### HEALTHY EATING

There are several restaurants and cafés on campus, featuring healthful menu items and locally sourced, organic ingredients.

### ULM HEALTH CLINIC

A medical clinic is conveniently located right on campus.

### STUDENT PERKS AND DISCOUNTS

Students may be entitled to a "perk" or discount from local businesses. Often a business may offer you a discount if you ask, so please ask!



**Student Government Association** represents your voice on campus, uniting students to advance their interests on and off campus to make sure they have the best university experience possible.

**Joining a student group** is a great way to get involved, meet new people, and share in common interests.

[ulm.edu/studentlife](http://ulm.edu/studentlife)



**Bring your own water bottle**— Drinking water is free at various fill-up spots on campus



**FREE KAYAK.** The best way to experience our campus firsthand is by taking advantage of a free kayak trip!



WARHAWKS  
COMMUNITY

Taking advantage of ULM Residential Life Housing options offers you the convenience of living on campus. You'll meet students from across the United States and around the world, establish lifelong friendships, and get involved in a variety of activities around campus and in the surrounding area.



**Campus safety and security services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by foot and vehicle patrols.**

**24-hour emergency telephones, lighted pathways/sidewalks, and controlled dormitory access (key, security card, etc).**

**WARHAWK LIVING**

Living on campus at ULM offers a blend of housing options including apartments, suites and traditional style residence halls.

Our all-inclusive room package (electric, water, Dish TV, high speed Internet, and local phone service) plus the convenience of living on campus allows you to focus on what is important... being part of a great university!



## HOME AWAY FROM HOME

The Office of International Student Programs and Services guides you through government and university regulations from application to post-graduation. The office has resources to help you, including information on area cultural opportunities, housing, English language opportunities and general information about ULM's campus.

Additionally, the office serves as the home for the International Student Association, which would like to extend you a welcome and invite you to attend their parties and activities.

### LIEW FAMILY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTER

The Liew Family International Student Center offers a state-of-the-art facility that serves as a central hub for International students. It has a kitchen, seven multipurpose entertainment rooms, and a major conference room— all equipped with WiFi Internet access. Also, short term lodging (maximum 10 days) is available for International students. Students gather at the International Student Center to hang out, study, cook, and take advantage of the many amenities that the center offers.



Equipped with WiFi Internet access.



Don't miss showing off your traditional family recipes at the Annual ULM International Food Fair





## WORK ON CAMPUS

International students who are registered full-time and have a valid F or J visa are eligible to work on campus in a variety of jobs.

- Bookstore
- Cafeterias & campus restaurants
- Athletic facilities
- Registration & administration offices
- Research assistants for professors
- Security Services
- Student Publications

## AFTER GRADUATION

Students who have completed their degree are eligible to apply for employment authorization. If approved, the work authorization is valid for twelve months.

## INTERSHIP PROGRAMS

Some of our academic programs include work experience as part of the curriculum.


## Questions about your study or work eligibility?

**For more information contact International Student Services:**

[ulm.edu/international](http://ulm.edu/international)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL

All ULM students have the opportunity to work on-campus part time for up to twenty hours per week. As an international student, you are eligible to apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) once you have completed one full academic year. CPT affords you the opportunity to seek work off-campus that is directly related to your field of study.



EARN WHILE  
YOU LEARN

Any ULM student is eligible for part time on-campus employment. We offer student work opportunities in a variety of departments. Once an offer of employment has been made to an international student, the student can then apply for a Social Security number.





Degree programs at the University of Louisiana Monroe are housed in three different colleges. The College of Arts, Education, & Sciences, the College of Business & Social Sciences, and the College of Health & Pharmaceutical Sciences all offer honors programs. You also have the opportunity to pursue a graduate degree after completion of your undergraduate studies. The ULM Graduate School offers 21 advanced degree options.



COLLEGE OF ARTS,  
EDUCATION, & SCIENCES

The College of Arts, Education, & Sciences offers the skills and knowledge you need for some of the most rewarding careers in the world. Our graduates choose these paths because they want to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others. You can too! We invite you to become a part of our pursuit to enhance society. The College of Arts, Education, & Sciences is composed as follows: Schools of Humanities, School of Sciences, School of Education, and the School of Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA).



COLLEGE OF  
BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

The College of Business and Social Sciences (CBSS) prepares students for productive careers and responsible citizenship. Our programs benefit students, business and the community through research and service. The College of Business and Social Sciences houses three schools: School of Accounting, Financial & Informational Services, School of Behavioral & Social Sciences, and a School of Management. CBSS seeks to increase excellence in business education by offering a student-centered learning environment that produces high-quality graduates and by engaging in research and service that benefits students, business and the community.

- Art
- Atmospheric Science
- Biology  
– Pre-Med
- Communication
- Education
- English
- General Studies
- History
- Mass Communications
- Mathematics
- Music
- Modern Languages

- Accounting
- Agribusiness
- Aviation
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Construction Management
- Criminal Justice
- Finance
- General Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Risk Management and Insurance
- Social Work

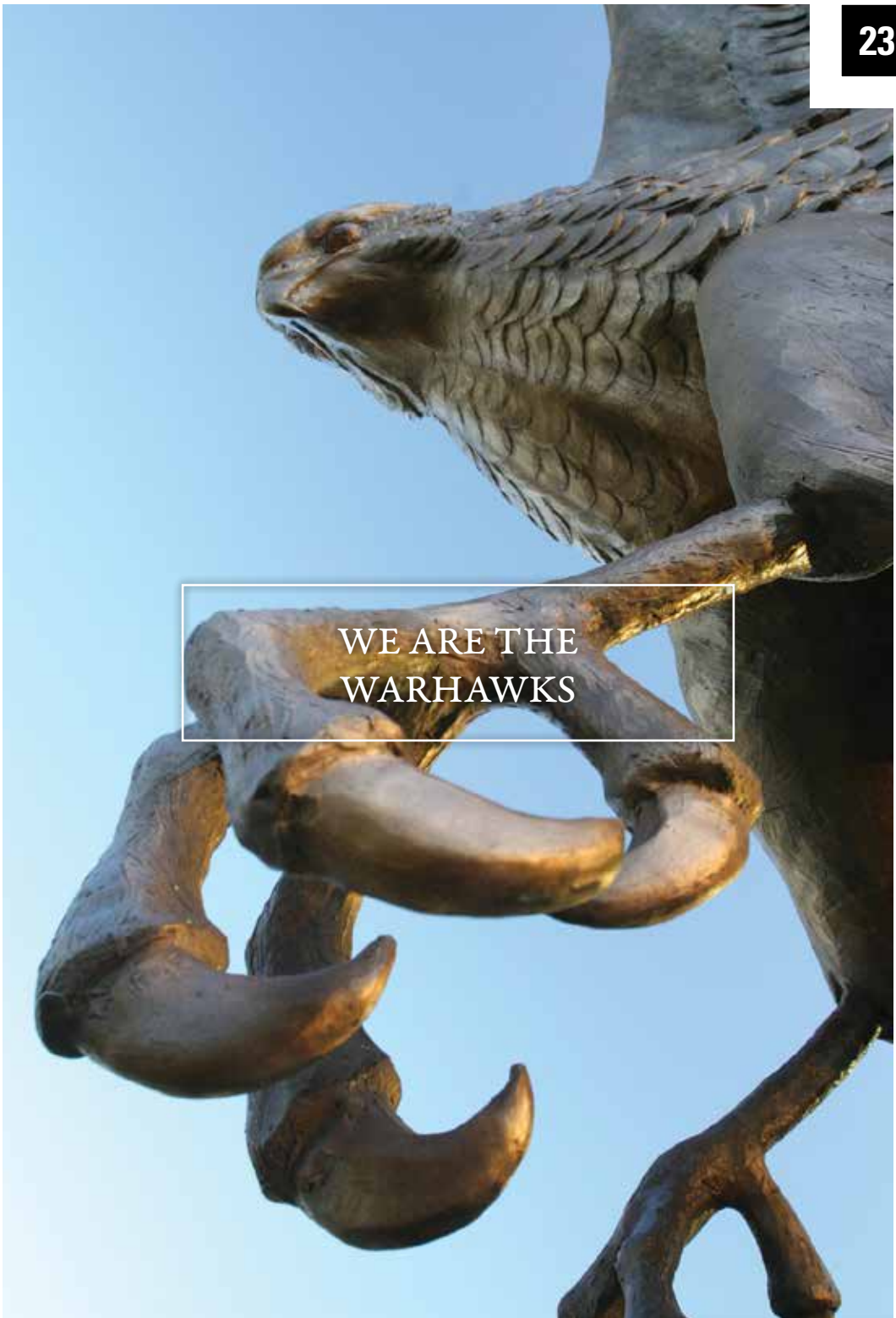


# COLLEGE OF HEALTH & PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

The College of Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences is dedicated to the education of health care professionals that serve the people of Louisiana and beyond. The College is comprised of three schools – School of Health Professions, School of Nursing, and School of Pharmacy – that offer degrees at the undergraduate and graduate level. These are exciting times to be in health care with advances in technology, new discoveries, and high demand for health care professionals.



- Dental Hygiene
- Health Studies:
  - Pre-Professional Option*
- Health Studies:
  - Management/Marketing Option*
- Kinesiology
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Radiologic Technology
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Pharmacy
- Toxicology



# WE ARE THE WARHAWKS



## SCHOLARSHIPS

The ULM Scholarship Office assists students in the search for, awarding, and processing of ULM scholarships. Specific scholarships are available only to incoming freshmen, while others are available to all ULM students who meet eligibility requirements.

### ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

By applying for admission, you are automatically considered for academic awards. Academic scholarships include President's Distinguished, Academic Excellence, Academic Recognition, and Ace's Award. Please visit [ulm.edu/scholarships](http://ulm.edu/scholarships) for more information.

### TALENT SCHOLARSHIPS

If you can read music and sing or play an instrument, you can audition for the ULM choir, band, or orchestra. For more information, visit [ulm.edu/music/scholarships](http://ulm.edu/music/scholarships).

### ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer scholarships in many sports. For more information, contact the coach for the respective sport at [ulmwarhawks.com](http://ulmwarhawks.com)

Men's sports (American Football, Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country, Golf, Track and Field).

Women's sports (Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Tennis, Sand Volleyball, Volleyball).

### FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The ULM Foundation offers over 400 private scholarships for a variety of majors. These scholarships are funded by the generosity of alumni and friends of ULM. They are awarded based on a variety of criteria including program of study, classification, college affiliation and more. To learn more about the types of awards available and the application guidelines, please visit [ulm.edu/scholarships](http://ulm.edu/scholarships) and follow the link to the ULM Foundation.

### ULM HONORS PROGRAM

Students may also find more scholarship opportunities through the Honors Program which is open to all majors and offers various options while working within the degree. Honors students are exposed to more in-depth topics and work closely with the Honors Faculty. For more information, visit [ulm.edu/honors](http://ulm.edu/honors).

### OUT-OF-STATE FEE WAIVERS

Non-resident students must meet minimum requirements to be eligible for an Out-of-State Fee Waiver. Eligible students will be notified of the award after submission of their admissions application, official ACT or SAT scores, and official high school transcripts. The minimum requirements can vary from year to year; therefore, you should visit [ulm.edu/international/scholarships](http://ulm.edu/international/scholarships) to see the most current requirements. By applying for admissions, you are automatically considered for the Out-of-State Fee Waiver.

## HOW TO APPLY

The first step in the International Undergraduate Student application process is to apply for admission online at **Apply Online** ([ulm.edu/enrollment/applyinginfo](http://ulm.edu/enrollment/applyinginfo)). If you haven't attended a university before, you will select application Number 5 for Undergraduate International Freshman. Applying early is best so that we can obtain and process your paperwork in a timely manner.

Once you have applied, you should mail the following to the International Student Office:

1. Official transcripts from your high school and your School Leaving Certificate Examination scores.
2. Official TOEFL or IELTS scores. ULM TOEFL code is 6482.
3. A Statement of Financial Backing and Understanding with a bank statement showing funds to cover expenses on I-20.
4. Official SAT or ACT scores. SAT school code is 6482. ACT school code is 1598.
5. A completed Immunization form.
6. A copy of your current passport and visa if applicable.
7. \$30 application fee can be paid by money order or check drawn on a US bank.



After all of your information has been received, it will be evaluated, and you may receive a request for any additional documents.

## International Undergraduate Admission Requirements

1. Completed a secondary program comparable to a U.S. high school graduation with a minimum 2.5 GPA
2. Demonstrated an English proficiency (TOEFL=61 Internet=173 computer or 500 paper test, IELTS=5.5) or language of instruction in English
3. Have minimum SAT scores of 450 (ACT score of 18) in English or SAT score of 460 (ACT score of 19) in Math
4. Submit a Statement of Financial Backing accompanied by a funding letter or sponsor's bank statement.

Additional admission information can be found at [www.ulm.edu/international](http://www.ulm.edu/international)



## GRADUATE PROGRAM

International Students that are granted admission to the Graduate School are eligible to apply for a Graduate Assistantship. Graduate assistants are appointed across a variety of academic and non-academic departments, and come in the form of teaching or research assignments. These appointments follow the university calendar and can be assigned during Fall semester, Spring semester, Summer I and Summer II terms, Maymester, and Winter intersessions. Additionally, students must be enrolled in graduate classes to be considered for graduate assistantships. The Graduate School considers assistantships to be a privilege; students given this opportunity will work to remain in accordance with the graduate school policies while maintaining excellent academic standing.

## HOW TO APPLY

The first step is to apply for Graduate School admission online at **Apply Online** ([www.ulm.edu/gradschool/international\\_admissions](http://www.ulm.edu/gradschool/international_admissions)). You will select application number 4G for Graduate International. It is best to apply early, so your paperwork can be obtained in a timely manner.

Once you have applied, please send the following to the International Student Office:

1. Official transcripts from any University you have attended. If you attended outside the US, we need an evaluation of the credits by World Education Services.
2. A Statement of Financial Backing and Understanding with a bank statement showing funds to cover expenses on I-20.
3. A completed Immunization form.
4. Official IELTS or TOEFL scores. ULM TOEFL code is 6482
5. GRE or GMAT (institutional code: 6482)
6. Three letters of recommendation.
7. Statement of purpose.
8. Graduate Assistantship Application, if applicable.
9. A copy of your passport and visa, if applicable.



After all of your information has been received, it will be evaluated, and you will receive a request for any additional documents.

## NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS

### 1. HOUSING

It is important to secure housing before your arrival. If you choose to live on campus, please complete the housing application at ([ulm.edu/reslife/onlinehousingapplication](http://ulm.edu/reslife/onlinehousingapplication)). For more information visit: [ulm.edu/reslife](http://ulm.edu/reslife). Priority due date for housing application is mid-January. Any applications turned in after that date are not guaranteed housing.

### 2. AIRPORT TRAVEL

Reserve your plane tickets in advance. The airport code for Monroe is MLU. There are no nonstop flights to Monroe, so be prepared for at least one connecting flight. If you require airport pickup, please complete an arrival request and send to [international@ulm.edu](mailto:international@ulm.edu).

### 3. MONEY

For cost of attendance information please visit our website at [ulm.edu/international](http://ulm.edu/international). Your tuition and fees will be due no later than the Friday before classes begin. You will need a major credit card, electronic check or a bank draft. You also have the option to set up a payment plan which breaks your payment into 3 parts, each of which is payable about every 4 to 6 weeks. Carrying a large amount of cash is not recommended.

### 4. KEEP RECORDS

Be sure you are keeping up with records and copies of documents provided upon admission, such as, immunization, financial support documents.

Please make sure to complete ULM's immunization compliance form prior to entering the country. Located at [ulm.edu/immunization](http://ulm.edu/immunization).

### 5. LIEW FAMILY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTER

The Liew Family International Student Center is a valuable resource to you on ULM's campus. For more information visit: [ulm.edu/international/studentcenter](http://ulm.edu/international/studentcenter). If you need temporary housing, the Liew International Family Student Center is available for temporary housing for a maximum of 10 days. Fill out a temporary housing request here: [ulm.edu/international/forms](http://ulm.edu/international/forms).

### 6. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICE

Make sure to maintain contact with the International Student office. This office will be your home away from home while you study at ULM. We can assist you with enrollment information now that you have been admitted. Please feel free to contact us at [international@ulm.edu](mailto:international@ulm.edu) or 318-342-6766.

### 7. ORIENTATION

Register for international student orientation on our website at: [ulm.edu/international](http://ulm.edu/international).

### 8. VISA APPOINTMENTS

If you require a new F-1 or J-1 visa to enter the country, please visit the U.S. Department of State's website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) (search for 'Student Visa') and follow the instructions for visa application. You will need your I-20 to make this appointment.

## MEET YOUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICE STAFF



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Sami is a long-time Warhawk having earned two degrees at ULM before joining the staff full-time in 2000. She became the Director of International Student Services in 2013. Under her leadership, the international student population at ULM continues to grow, and she credits the hardwork and energy of her team. Outside of work, Sami spends time with her husband and children and enjoys running and many other sports and activities.

"As your International Student director, I pledge to always go the extra mile in helping to make your ULM experience everything it can be."



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Josh is a Warhawk through and through. He graduated with his Bachelor's in Foreign Languages degree in December 2011 and received his MBA in December 2013. As an undergraduate, Josh participated in numerous study abroad experiences in Europe and Northern Africa. In addition to his work in the Office of International Student Services, he teaches English as a Second Language in the Department of Modern Languages.



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Kelsey is a Monroe, native, and she received her Bachelor's degree in Merchandising from Louisiana State University with minors in Business and Sociology in May 2011. She returned back to her hometown to pursue her Master's degree in Business Administration from ULM and graduated in August 2013. She fell in love with ULM when she worked as a graduate assistant in the Graduate School Office, and she is very excited to be working with International Students!



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