



Regents Recap

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REGENTS RAISE STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

New Minimum Statewide Admissions Standards for 2012

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BATON ROUGE, La- The Louisiana Board of Regents today raised the minimum standards students must meet to enter the state's four-year universities. These statewide minimum admissions standards set the floor, but universities are encouraged to exceed them when adopting their institution's unique admissions requirements. The new standards take effect for the Fall of 2012.

The minimum admissions standards for regional institutions adopted by Regents mandate incoming college freshman must at least:

1. Take the Regents high school core curriculum AND,
2. Earn a high school CORE GPA of 2.0 OR, an ACT composite of 20 AND,
3. Require no developmental/remedial courses for admission (beginning in 2014)

"It's important to remember that as we raise the floor on statewide admissions, students and institutions will aim higher," noted Commissioner of Higher Education Sally Clausen. "These standards represent action towards creating a culture of student success for Louisiana."

Regents last raised statewide minimum admissions standards in 2005. Over the last few months a number of institutions have raised their requirements as Regents continued to drive higher standards. Information on individual campus admissions requirements can be found at:

Louisiana State University A&M
www.lsu.edu/paurec/freshman.shtml

University of New Orleans
http://admissions.uno.edu/instruct_ugrd.cfm

Louisiana State University-Alexandria
<http://admissions.lsu.edu/roadMap/admissionRequirements.aspx>

Southeastern Louisiana University
<http://www.selu.edu/admin/admissions>

Louisiana State University-Shreveport
<http://www.lsus.edu/admissions/freshmen.php>

University of Louisiana at Lafayette
<http://admissions.louisiana.edu/basics/requirements.shtml>

Louisiana Tech University
<http://www.latech.edu/admissions/index.shtml>

Grambling State University
<http://www.gram.edu/admissions/criteria.asp>

Northwestern State University
<http://admissions.nsula.edu/first-time-freshman-admission/>

McNeese State University
<http://www.mcneese.edu/admissions/>

Nichols State University
<http://www.nicholls.edu/admission/admissions-requirements/>

University of Louisiana at Monroe
<http://www.ulm.edu/prospectivestudents/>

Southern University and A&M College
<http://web.subr.edu/index.php?id=84>

Southern University New Orleans
http://www.sunu.edu/Future_Students/

**UPCOMING
REGENTS
MEETINGS:**

May 26-27

Joint Regents/BESE

May 20

June 23-24

Academic & Student Affairs Action

The Board of Regents approved the following program terminations:

- Southeastern Louisiana University
A.A. in Office Administration
- Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport
M.H.S. in Health Science
- Fletcher Technical Community College-
A.A.S. in Electronics Technology and two corresponding certificates
- Baton Rouge Community College
A.G.S. in General Studies
- Acadiana Technical College
A.A.S. in Care and Development of Young Children and corresponding diploma and two certificates

The Board of Regents approved the following proposed new academic program as an EXEMPTION to the 2009 Moratorium:

- Fletcher Technical Community College-A.S. in Criminal Justice

The Board of Regents also approved a number of routine academic items

Board of Regents Highlights

Regents approved the following items:

- Budget Adjustment Request –Southern University System
- Initial License-Virginia College
- License Renewal-Central Texas College
- TOPS/TOPS Tech Course Substitution Requests
- Amendment to the LONI Management Council to include LPB
- Support Fund Planning Committee & Subcommittee Nominees
- Funding Recommendations for the FY 2009-10 Board of Regents Support Fund(BoRSF) Competitive Cycle
 1. All prior funding commitments fulfilled
 2. Funding for Eminent Scholars shall be maintained
 3. Each 4-year campus guaranteed matching funds for two Endowed Professorships; Each 2-year campus guaranteed one.
 4. Other programs and subprograms shall be cut on a pro rata basis to achieve projected budget reduction of \$8.8 million.

Students Tell Regents of Life Changing College Experiences



Administrators from the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) in New Orleans, along with one of their students, share with the Board of Regents the schools' emphasis on developing strong school leaders and exposing students to a college experience at an early age.

LSU student and Truman Scholarship winner, Devon Wade, describes how education was his ticket to a better life. Wade's parents were both in prison for most of his childhood, yet he always believed that college was within his reach.



Christine Broussard, a 30-year-old student at Northwestern State University, shares with the board her experience as an adult student who returned to higher education 10 years after she started her degree. Broussard earned her undergraduate degree completely on-line.

After being laid off from a job in the financial sector, 40-year-old student Sherry Luquette found River Parishes Community College to be a place where she could rebuild her life and her career. Her goal is to teach children with special needs.



Did You Know?

The Academic Common Market was established by the Southern Regional Education Board in 1974 so that 16 member states could share academic degrees.

- LA residents have access to 195 graduate and 96 undergraduate programs through SREB member states.
- LA offers 90 programs to students from other states (39 at the baccalaureate level, 33 at the master's level and 18 at the doctoral level)