

## Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

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<http://www.louisiana.edu/AboutUs/IndexAZ.shtml#C>

Abbreviation	UL Lafayette-specific term	Full Name	Explanation
ACSK	✓	Academic Skills	A designation for the academic unit which offers study, learning and testing skills
AACSB International		Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	An association of educational institutions, businesses, and other organizations devoted to the advancement of higher education in management education, and the leading accrediting agency of collegiate business schools and accounting programs worldwide.
ABET		Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology	ABET promotes and advances education in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology and accredits educational programs in these areas. The accreditation arm of ABET is the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC).
ACRL		Association of College and Research Libraries	A division of the ALA dedicated to enhancing the ability of academic library and information professionals to serve the information needs of the higher education community and to improve learning, teaching, and research.
ACT SOS		ACT Student Opinion Survey	Assessment survey developed and administered by ACT which explores enrolled students' satisfaction with programs, services, and other aspects of their college experience.
ADAAA		Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act	A new law ( September 25, 2008) that amends the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and restores the original intent of Congress when it drafted the law in 1990 with regard to who is protected from discrimination on the basis of disability.
ASC	✓	Academic Success Center (formerly Junior Division)	<a href="http://studentsuccess.louisiana.edu/">http://studentsuccess.louisiana.edu/</a>
AY		Academic Year	
BOR		Louisiana Board of Regents	The policy and coordinating board for all Louisiana public postsecondary educational institutions.
BOS		University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors	The management board for UL Lafayette which oversees the operations of the universities in the University of Louisiana System. It is one of four such management boards in the State.
CAAP		Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency	A general education assessment instrument developed by ACT.

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CAAS	✓	Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards	Initiates and considers recommendations to the administration concerning the academic standards and academic rules and regulations of the University; brings the university regulations into conformity with principles and regulations of state and accrediting agencies; hears routine appeals for waiver of academic regulations in cases of individual students; and acts as a final court of appeal in cases concerning accusations of "unfair and capricious grading."
CAE CLA		Council for the Aid to Education's Collegiate Learning Assessment	
CCC		College Cost Calculator	The College Cost Calculator project, instituted by VSA, helps a student estimate the cost to attend a particular college as well as the dollar amount and types of aid they could receive to cover those college costs.
CDC	✓	Child Development Center	The Child Development Center provides a reduced-cost, high-quality, professional environment for the nurturing, care, and development of preschool children of the University community. Ninety percent of the available places are reserved for the children of students.
CEA		Course-Embedded Assessments	
CLID	✓	Campus Login Identification	In the form of three initial and four numbers (abc1234)
DL		Distance Learning	
ED IPE	✓	Executive Director of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness	
EH&S	✓	Environmental Health and Safety	The UL Lafayette Office of Environmental Health and Safety's primary responsibility is to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for all members of the campus community. These responsibilities are shared with the University Police, Student Health Services, and Student Affairs. The efforts of these offices are supplemented by a variety of campus initiatives.
ENS		Emergency Notification System	
ETS		Educational Testing Services	
FERPA		Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	

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FIRREA		Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989	
FY		Fiscal Year	The State of Louisiana's (hence, UL Lafayette's) begins July 1 <sup>st</sup> and ends June 30 <sup>th</sup> each year. For example, FY2008 would begin July 1, 2008, and end June 30, 2009.
GSO	✓	Graduate Student Organization	
ICMSN		Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing	A consortium of three universities that educates students in four specialty tracks: Adult Health Nurse Practitioner/Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist ; Adult Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner/ Adult Psychiatric/Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist ; Nursing Education; Nursing Leadership and Administration in Healthcare
ILL		Interlibrary Loan	
IP		Intellectual Properties	
ISIS	✓	Integrated Student Information System	Student academic records are maintained in the University's computer-based Integrated Student Information System (ISIS) which is provided and maintained by the University Office of Information Systems. This system includes integrated modules for student admissions, student records, registration, financial aid, student billing, student accounts receivable, and degree audit.
L3		L3	A plan developed by the Lafayette Economic Development Authority: "L3 - Marketing Lafayette Through 2010."
LA PTAC	✓	Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center	By increasing the U.S. Department of Defense, federal, state and local government contracting awards to companies located in the state, Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center strengthens the competitive position of Louisiana businesses and industries. The state administrative office is located on the UL Lafayette campus and oversees four sub-recipient centers located strategically throughout the state of Louisiana.
LALINC		Louisiana Academic Library Information Network Consortium	LALINC provides faculty, and in some cases graduate students, borrowing privileges from participating Louisiana academic libraries.
LaPAS		Louisiana Performance Accountability System	<a href="http://wwwprd.doa.louisiana.gov/lapas/public/index.cfm?action=showAbout">http://wwwprd.doa.louisiana.gov/lapas/public/index.cfm?action=showAbout</a>

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LEDA		Lafayette Economic Development Authority	<a href="http://www.lafayette.org/site.php">http://www.lafayette.org/site.php</a>
LEI		Lafayette Entertainment Initiative	<a href="http://www.lei-la.org/site.php">http://www.lei-la.org/site.php</a>
LITE	✓	Louisiana Immersive Technologies Enterprise	A \$27 million, 70,000-square-foot 3D visualization facility located at the Research Park of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. LITE's client base includes private sector and federal and state funded research projects.
LONI		Louisiana Optical Network Initiative	A state-of-the-art, fiber optics network that runs throughout Louisiana, and connects Louisiana and Mississippi research universities to one another as well as to National LambdaRail and Internet2. LONI connects Louisiana's major research universities.
LOUIS		The Louisiana Library Network	LOUIS combines the resources of Louisiana's public and private academic libraries, along with a centralized support staff located on the LSU campus, to produce a valuable library consortium.
MAPP		Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress	Test of some general education outcomes developed by ETS.
MOCBA	✓	B.I. Moody College of Business Administration	
NSSE		National Survey of Student Engagement	
OCD	✓	Office for Campus Diversity	<a href="http://diversity.louisiana.edu/">http://diversity.louisiana.edu/</a>
ODS	✓	Office of Disabilities Services (formerly Services for Students with Disabilities)	<a href="http://disability.louisiana.edu/">http://disability.louisiana.edu/</a>
OIR	✓	Office of Institutional Research	<a href="http://instres.louisiana.edu/">http://instres.louisiana.edu/</a>
OIS	✓	Office of Information Systems	<a href="http://ois.louisiana.edu/">http://ois.louisiana.edu/</a>
ORM		Louisiana Office of Risk Management	Develops and administers a cost effective comprehensive risk management program for all agencies, boards and commissions of the State of Louisiana.
ORM		Office of Risk Management	The State of Louisiana is self-insured through the Louisiana Office of Risk Management.
ORSP	✓	Office of Research and Sponsored Programs	An arm of the Office of the Vice President for Research, ORSP has both pre-award and many post award responsibilities. ORSP assists UL Lafayette investigators in many ways to secure outside funding for research and other activities. It helps investigators learn

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			about funding opportunities, conceptualize and prepare grant proposals, secure University approval for proposals, and submit proposals for funding.
PRNS	✓	Formerly the Office of Public Relations and News Services, now Communications and Marketing	<a href="http://www.louisiana.edu/Advancement/PRNS/about-us/mission.shtml">http://www.louisiana.edu/Advancement/PRNS/about-us/mission.shtml</a>
Provost	✓	Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs	
QEP		Quality Enhancement Plan	
RAT	✓	Rapid Action Team	Rapid Action Teams (RATs), formed as needed to examine an area related to general education. The teams take between six and 18 months to analyze the data, collect additional data as needed, and make recommendations to the General Education Committee to correct deficiencies and/or enhance learning.
SAVPAAA	✓	Special Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for Assessment	
SEI	✓	Student Evaluation of Instruction	The regular process used for students to evaluate instruction at the end of a course.
SGA	✓	Student Government Association	<a href="http://sga.louisiana.edu/">http://sga.louisiana.edu/</a>
SHS	✓	Student Health Services	<a href="http://www.louisiana.edu/Student/Health/">http://www.louisiana.edu/Student/Health/</a>
SREB		Southern Regional Education Board	<a href="http://www.sreb.org/">http://www.sreb.org/</a>
SSD	✓	Services for Students with Disabilities (now called Office of Disabilities Services)	<a href="http://disability.louisiana.edu/">http://disability.louisiana.edu/</a>
STEP	✓	Student Technology Enhancement Program	Funded by a student technology fee, the STEP program is dedicated to the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and efficient use of state-of-the-art technology solely for the purpose of supporting and improving student life and learning.
TOPS		Taylor Opportunity Program for	Taylor Opportunity Program for Students is Louisiana's merit-based tuition award

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		Students	program.
UCS	✓	University Computing System	
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ULink	✓	Student Web Portal	Through Ulink, students, faculty and staff access all official University information including course schedules, grades, unofficial transcripts, and financial transactions.
ULPD	✓	University of Louisiana at Lafayette Police Department	<a href="http://police.louisiana.edu/">http://police.louisiana.edu/</a>
UPC	✓	University Program Council	University Program Council, along with the Student Union, plans student activities on campus. The UPC consists of the African-American Culture Committee, the Events Committee, the Spirit Committee, and the Traditions Committee.
UWIN	✓	University Wireless Information Network	UL Lafayette's campus-wide, secure wireless data network.
VPAA	✓	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost and	
VPAF	✓	Vice President for Administration and Finance	
VPEM	✓	Vice President for Enrollment Management	
VPR	✓	Vice President for Research	
VPSA	✓	Vice President for Student Affairs	
VPUA	✓	Vice President for University Advancement	
VSA		Voluntary System of Accountability	