

NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ABOUT NICHOLLS

Nicholls State University, located in Thibodaux, Louisiana, is a comprehensive, regional university serving south central Louisiana. Tax-supported and coeducational, it first opened its doors September 23, 1948, as Francis T. Nicholls Junior College of Louisiana State University. Francis Redding Tillou Nicholls was born on August 20, 1834, in Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish. After his graduation from West Point in 1855, he practiced law in South Louisiana. During the Civil War he rose to the rank of brigadier general. His battlefield wounds cost him his left arm and leg and he was a prisoner of war. After the war he returned to his law practice in Napoleonville. The Louisiana State Democratic Party nominated him for governor in 1876. His election generally is considered to mark the end to Louisiana's political Reconstruction and the reestablishment of "Home Rule."

His second tenure as governor (1888-1892) was climaxed by his successful opposition to the corrupt Louisiana Lottery Company. With his term completed, he was named chief justice to the Louisiana Supreme Court. He retired to his Thibodaux home in 1911 and died in 1912.

In 1956, the Louisiana Legislature separated Nicholls from LSU and authorized it to develop four-year curricula. Thus, in September 1956, the former junior college began operation as Francis T. Nicholls State College. It granted its first degrees in May 1958. Act 93 of the State Legislature in 1970 changed the name to Nicholls State University.

Nicholls is located in the heart of "Cajun Country," an area rich in tradition and culture. Its location in the heart of the Mississippi River delta, allows easy access to the river, its tributaries, Louisiana's wetlands, and the Gulf of Mexico. The 210-acre campus in Thibodaux, is approximately 50 miles southwest of New Orleans and 60 miles southeast of Baton Rouge.

For more than half a century, Nicholls State University has been the sole provider of higher education in a region with abundant cultural and natural resources. The university's strong general education program prepares students to exercise leadership in a global society and enhances their ability to create a vision for the future. By maintaining a major partnership with businesses, local school systems, community agencies, and other educational institutions, Nicholls actively participates in the development of the region.

Established along the banks of Bayou Lafourche, in the heart of one of the nation's major estuaries, Nicholls provides unique opportunities for instruction and research in the fields of marine and environmental science. The university has taken advantage of its strategic location to assume a leadership role in a region with ample resources in agricultural, fishing, petrochemical, and oilfield-related industries. As a leader, the university continues to contribute significantly to the growth of the region in regard to new technology, manufacturing, and international trade.

Nicholls maintains a strong commitment to the well-being of the people of the region. Through the expansion of health science programs, the university collaborates with a nationally recognized health care industry in the Houma-Thibodaux metropolitan area to meet the needs of its constituents. Nicholls State University serves a diverse population of traditional and non-traditional students, as well as professional, social, and cultural groups who contribute to the university and benefit from their relationship with it.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Nicholls State University, a quality institution of higher education, is dedicated to meeting the unique geographic and multi-cultural needs of south central Louisiana and beyond.

Vision

Within the initial decade of the new millennium, Nicholls State University will be recognized as a premiere, selective admissions institution of higher education dedicated to the needs of its diverse student body. The university will become the center for collaborative scientific, technological, cultural, educational, and economic leadership services in South Central Louisiana.

Mission

Nicholls State University provides a unique blend of excellent academic programs to meet the needs of Louisiana and beyond. The university cultivates productive, responsible, engaged citizens in a personalized, culturally rich and dynamic learning environment through quality teaching, research, and service.

Values

The Nicholls State University Community supports the Nicholls Creed, affirming “values that promote citizenship, concern for self and others, and the desire for a better world,” and embraces as its core values:

DIVERSITY: We respect differences among members of society by providing a nurturing and tolerant environment.

EXCELLENCE: We strive to achieve the highest quality in all endeavors. We strive for excellence in teaching, research, and service, and empowerment through learning.

INTEGRITY: We strive to be fair and truthful in all instances.

LEADERSHIP: We are good stewards and representatives of the university because we value our collective role as a regional leader and model for all we serve.

RESPECTFULNESS: We commit to the customs and amenities of a civil society. We respect the rights of others and are responsive to the needs and interests of our constituents.

RESPONSIBILITY: We are responsible for our actions. We adhere to the doctrine of individual accountability in all our activities and contributions.

Strategic Goals 2006-2010

In an effort to fulfill its mission, the following strategic goals have been developed.

Increase opportunities for student access and success

Ensure quality and accountability

Enhance services to community and state

Manage fiscal resources (all resources related to university expenses)

Increase recognition and visibility of university

Enhance sense of university community

Promote a diverse university community to provide an enriched and challenging educational experience

ACCREDITATION

Nicholls State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, master and specialist levels.

Inquiries relating to the accreditation status of Nicholls State University can be mailed to the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097, or may be directed to (404) 6974501 via telephone.

LIST OF NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY ACCREDITATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS	
	ACCREDITING AGENCY and PROGRAM ACCREDITED
NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY	Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Institution
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES	Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. BA Mass Communication
	American Chemical Society BS Chemistry
	Computer Science Accreditation Commission of the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board BS Computer Science
	National Association of Schools of Art and Design. BA Art
	National Association of Schools of Music BA Music
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Baccalaureate and Master degrees
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences BS Family and Consumer Sciences
	National Association of School Psychologists Specialist in School Psychology
	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Baccalaureate degrees
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH	American Nurses Credentialing Centers Commission on Accreditation Nursing Continuing Education
	American Society of Cytopathology. CC Cytotechnology Program
	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs AS Cardiopulmonary Care Science AS Emergency Medical Services–Paramedic BS Health Science Athletic Training Science Concentration AS Respiratory Care Advanced Certificate in Advanced Respiratory Therapy
	Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education BS Dietetics
	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education BS Nursing
	Louisiana State Board of Nursing BS and AS Nursing
	National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission BS and AS Nursing

Tutorial and Academic Enhancement Center	National Tutoring Association and the College Reading and Learning Association
University Counseling Center	International Association of Counseling Services, Inc.

SPECIAL CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Ellender Memorial Library

Centrally and conveniently located, the three-story Allen J. Ellender Memorial Library houses more than 443,600 books and bound periodicals, 2,000 journal titles, 350,000 catalogued federal and state documents, and provides access to 40,000 E-books and over 50 electronic reference sources. The Allen J. Ellender Archives, Interlibrary Loan, and the Multimedia Center are located on the first floor, Circulation and Reference on the second, and Government Documents and Serials on the third. In addition, The Ellender Computer Lab can be found on the first floor. Most collections are easily accessible through open shelving, convenient service stations and the computerized card catalogue known as iLink.

Service is the first priority of the library's faculty and staff. Our Reference librarians offer one-on-one help and provide mass instruction in library skills, an integral part of University College classes in freshman studies, and they visit classes to explain topics of particular interest to students and instructors. Interlibrary Loan personnel offer personalized services to patrons who need materials from other libraries, using the latest online computer technology to locate and request materials.

The Archives, part of the Special Collections Department, serves as a repository for primary and secondary materials relating to Louisiana. Its largest collection is the papers of Senator Allen J. Ellender, which document his thirty-five year career in the U. S. Senate. Other original materials available to patrons include antebellum plantation papers, local business records, diaries and journals, historical photographs, and papers of past university presidents, as well as university yearbooks and student newspaper files.

Alumni Federation

The Nicholls State University Alumni Federation, chartered in 1960, is composed of graduates and former students who have successfully completed at least one semester and a minimum of twelve semester hours. A board of directors elected by the general membership directs Federation activities. The Federation conducts an annual business meeting each spring on campus. Active members are those who have paid annual dues. The board bestows honorary membership on special friends of the university. Nicholls faculty members hold associate membership in the Federation.

The organization maintains and promotes a mutually beneficial relationship between the university and its alumni. It publishes *The Colonel*; sponsors homecoming activities; and awards 11 scholarships each year.

The director of Alumni Affairs supervises day-to-day activities from an office on campus in the Clarence James Jr. Alumni House at 203 Audubon Drive. The mailing address is P. O. Box 2158, Thibodaux, LA 70310; Telephone number 985-448-4111.

Louisiana Center for Women and Government

The mission of the Louisiana Center for Women and Government at Nicholls is to encourage the future leadership of women by preparing them for public service through non-partisan provision and support of education, research, training, and the development of creative programs. Among the programs offered by the Center are a unique internship program and faculty research grant. The Center also hosts seminars and conferences, and has instituted a Hall of Fame to honor outstanding Louisiana women for their contributions to the public sector.

The Center is located in the Ellender Memorial Library Facility on Leighton Drive. The mailing

address is P.O. Box 2062, Thibodaux, LA 70310; Telephone number 985-448-4770.

Louisiana Center for Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders

The Center for the Study of Dyslexia is a state Center, housed in 133 Polk and Peltier Halls and administered through University College. The major functions of the Center are to prepare teachers to serve individuals with dyslexia through clinical and educational intervention, to provide direct service to Nicholls State University students and area residents, and to conduct psycho-educational assessments for children and adults. Additionally, the Center disseminates information about dyslexia, contributes to state policy regarding dyslexia, and conducts research that contributes to the study of dyslexia. The mailing address is P.O. Box 2050, Thibodaux, LA 70310; Telephone number 985-448-4897.

Small Business Development Center

The mission of the Louisiana Small Business Development Center (LSBDC Network) is to enhance the economic well being of the citizens of Louisiana by providing comprehensive, high-quality assistance to existing and potential small businesses. The center fosters the formation and growth of small businesses through individual counseling services, educational training programs, and business information resources to expand and diversify the Louisiana economy. It is committed to implementing initiatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration as well as Louisiana's master plan for economic development. The SBDC is housed in 104 White Hall. The mailing address is P.O. Box 2015, Thibodaux, LA 70310 and telephone number is 985-448-4242.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Honors Program

The Honors Program is designed with the highly-motivated students in mind. The mission of the Honors Program is to create enhanced educational experiences for a community of intellectually curious and academically talented students by providing challenging and creative opportunities that foster a life-long love of learning. Through innovative teaching, honors students receive a distinctly personal education that significantly involves them in the learning process. Because enrollment is limited, honors classes allow students to learn in small groups. See University College for further information.

Tulane University School of Medicine Early Acceptance Program

Through an agreement with Tulane University School of Medicine, Nicholls State University may nominate up to four students at the end of their sophomore year for early acceptance into medical school. By fulfilling specific academic requirements of the program, these students may enter Tulane University School of Medicine following graduation from Nicholls. Applications for the Program are due June 1 of each year to the Nicholls State University Early Acceptance Program committee chair. The Nicholls State Early Acceptance Program Committee submits four nominees to the Office of Admissions at Tulane University School of Medicine each June. Students interested in this program should seek further information from their Department Head.

Proposed Sequence of Courses for Tulane School of Medicine Early Acceptance Program.

Freshman Year		Spring Semester	
Fall Semester	Hours		Hours
English 101 or placement	3	English 102 or placement	3
Math required in curriculum*	3	Math required in curriculum	3
Biology 155	4	Biology 156	4
Chemistry 105	3	Chemistry 106	3
History 151 or 101	3	Chemistry 110	2
Freshman Studies Course	<u>1</u>	History 151 or 102	<u>3</u>
	17		18

(*19 hrs if Math 165)

Sophomore Year			
Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
Curriculum electives	6	English literature elective	3
Science elective	4	Chemistry 222	3
Chemistry 221	3	Chemistry 226	2
Physics 101 or 201	3	Physics 102 or 202	3
Physics 103 or 203	<u>1</u>	Physics 104 or 204	1
	17	Biology 320 or 326	<u>4</u>
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International Study Programs

Nicholls State had a vision over a quarter of a century ago to expand its classrooms from a regional campus in Louisiana to a global environment. Today, the university has ten international study sites around the world. The university continues its commitment to this vision. As part of its mission, the university strives to prepare students to interpret and respond to changing regional, national, and global societies. One way of accomplishing this goal is to educate students in different parts of the world as well as in diversified cultures.

Art Abroad Program

Office: 221-225 Talbot Hall

Phone: 448-4597

Program Director: Jean Donegan

The Division of Art offers an educational travel opportunity each summer which departs in early June. Accompanied by faculty of Nicholls State, students participate in an organized tour which concentrates on a few countries in Europe. Some past itineraries have included Ireland, England and France, Spain, the French Riviera and Northern Italy, and Greece and Italy. The length of the program is approximately nineteen days and is designed to offer on-site experiences while providing the opportunity of fulfilling academic courses in art, fine arts, art history, humanities and field study for studio courses in photography and drawing. Annual programs are available to all students and individuals in the community.

Honors Abroad Program

Office: 245 Peltier Hall

Phone: 448-4610

Program Director: Martin Simpson

Program Coordinator: John Doucet

The university has established a study abroad program to England for students who are enrolled in the Honors Program. The program offers a cross-cultural educational opportunity by placing students in England as part of their undergraduate experience. Students are enrolled in a special set of courses such as history and English. Students begin their courses on the campus of Nicholls. In a four-week period during the semester, students attend classes at the University of Plymouth in England. Students return to the campus of Nicholls to complete their courses and semester. Nicholls faculty teach the courses and design extra-curricular activities to take advantage of the different cultural setting. Students are housed in the dormitories of the university.

One of the largest universities in England, the University of Plymouth is located in Plymouth and has approximately 23,000 students. The city of Plymouth is a port city in the southwestern part of England.

Nicholls Europe

Office: 241 Beauregard

Phone: 448-4460

Coordinator: Jim Barnidge

Nicholls Europe is the second oldest international study program in the state of Louisiana. Students have an opportunity to travel and study in England, Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, and the Czech Republic. The twenty-day summer travel program takes place in the months of June and July. Students are provided with an up-close and personal study of art, drama, architecture, government, and history. Students of all disciplines are eligible to earn undergraduate or graduate credit in history, humanities, and art courses.