Nicholls Fast Facts

Founded: Sept. 23, 1948
Location: Thibodaux, Louisiana
Colors: Red
Gray
Mascot: Colonel
Namesake: Francis Redding Tillou Nicholls, two-term Louisiana governor and Louisiana Supreme Court chief justice
Size of main campus: 52 campus buildings on 288 acres
Annual operating budget, fiscal 2017-2018: $56.7 million
Degrees awarded: more than 50,000

ADMINISTRATION
President: Dr. Jay Clune
Executive Vice President for Enrollment and External Affairs: Alex Arceneaux
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs: Dr. Sue Westbrook
Vice President for Finance and Administration: Terry Braud
Athletics Director: Matt Roan

ACCREDITATION
Nicholls State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master and specialist degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Nicholls State University.

2018 FRESHMAN CLASS
1,301 first-time freshmen
TOPS scholarship recipients: 934
High school valedictorians: 64
Average ACT Score: 22.4
Average high school GPA: 3.34

63% of this year’s freshman class are first-generation college students
NICHOLLS BY THE NUMBERS

107 programs of study

- 76 bachelor’s degree programs
- 23 master’s degree programs
- 7 associate degree programs
- 1 specialist program

CLASS SIZE

Average undergraduate class size: 23

48 percent of classes have fewer than 20 students

2017-2018 GRADUATION

- 1,442 degrees awarded
- 19% of students graduated with honors

Six-year graduation rate: 47%

TOP 10 BACHELOR’S DEGREE PROGRAMS:

- Nursing: 883
- Business Administration: 627
- Biology: 499
- Education: 460
- Psychology: 357
- Interdisciplinary Studies: 345
- Allied Health Sciences: 319
- Accounting: 294
- Petroleum Services: 278
- Management & Marketing: 255
First-time freshmen, under 25 years of age, must:
• Meet the Board of Regents Core 4 curriculum (19 units);
• Have at least a 21 ACT composite score or a minimum overall 2.35/4.00 GPA; and
• Have satisfactory placement in English and math courses.
[Don’t meet the requirements? Apply or call us at 1.877.NICHOLLS, and we will help you find options.]

Estimated undergraduate costs per semester, fall 2017:
TUITION AND FEES:
Louisiana resident: $3,975.90
Out-of-state resident: $4,522.50 (Most out-of-state students qualify to attend Nicholls for in-state prices)

Over $15 million in grants and scholarships awarded.

HOUSING:
Starts at $2,300 per semester depending on chosen residence hall or apartment, room occupancy and selected meal plan.
Nicholls offers Louisiana’s only four-year degree programs in culinary arts and geomatics.

In recent years, Nicholls biology students and faculty have spearheaded coastal restoration efforts including growing, harvesting and planting over 30,000 plants in coastal habitats.

The Nicholls College of Business is AACSB-accredited, a distinction held by less than 5 percent of business schools worldwide.

Nicholls is highly respected for producing award-winning teachers, principals and administrators, including more than 90 percent of the Lafourche Parish Teachers of the Year over the last five years.

Nicholls nursing graduates pass the RN licensure exam at a 95 percent rate, higher than both the state and national averages, and 100 percent of Nicholls nursing graduates are employed or in graduate school.

The College of Business offers the country’s only maritime management degree concentration designed and supported by industry leaders.

Nicholls provides 80 percent of the Bayou Region’s teachers and nurses.

Nicholls is home to the Louisiana Center for Dyslexia and Related Learning Disorders, the state’s designated site for providing services to students with dyslexia.

The university generates a $275 million annual economic impact, generating 3,000 direct jobs and representing 10,000 plus voters.

Nicholls has earned the “Governor’s Military and Veteran Friendly Campus” designation and has consistently been named a “Military Friendly School” by G.I. Jobs magazine.

Nicholls ranks in the 85th percentile of public colleges and universities when it comes to helping students move from the bottom 20 percent of income distribution to the top 20 percent after graduation.
NICHOLLS STUDENT PROFILE

Enrollment:

- 6,488 total enrollment
  - 5,896 undergraduates
  - 592 graduate students

Gender:

- 65% female
- 35% male

Student origins:

- 93% in-state students
- 5% out-of-state students
- 2% international students

Ethnicity:

- 69.3% WHITE
- 18.2% BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN
- 4.1% HISPANIC/LATINO
- 2.7% OTHER
- 2.0% ALASKAN NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN
- 2.3% TWO OR MORE RACES

Special Populations

- 1,314 nontraditional students (degree-seeking undergraduates 25 years or older)
- 326 new transfers
- 266 military students

ATHLETICS

Nicholls has 14 NCAA Division I sports competing in the Southland Conference.

Men’s sports:
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross-country
- Football
- Golf
- Tennis
- Track and field

Women’s sports:
- Basketball
- Beach volleyball
- Cross-country
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track and field
- Volleyball
COLONELS FROM NEAR AND FAR

40 states and U.S. territories represented:

54 parishes represented:

34 foreign countries represented:
Australia, Bahamas, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iran, Kenya, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Thailand, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vietnam, Zaire
MAJORS & PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Art and Music

Art
- Art (Art History, Ceramics, Drawing, Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking or Sculpture)
- K-12 Art Education

Music
- Instrumental Education
- Liberal Arts
- Vocal Education

Biology and Chemistry

Biology
- Cell and Molecular Biology
- Environmental Biology
- Marine Biology
- Microbiology
- Pre-Medicine/Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Pre-Medicine/Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Professional

Business

Accounting

Business Administration
- Multinational Business
- Pre-Law

Computer Information Systems

Finance
- Financial Services Marketing

Marketing
- Professional Sales

Management
- Human Resources
- Maritime Management

Computers, Math & Technology

Computer Information Systems

Geomatics (Surveying)

Mathematics
- Advanced Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Secondary Mathematics Education

Pre-Engineering*

Culinary and Nutrition

Culinary Arts
- Business Administration
- Culinary Operations
- Pâtisserie
- Professional Research and Development Service

Dietetics

Health Sciences
- Nutrition and Food Services

English and Journalism

English
- Creative Writing
- Film Studies
- Literary Studies
- Writing and Rhetoric

Mass Communication
- Journalism
- Public Relations

Social Sciences

Criminal Justice

Political Science

History

Sociology
- Social Work

Interdisciplinary Studies

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GRADUATE DEGREES

Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Master of Arts in Teaching
- Elementary Education
- Health and Physical Education (K-12)
- Middle School Education
- Secondary Education

Master of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration, Executive

Master of Science in Community/Technical College Mathematics

Master of Science in Marine and Environmental Biology

Master of Science in Nursing
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Executive
- Nursing Education
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Specialist in School Psychology

Dietetics

Health Sciences
- Communicative Disorders
- Nutrition and Food Services
- Pre-Athletic Training
- Pre-Professional

Nursing

Petroleum, Safety & Maritime

Petroleum Services
- Exploration and Production
- Safety Technology

Management
- Maritime Management

Psychology

General Family and Consumer Sciences
- Child, Family and Social Services

Psychology

Teacher Education

Art
- K-12 Art Education

Birth to Five Early Interventionist Education

Elementary Education

Human Performance Education

Mathematics
- Secondary Mathematics Education

Music
- Instrumental Education
- Vocal Education

Secondary Education

English
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- General Science
- Social Studies

*The Pre-Engineering program allows students to take their first few semesters of classes at Nicholls while preparing to enter professional schools.

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