UL Lafayette is the second-largest university in the state and the largest university in the University of Louisiana System. The Fall 2010 enrollment was 16,763.

About 1,200 students are graduated each fall and spring.

The Carnegie Foundation has designated UL Lafayette as a “Research University with High Research Activity.” That puts UL Lafayette in the same category as Clemson, Auburn and Baylor universities.

UL Lafayette has 10 colleges and schools:
- College of the Arts
- B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of General Studies
- College of Liberal Arts
- College of Nursing and Allied Health Professions
- Ray P. Authement College of Sciences
- Graduate School
- University College

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Louisiana’s Ragin’ Cajuns ™ sports:
- Football
- Baseball
- Softball
- Basketball
- Track and Field
- Golf
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Soccer

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ECONOMIC IMPACT
- Total spending impact of $755 million
- Every dollar of state funding invested in UL Lafayette generates an $8.62 return.
- $58 million in external research funding annually
- About 600 people are employed in University Research Park on campus. Their annual payroll is about $36 million.

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