



## Institutional Information for Self-Study Development: Specialized Accreditation (College or Program)

As part of its institutional responsibility, Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) represents itself accurately to all U.S. Department of Education recognized accreditation agencies with which it holds accreditation. Moreover, LSU and its programs provide to each accrediting agency consistent descriptions regarding the university's purpose, governance, programs, degrees, diplomas, certificates, personnel, finances, and constituents. To ensure this consistency, programs seeking specialized (re)accreditation should refer to the institutional information contained herein when developing their self-study materials.

### Regional Accreditation (SACSCOC)

LSU is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC): [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org). Since 1916, the university has continuously maintained its SACSCOC accreditation, which was most recently reaffirmed in December 2014. An [official letter](#) verifying the university's SACSCOC accreditation is [attached](#) as part of the self-study materials that programs must provide to their respective discipline-specific accrediting agencies. LSU has continued to provide reports as necessary to maintain SACSCOC accreditation.

For accreditation purposes, LSU is a Level Track B institution. Level VI institutions are distinguished as such based on the number of doctoral programs offered by the institution. Title IV institutions are accredited to award doctoral degrees in four or more academic or professional disciplines. Track B institutions offer undergraduate and graduate degrees or graduate degrees only.

As required by SACSCOC, the university's official statement of accreditation must appear exactly as follows:

Louisiana State University and A&M College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. *Louisiana State University and A&M College* also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Louisiana State University and A&M College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30030, by calling (404) 679-4000, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website ([www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)).

### LSU Mission Statement

LSU's [mission statement](#) is provided below.



### Trend Data

Trend data for general information (e.g., housing; library; and tuition and fees), students (e.g., admissions and entering; enrollment and student attributes; and degrees), finances, and personnel (e.g., faculty headcounts and salary) are available via the Office of Budget & Strategic Analytics <https://www.lsu.edu/data/index.php>

### Finances

LSU receives most of its operating funds from legislative appropriations. LSU's current operating budget and fee schedules are available via the Office of Budget & Planning: [https://www.lsu.edu/bgtplan/Budget\\_Information/OperatingBudget.php](https://www.lsu.edu/bgtplan/Budget_Information/OperatingBudget.php)  
<https://www.lsu.edu/bgtplan/TuitionFees/feeschedules.php>

### Related SACSCOC Policies

SACSCOC Policy Statement "Accrediting Decisions of Other Agencies"  
<https://sacscoc.org/app/uploads/2019/07/AccredDecisionsOthers.pdf>

SACSCOC Policy Statement "Institutional Obligations for Public Disclosure"  
<https://sacscoc.org/app/uploads/2019/08/InstitutionalObligationsPublicDisclosure.pdf>

SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation—14.4 "Representation to Other Agencies"  
<https://sacscoc.org/app/uploads/2024/02/2024POAResourceManual.pdf>