



### About the Host Institution

Louisiana State University is a university located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. LSU provides students with top-ranked landscape architecture programs to world-renowned Center for Internal Auditing. LSU has over 235 majors, so there is a field of study for almost everyone. LSU students come from all over the world. Regardless of who you are, where you come from or where you want to go from here, you will be valued and embraced as part of the LSU community.

### Location:

Louisiana, United States

### AUS Requirements/Eligibility:

1. Sophomores encouraged to apply; must have at least 60 credits by program start date
2. Must not go during your graduating semester (last semester).
3. Must have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.

### AUS Placement Availability and Likelihood:

Please be aware that spaces in this program may be limited, and the number of spaces available for AUS placements will vary from semester to semester. That means that sometimes, access to these spaces will be competitive based on your cumulative GPA, Essay, Reference Letters, and other considerations. AUS International Exchange Office (IXO) will try to accommodate your first choice placements wherever possible, but you should always list several programs in your application, in case space is not available in your first choice university.

### Length of Stay:

One or two semesters.

### Courses:

Students can have a look at all courses offered at LSU for a particular semester using the following link: <http://appl101.lsu.edu/booklet2.nsf/mainframeset>. To view the course descriptions, use the

following link: <http://catalog.lsu.edu/content.php?catoid=12&navoid=865>.

**CAAD:** The School of Architecture is accredited by NAAB in the US. Students can pick courses of their liking but must still obtain approval.

**CAS:** Students may choose any course in this category of their preference. Courses are still subject to approval.

**CEN:** LSU's School of Engineering is ABET-accredited. Students may choose from a variety of courses:

- Biological Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering

**SBA:** LSU's College of Business is AACSB-accredited. Students are encouraged to take their general education (humanities, etc.), free electives and Business electives (MJR or MIN electives). Students can take major or required courses during their study abroad semester after getting the approval from SBA at AUS.

### AUS Course Approval:

Upon getting the placement from IXO, students should plan on working on their [AUS Course Permission Form](#) and get their classes approved by the department's designated approver for the courses that will be taken abroad. Upon approval, students would be provided with the grades required to transfer credits. Students must achieve the minimum grade as indicated on the form to receive course credit (requirements for credit transfer vary by program). Each study abroad case is subject to approval.

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### Program Fees and Costs

Exchange students pay AUS tuition fees for the full course load (12-16 credits) in addition to Student Activities fees. Any additional costs including housing, lab fees, meal plans, books, and insurance will be paid directly to the host university.

### AUS Financial Grants and Scholarships:

AUS students on grants/scholarships must obtain approval from the Office of Financial Grants and Scholarships before starting a semester abroad at a host university. In cases where the AUS student pays tuition directly to AUS for study abroad, the student will continue to use their AUS grants and AUS-funded scholarships for that semester abroad. These students should speak with the Financial Grants and Scholarship Manager for more information [scholarship@aus.edu](mailto:scholarship@aus.edu).

### AUS Sponsored Students:

Students sponsored by external organizations that are in partnership with the AUS Sponsorship Liaison Office will be responsible for asking permission with their sponsor. A Letter to the Sponsor is available from the International Exchange Office. Please contact [ixo@aus.edu](mailto:ixo@aus.edu).

### Housing/Accommodation:

Students may live off-campus or on-campus during the study abroad semester. For on-campus housing, visit the Office of Residential Life's website to fill the online application and pay the required deposit: <http://www.lsu.edu/housing>.

For off-campus options, students are responsible for finding their own lodging near campus. As a start, visit the International Cultural Center's website at: <http://www.lsu.edu/icc>. Then, click on "Services" to find a roommate. OR visit the following website for more information on apartments:

<http://offcampushousing.lsu.edu/>

### Visa:

Students must apply to the US Embassy/Consulate to obtain their J1 Exchange Visitor Visa. They must make an appointment and follow up with the required documentation, such as the letter of acceptance and bank statement. See <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/forms/ds-160-online-nonimmigrant-visa-application.html> and <https://ceac.state.gov/ceac/> for complete information on Visa application process.

### Health Insurance:

All exchange students must have valid health insurance coverage during their stay abroad. They can either purchase on their own or from LSU. Follow instruction given by the host university.

## Study Abroad Experience:

### Mohammad's Semester at LSU



Mohammad Bassam Saleh at LSU

Mohammad Bassam Saleh, a civil engineering student, studied abroad for a semester at Louisiana State University in Spring 2016.

Saleh said, "LSU was my first choice and only choice. I took four major electives and one free elective. The courses I took there was just like the courses in AUS, so I was not too worried about having different academic systems."

When asked about Saleh's experience, he said, "Honestly I had mixed expectations. I was excited to travel, meet new people and live abroad. However, there was always that "what if" in the back of my mind. The idea of leaving the place I've been living in my whole life and start somewhere completely new was a bit overwhelming. However, I believe that feeling of mystery and uncertainty was what gave studying abroad that feeling of adventure. At the end of the day my experience definitely exceeded my expectations. I never imagined making as many friends, visiting so many different places and growing this much in just one semester."

Saleh advised, "I believe it's important to study abroad because it helps you grow as a person, widens your perspective, and teaches you to break the prejudice within you. If you are able to study abroad, then I say go for it! If I could sum up this entire experience in just one sentence I would say, studying abroad is not just a new chapter in your life, but it is the beginning of a whole new life. Studying abroad is just chapter one of this new life."

## Mohammad's Semester at LSU



## Mohamed Nabil Hegazi at LSU

Mohamed Nabil Hegazi, a civil engineering student with a minor in engineering management, studied abroad for a semester at Louisiana State University in Fall 2013.

Hegazi said, "LSU was my only choice. I took one major course and a variety of other courses. The courses I took there were a lot easier than the ones in AUS, so I was very pleased about that. I also got very engaged in American football when I was at LSU. It became sort of a tradition for me to attend as much football games as I could and support LSU!

During the holidays, I managed to visit the city I have been dreaming to go to my entire life, New York City. I spent Christmas and New Years there. It was such an amazing and unforgettable experience. I have been going to New York City every Christmas and New Years for three years now and counting!"

When asked about Hegazi's experience, he said, "I was expecting to meet a lot of new people with different backgrounds, make new friends and learn more about the American culture. Studying abroad was better than I ever expected it to be. I learned a lot in just one semester. It made me independent and appreciate different cultures."

Hegazi advised, "I believe it's important to study abroad because it makes you more independent and open minded. It also allows you to make friends from different parts of the world. If you have the opportunity to study abroad, do it. Don't just stay for a semester, study for a whole year, and you could thank me later!

Don't be afraid or pressured to be on your own in the beginning. I guarantee if you keep pushing through, then it will turn into the greatest experience of your life. If I could sum up this entire experience in just one sentence I would say, studying abroad is the best and most life changing experience of my life so far."