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College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Handbook



College of Arts and Sciences (A&S)

Welcome to the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition to being the largest undergraduate college at UofL, A&S offers Ph.D.s, the MFA, and master's degrees (MA, MS, MPA, or MUP). A complete list of graduate programs offered in the College of Arts and Sciences is found in the next pages.

The College's goals for its graduate students are engaged scholarship and creative work; exposure to major ethical issues inherent in their disciplines; and preparation as professionals and scholars in a diverse world.

The purpose of this handbook is to give you a sense of the College of Arts and Sciences – your college – and the many facilities and activities available to you as a student at UofL. This handbook will serve as a quick access guide to information that may be of use to you while studying at the University and also includes some information about Louisville for those new to the city. In addition, the School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies (SIGS) offers helpful student resources including a Graduate Student Life Handbook, a Graduate Student Orientation Handbook, and a Graduate Student Teaching (GTA) Handbook. Referrals to these handbooks will be made throughout this document when appropriate.

Please take this opportunity to share with me any questions or suggestions you have for this handbook or for graduate education in A&S.

Welcome to UofL, and especially, to the College of Arts and Sciences!

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Mission

The mission of the College of Arts and Sciences is to improve life in the Commonwealth and particularly in the greater Louisville urban area, creating knowledge through its research, sharing knowledge through its teaching, and guiding all its students to realize their potential.

We believe that an excellent education in the liberal arts and sciences is the best preparation for life and work in a world of increasing diversity and ever-accelerating change because it prepares our graduates to be informed and critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, and confident communicators.

Our students learn by doing. They conduct research and express their creativity, include ethical considerations in their thinking, and experience the world from the perspectives of other cultures. The College brings the heritage of the intellectual tradition to bear on the challenges of the future.

A&S Programs

For more details, including links to program webpages, visit: [College of A&S, Graduate Education Degrees](#)

Anthropology

Master of Arts (MA)

Biology

Master of Science (MS); Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Chemistry

Master of Science (MS); Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Classical and Modern Languages

Master of Arts (MA) - French; Spanish

Communications

Master of Arts (MA)

English

Master of Arts (MA); Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Rhetoric and Composition

Fine Arts

Master of Arts (MA) – Art (Creative); Art History; Critical and Curatorial Studies; Master of Fine Arts (MFA)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Art History (not admitting new students)

Geography and Geosciences

Master of Science (MS) in Applied Geography

History

Master of Arts (MA)

Humanities

Master of Arts (MA) Humanities: Interdisciplinary Humanities; Linguistics; Civic Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): Culture, Criticism and Contemporary Thought (C3T);

Public Arts and Letters (PAL)

Justice Administration

Master of Science (MS)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Mathematics

Master of Arts (MA); Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Applied and Industrial Mathematics

Pan-African Studies

Master of Arts (MA); MA/MS Social Work Dual Degree
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Physics and Astronomy

Master of Science (MS); Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Physics;

Political Science

Master of Arts (MA); Master of Arts & Juris Doctor (MA/JD)

Psychological and Brain Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Clinical Psychology; Experimental Psychology

Sociology

Master of Arts (MA); Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Applied Sociology

Theatre Arts

Master of Fine Arts (MFA)

Urban and Public Affairs

Master of Public Administration (MPA); Master of Urban Planning (MUP);
MPA/MUP Joint Degree; MUP/JD Joint Degree; Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Urban and
Public Affairs

Women's and Gender Studies

Master of Arts (MA); MA/MS Social Work Dual Degree

A&S Graduate Certificate Programs

- African American Theatre
- Asian Studies
- Diversity Literacy
- Latin American and Latino Studies
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Pan-African Studies
- Police Executive Leadership Development
- Public History
- Real Estate Development
- Translation (Spanish)
- Women's and Gender Studies

Academic Policies

Graduate Catalog

The governing document for graduate students is the graduate catalog, which contains all the rules and regulations that concern graduate students. The catalog is updated regularly with the most recent version available online at the School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies' (SIGS) website: [Graduate Catalog](#)

A&S Graduate Student Responsibilities

In regard to academic policies, graduate student responsibilities include the following:

- Become familiar with and observe all current policies and requirements of SIGS, A&S, and the student's degree program and department.
- Respond to official notices issued by administrative offices and instructors, which may be posted on official bulletin boards, sent via e-mail or snail mail.
- Make steady and satisfactory progress toward the completion of degrees.
 - o Students who fail to enroll for a period of more than 12 months will be considered to have withdrawn from the program. Students who seek to return after such a period of time are required to apply to their departments for readmission. Based on the request of the department, the Dean of A&S will consider the student for readmission.
 - o Prior to reapplying, students should speak with their department. Students may submit a reenrollment form to the Office of the Registrar if it has been less than two years since their last enrollment.

Parental, Family, & Medical Leave

Please review the policies below in the event of any parental, family, or medical situations that may require leave from full-time duties.

Policy 1: Petition for Part-time Enrollment Status – Graduate students must be enrolled full-time to receive stipend awards, but a graduate student who faces extenuating circumstances (a serious health condition, an issue with care of a family member, etc.) may petition to enroll in part-time status and continue to receive the full stipend award, for one semester only, for a situation that does not require a full leave of absence. The department or program may require the student to continue the service obligations that are linked to the stipend award while in part-time enrollment status. The student must be able to document the need for this request.

Policy 2: Parental Leave – Any student who receives a scholarship from SIGS is eligible for leave from their academic responsibilities for a period of 6 weeks in connection with the birth or adoption of a child. Either parent is eligible for parental leave. The student will be allowed to retain the stipend, tuition and other benefits during the leave period as well as remain in full-time enrollment status. It is the student's responsibility to work with their instructors, mentor, and Director of Graduate Studies to make arrangements to accommodate for missed

lectures and service duties during the leave period.

For more information, visit: [SIGS Current Students Website](#) and see related links under “Student Resources.”

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA)

If you are a graduate teaching assistant (GTA), you have a distinct set of responsibilities. You should have a faculty member in your department supervising your teaching.

In addition, as a GTA it is important that you:

- Become familiar with the Student Bill of Rights and with the Faculty Code of Responsibilities both found in the [Graduate Catalog](#).
- For international GTAs, not including those who teach a foreign language) Demonstrate English proficiency before teaching. Visit: [English Department's Website](#) for more information.
- Understand that the job of teacher is one of great responsibility – you must convey information, knowledge, and serve as a role model to students.
- Remain impartial and observe all rules of confidentiality and conduct.

For more details on GTAs, visit: [SIGS Current Students Website](#) and click on “Graduate Student Teaching (GTA) Handbook (Word).”

Graduate Student Groups

Graduate Student Council (GSC)

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is the governing body of the Graduate Student Association (GSA), a member of the university-wide Student Government Association (SGA). The GSA provides official channels for the administration of graduate student affairs and the budget allotted by the SGA. Through its council meetings, the GSA provides:

- A forum for communication between graduate student populations.
- The opportunity to participate in the formation and revisions of budgetary and administrative policies.
- Open communication with the Officers of the GSC who represent the GSA at SGA Student Senate Meetings.
- A means to educate graduate students of their rights, responsibilities and privileges.
- A reservoir of interested students for appointment to University committees.

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is a group of elected officers and representatives from graduate programs whose mission is to address issues that are important to graduate students at the University of Louisville – issues like travel stipend increases, research assistance programs, and making sure that graduate students are appropriately represented in all areas of the

university.

To participate, you can choose to represent your department or organization as a member of GSC; you may decide to sit on a committee or become a GSC officer; or you can sign on to the GSC listserv and give your opinion in the on-line discussions. Regardless of the level of participation, you, as a graduate student, should participate. With your participation, we will continue to advance the excellence of our graduate programs.

To join the GSC listserv, please email listserv@listserv.louisville.edu and type: subscribe gsc your-email@address in the body of the email message. You will then be emailed information on how to use the listserv. For more information on the GSC visit: [GSC Website](#)

Graduate Network in Arts and Sciences (GNAS)

Formed in 2009, the GNAS is the official representative body of A&S Graduate Students. It is an officially recognized student organization composed of representatives from each of the college's graduate degree granting departments. All current A&S graduate students are encouraged to attend GNAS sponsored events and meetings. The functions of GNAS include the following:

- Serve as a medium of communication among the range of A&S graduate student programs.
- Allow members to participate in creating the budget and crafting administrative policies.
- Educate graduate students about their rights, responsibilities, and privileges.
- Collaborate with A&S faculty and staff in college curriculum and other administrative issues.
- Offer financial support for A&S graduate students' conference travel and research expenses.
- Sponsor academic and social events to enrich the graduate student experience.

For more information on the GNAS, visit: [GNAS Website](#)

GNAS Graduate Student Research Fund

Twice each academic year (typically once each fall and spring semester), GNAS announces research funding opportunities for A&S graduate students. GNAS offers grants (usually maximum \$250) to help offset the cost of conducting research, attending conferences, and purchasing data sets and other materials. Selection criteria, application dates, and information on applying for the GNAS Research Fund can be found at: [GNAS Research Fund Webpage](#)

GSU Officers for the 2017-18 Academic Year

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Vice President: Lacey Pyles

Secretary: Terry Tocantins

Information Officer: Sarah McCoy



Students at a GNAS Meeting. Image source: [GNAS Website](#)

Graduate Student Resources

Online Resources

Your first online source for graduate education in the College of Arts and Sciences is the college's website. The site includes information on all graduate programs within A&S, resources for students, and links to forms and publications. Visit: [College of A&S, Graduate Education Website](#)

The School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies' website contains key information, policies applicable to graduate students, and forms. Below are some useful links:

[SIGS Website](#)

Entry page for SIGS.

[Graduate Catalog](#)

Page listing for the Graduate Catalog.

[Graduate Student Funding Opportunities](#)

Page listing scholarship, assistantship, and fellowship opportunities.

[Financial Aid Office Website](#)

Link to UofL Financial Aid Office.

[Research Handbook](#)

UofL has an Office for Research ([Research Office Website](#)) whose goal is to promote and encourage research and funding for research on the UofL campus. The link above connects to the research handbook, which includes useful information for any grant applicant.

[A&S Research Office Website](#)

Arts & Sciences Research Office with the goal of assisting student and faculty in promoting research, proposal development, and proposal review

On Campus

Many resources are available to the students at the University of Louisville. Refer to the SIGS Graduate Student Orientation Handbook, (available at [SIGS Current Students Website](#)), for a comprehensive list of resources and corresponding contact information.

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

The mission of the DPS is to maintain public peace and safety, to safeguard the assets of the institution and its faculty, staff, students and visitors and to assist in providing an environment conducive to teaching, research and public service mission of the University. DPS operates 24/7/365 offering police and other safety services to the UofL community.

DPS provides free officer-escort services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to locations on campus and within four blocks of the campuses to all students, staff, and faculty. To arrange for an escort, call 502-852-6111.

For Emergencies: CALL 911

For all other matters: Contact 502-852-6111

University Police is located on the first floor of the Floyd St. Parking Garage, 2126 S. Floyd St. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

DPS reports that nearly all cases of property theft on campus were the result of stolen items being left unattended, unlocked, or left in plain view. Be vigilant and keep all valuables (such as laptops, cell phones, and backpacks) with you or locked at all times to prevent opportunity theft.

For more information on public safety and DPS services on campus, go to: [DPS Website](#).

Campus Health Services

Campus Health Services include Health Promotion, Medical Care, and the PEACC Office. The Office of Health Promotion offers a variety of services ranging from free flu shots to yoga classes. There are also in-person and online workshops and volunteer opportunities for students. Visit [The Office of Health Promotion](#) or call (502) 852-5429 to learn more.

Medical Care services are offered at the Cardinal Station near Belknap Campus as well as at the Health Care Outpatient Center on the HSC Campus. Services provided include preventative and acute medical care, specialist referrals, psychiatry services, and health insurance billing and advocacy among other services. Visit the [Campus Health Website](#), or call (502) 852-6479 (Cardinal Station) or (502) 852-6446 (HSC) for more details.

The PEACC Office provides prevention, education, and advocacy related services on campus and in the surrounding community. PEACC provides services related to advocacy for students affected by sexual misconduct, dating violence, stalking, or sexual harassment. In addition to providing services and programs, the PEACC Office also offers opportunities for students to get involved with prevention, education, and advocacy programs. You can learn more by visiting the [PEACC Office Website](#) or by calling (502) 852-2663.

The PEACC Office also provides a 24/7, confidential crisis line. During regular office hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm) call (502) 852-2663. To speak with a trained crisis counselor after these hours, please call (502) 581-7222.

University Libraries

The University offers an extensive library system designed to support undergraduate and graduate teaching, learning and research. The Library system consists of Ekstrom (the Main Library), the Fine Arts Library, the Law Library, the Music Library, the Health Sciences Library, and the University Archives and Records Center. Total library holdings number more than two million volumes. The Library website can be accessed by clicking this link: [University of Louisville Libraries](#) and the telephone number is 502-852-6747.

Swain Student Activity Center and Recreational Sports Area (SAC)

The Swain Student Activity Center and Recreational Sports Area is known as the SAC. The SAC houses the UofL bookstore, numerous restaurants, a theater and athletic facilities. It is also where student organizations can have offices, including the Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs), the Student Government Association, the National Student Exchange, and the Student Activities Board, to name a few. Click [Student Activities Center](#) to visit the SAC's website.

Career Development Center

The University has a career development center located in the lower level of the Houchens building, LL03. This office helps current students find jobs after graduation. You can get career counseling, career assessment and testing, and other career related information. Visit the [Career Center Website](#) to learn more.

Counseling Center

For your mental and physical well-being, the University offers a Counseling Center, which is located at Cardinal Station: 215 Central Avenue, Suite 201. The Counseling Center's staff and programs are ready to assist with the personal and academic development of University of Louisville students. The Center is open between 8:00am and 5:00pm, Monday-Friday. Their telephone number is 502-852-6585; the website is available at: [University of Louisville Counseling Center](#).

The Psychological Services Center, located in Suite 210 of Davidson Hall, provides psychotherapy and counseling services to students at a reduced rate. Their telephone number is 502-852-6782; the website is available at [Psychological Services Center](#).

Disability Resource Center

The University of Louisville is committed to equal opportunity for all academically qualified students and does not discriminate based on disability. For this reason the Disability Resource Center (DRC) was established, with the mission to coordinate services that ensure that individuals with disabilities have equal access to the University's educational, social, and cultural opportunities. Their website is located at: [Disability Resource Center](#).

International Center

The International Center, located in Brodschi Hall, is the place for all study abroad. Graduate students can participate in study-abroad programs and are encouraged to do so. International student services and programs are organized and administered by the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) staff, located in the International Center. The webpage for the center is available at: [International Center Website](#); the phone number is 502-852-6602.

Cultural Center

The Cultural Center provides advocacy for students, plans and hosts special events to engage students in social justice issues and to celebrate the diverse cultures of the campus community, and supports the scholarship and retention of students. During the academic year, the center is open from 9:00am-9:00pm and is located at 120 E. Brandeis Street. To learn more visit: [Cultural Center Website](#), call (502) 852-6656, or e-mail: cultural@louisville.edu.

LGBT Center

The LGBT Center offers resources and support to UofL students and faculty to create an inclusive community. On Belknap Campus, the center is located in the Red Barn. On the Health Sciences Campus, the center is located in A Building, room 210J. For more information on both locations visit: [LGBT Center Website](#), call (502) 852-0696, or e-mail: lgbt@louisville.edu

Women's Center

The Women's Center offers special programs and events and supports multiple student groups, which include: Women4Women Student Board, American Association of University Women (AAUW), Student Parent Association, and UofL's Women's Veteran Support Group. The center is located in the Administrative Annex on Belknap Campus. A center is also located at the Health Sciences Campus in the Instructional Building, room 120. To learn more, visit: [Women's Center Website](#), or call (502) 852-8976 (Belknap) or (502) 852-8891 (Health Sciences Campus).

ULink, CardMail, & Blackboard

ULink

This is the main university *portal*. It is the main functional page for ALL programs, operations, functions, etc. of the university.

Through ULink, you will be able to:

- Register for classes
- Check financial aid
- Obtain grades and other personalized features
- Change passwords
- Get technical help including information about free software services

Go to: [Ulink Website](#) to access ULink.

Log In

Step 1: Under the “Log In” section, select the link "For First-Time Users" under “Log In Assistance”

Step 2: Follow the 2 steps for locating your userID, and then use the formula for calculating your password for the first login.

Step 3: Once you have logged in, you will be prompted to change your password.

Note: *This new password will be of your own choosing; the university does not keep record of it. You want your password to include at least one number (0-9) and one uppercase character.*

You may need to wait 10 minutes before you can use this new password.

Your **userID** and this **password** will now work for **ULink, CardMail** and **Blackboard**.

CardMail

Every UofL student is assigned an email account in CardMail. CardMail is where you receive important information from UofL or from your professors. Please become familiar with how to view mail, send mail and add attachments as well as all the other features of this email program. Be sure to check and respond as needed to e-mails from university officials.

Visit: [Cardmail Website](#) to log in.

BlackBoard

BlackBoard is the university’s online classroom system. BlackBoard has features such as course documents, lessons, assignments, video and audio features, chat sessions and discussion boards as well as assessments and tests. Your classes will often use BlackBoard as a component of the course.

Go to: [Blackboard Website](#) to access BlackBoard.

Type your user ID and password, which will take you to your BlackBoard front page. Here you will see a list of all the courses you are taking or have for this and the last semester.

To access courses on Blackboard:

- ALL courses have a BlackBoard link whether they are delivered online or face to face.

- Locate the course you want to enter and click on it.
- Spend some time learning to navigate thru the course and become familiar with the set up and other features. Not all online courses are set up alike.

Cardinal Card

Graduate students should be sure to get a university-issued identification card, also known as your Cardinal Card. The Campus Card office is located on the Belknap Campus in the lower level of the Houchens Building in room LL05.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. The office telephone number is 502-852-7520.

Your Cardinal Card serves as your:

- Identification card
- Library card
- Facilities Access
- TARC pass
- ATM card (if you have a bank account with USBank)



*Cardinal Card. Image source:
[Cardinal Card Website](#)*

Cardinal Cash Purse purchases for:

- Vending Machines
- Copiers
- CopyIT Centers
- University Bookstores
- Select Food Service Locations

For more information on the Cardinal Card, please visit: [Cardinal Card Website](#)

Cardinal Card & TARC

With a current UofL I.D. you can ride anytime, anywhere on the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) for **FREE**. TARC has more than 50 routes that travel through Louisville and Southern Indiana. Individual route schedules and maps are available in the SAC, the lobby of the Houchens building and in Ekstrom library. You can also go online at [TARC Website](#) or call customer service at 502-585-1234. TARC buses only stop at TARC bus stops. These are clearly marked by red signs along every route. Destination signs above the front bus window display the route number, the route name and the destination of the bus. All TARC buses are bike rack-equipped and will carry most bicycles. This is a great way to get around the entire Louisville area, and it takes less than 10 seconds to load your bike on the rack. Each rack can carry two bikes and space is first come, first served.

Graduate Student Benefits

There are many benefits beyond a quality education available to you as a student at UofL.

- As a student of A&S, you can take courses or participate in activities of other A&S departments.
- You can use your UofL Cardinal Card to ride the Louisville public transportation system, TARC, for free.
- UofL students can purchase software at reduced rates at the UofL bookstore and online using ULink.
- The university provides a high-speed wireless internet access in many classrooms and public areas on the campus. For more information on wireless networks and downloads of the client software, please visit [IT Website](#)
- Intramurals offers free exercise and fitness classes to students. For a list of classes, visit the [Intramural and Recreational Sports Website](#).
- Many local businesses offer discounts and perks on many products and services. For a complete list of participating business, check out the discounts webpage located at [Faculty Discounts Website, provided by Human Resources](#).

Arts, Entertainment, & Special Events

Speed Art Museum

Established in 1927, the Speed Art Museum is Kentucky's oldest and largest art museum with over 13,000 pieces in its permanent collection. Its extensive collection spans 6,000 years, ranging from ancient Egyptian to contemporary art. Wiltshire At The Speed offers local and seasonally changing brunch and lunch, as well as a coffee bar. For a current exhibitions and event listings, visit: [Speed Art Museum Website](#).

Department of Theatre Arts

The Department of Theatre Arts features an annual season of fully-produced shows directed and designed by faculty, guest artists, and students. The repertoire includes classics, contemporary plays, musical theatre, and original student-written shows. Productions are often staged on Belknap campus venues including the Playhouse and the Thrust Theatre. For a detailed show schedule and box office information, go to: [University of Louisville Theatre Arts Website](#).

School of Music

The School of Music offers fine performances ranging from student artists and ensembles to world-renown musicians. Many performances are held at Margaret Comstock Concert Hall on Belknap Campus. For a complete schedule, visit: [University of Louisville School of Music Website](#).

A&S Sponsored Events

The College of Arts and Sciences sponsors a plethora of conferences, lectures, and exhibits. As a student in the College you are a welcome participant, and we encourage you to take advantage of the intellectual richness of our vibrant College. For some of these events, where there is a registration fee, as a UofL student, you can attend for free!

You will want to check in your home department, on university bulletin boards (cork and electronic), or on the television monitors posted in numerous buildings on campus to see what's happening.

Some suggestions:

- 20th-Century Conference on Literature and Culture
(hosted by Classical and Modern Languages and English)
- Watson Conference on Rhetoric and Composition (hosted by English)
- Summer Institute on Contemporary American Literature
(hosted by the Commonwealth Center for the Humanities and Society)
- Faculty Research Forums
(hosted by the Commonwealth Center for Humanities and Society)
- Warren Oats Film Festival
(hosted by the Commonwealth Center for Humanities and Society)
- Bullitt Lectures, one in Astronomy, another in Mathematics
- Na'amani Lecture (organized by the Na'amani Committee)
- Axton Reading Series (hosted by English)
- Morgan Lectures in Architectural History (organized by Fine Arts)
- Bingham Professor Lecture (coordinated by Dean of A&S)
- Meet the Professors Centennial Lectures Series (coordinated by Dean of A&S)
- Life of the Mind Lectures (coordinated by Dean of A&S)
- Phi Beta Kappa Lecture Series (coordinated by Dean of A&S)
- Yearling's Club Speaker Series (coordinated by Dean of A&S)
- Saturday Academy: Community Forum on Culture and Issues
(coordinated by the Dean of A&S and Pan-African Studies)
- Multi-cultural Education Guest Lecture Series (coordinated by the A&S Office of International, Diversity and Outreach Programs)
- Chemistry Graduate Student Association Distinguished Lecturer
(hosted by Chemistry GSA)
- IMD3 Lecture Series (sponsored by Chemistry and Biochemistry)
- Gottschalk Lectures (hosted by History)
- McConnell Center Lectures (organized by Political Science and the McConnell Center)
- Grawemeyer Lectures (organized by the Grawemeyer Committee) – a lecture in each Grawemeyer Award field: Education, Improving World Order, Music Composition,

Psychology, and Religion

- Annual Andrew Chamblin Memorial Lecture, a public lecture on a topic in Cosmology, String Theory, Gravitation or High Energy Physics (organized by the Physics Department)
- Minx Auerbach lecture, each Spring (organized by Women and Gender Studies)
- The Maddox Prize competition, an award for best graduate student paper having to do with women/gender (sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies)
- Weekly Seminar Series (organized by Biology)
- Monthly I-COMM Presentations (organized by Communications)
- Psychological and Brain Sciences Colloquia Series
- Fall Lecture Series (organized by Women's and Gender Studies)
- Latin American Studies Heritage Lecture (organized by Latin American and Latino Studies)
- Annual Latin American Studies Celebration of Women Lecture
- Jan Carew Colloquium (organized by Pan-African Studies)
- Annual Sebek Challenge (organized by Pan-African Studies)
- Regular season of University Theater performances (organized by Theatre Arts)
- Regular exhibits in the galleries of the Department of Fine Arts

About Louisville

Louisville is the 16th largest city in the U.S. and the largest city in Kentucky, with lots to see and do. Call the toll free Louisville tourist hotline at 1-888-LOUISVILLE for more information. Check out [Go to Louisville Website](#) for a calendar of local events.

Some of Louisville's biggest attractions are:

Fourth Street Live!

Louisville's entertainment district with a variety of restaurants and entertainment venues.

Louisville Zoo

The Louisville Zoo has more than 1,300 animals from all over the world, exhibited in beautiful natural settings. Enjoy the interactive Lorikeet Landing and the award-winning Gorilla Forest featuring 11 gorillas. The zoo is open year-round.

Churchill Downs

The racetrack is famous for the oldest continuously run sporting event in the US – the Kentucky Derby. Known as the “Run for the Roses” or “the greatest two minutes in sports,” the Derby is the biggest event on the Louisville calendar. The Derby is preceded by two weeks of festivities kicked off by Thunder Over Louisville, the largest and longest fireworks display in the nation. Open year round, the Kentucky Derby Museum offers exhibits and tours of the grounds.

Muhammad Ali Center

The Muhammad Ali Center serves as both a destination site and an international education and cultural center that is inspired by the ideals of its founder, Muhammad Ali.

Forecastle Festival

Held each summer on Louisville's Waterfront Park, Forecastle has grown from a neighborhood event to one of the country's favorite summer festivals.

St. James Court Art Show

Held annually, the first full weekend in October, the St. James Court Art Show is among the nation's largest juried art shows.

Louisville is also the location of many museums and theaters, including the Speed Museum of Art, the Louisville Slugger Museum, the Frazier International History Museum, the Louisville Science Center, Actor's Theater of Louisville, and the Kentucky Center for Performing Arts. Metro government operates 122 city parks within Louisville and the surrounding area.

How to Dress in Louisville

Although Louisville experiences four distinct seasons, summer tends to come early, fall lasts easily into December, and the relatively short winters usually bring more rain than snow. March is usually the wettest month, October the driest.

Spring can have warm days but cool nights can linger. An umbrella will come in handy.

Summer can be very hot and humid!

Fall, like spring, can have fluctuating temperatures between day and night, so have sweaters or light jackets ready.

Winter months are always variable. Sweaters, medium to heavy coats, hat and gloves should be included in your wardrobe, but you may also find yourself in short sleeves.

Relaxing in & around Louisville

After a long day of school-related activities, there is nothing better than to sit back and relax in the evening or weekends with friends or classmates.

The members of Graduate Network of Arts and Sciences (GNAS) suggest the following locations to kick back, enjoy a beverage, and see some places that are uniquely Louisville:

The Granville Inn (3rd and Gaulbert)

One of the nearest bars to campus, The Granville is frequented by U of L students and neighborhood regulars alike. Their burgers are often voted among the best in Louisville and reasonable food and drink prices fit well in a graduate student's budget.

The Magnolia Bar and Grill (2nd and Magnolia)

The "grill" portion is a bit of misnomer as they do not serve food, but the "Mag Bar" is Old Louisville's hipster hangout. There is live music on most nights and a great jukebox for other times. Trivia is played on Tuesdays starting at 7:30. Add cheap drinks and it is simply a great dive bar.

Zanzabar (Preston and Lynn)

Another near-campus bar, Zanzabar is one of the best venues for local music in Louisville. If you are not into music, there is trivia on Sunday nights or sit out on the back patio to enjoy the evening. They offer a full menu and a surprisingly good beer list ranging from cheap domestics to local microbrews.

Nachbar (Charles and Krieger in Germantown)

Aptly translated, this neighborhood bar in Germantown features a wide selection of beers, both on draft and bottled, from across the globe. Each fall and spring Nachbar takes part in the Schnitzelburg Walk, which could be best described as part block party, part community festival.

O'Shea's Irish Pub (Baxter near Highland in the Highlands)

While more of a bar than a traditional Irish pub, O'Shea's (and its neighboring bar Flannigan's) has one of the best outdoor seating arrangements in town. They have an exhaustive beer selection including an "Around the World" club for those who sample all 77 beers on the list. O'Shea's is a bit pricey, as it caters to the "be seen" crowd on weekends. Try one of the nearby late-night pizza joints (Wick's, Spinelli's, Impellizzeri's, Tony Boombazz) to find your favorite Louisville pizza.

Hammerheads (Swann near Breckinridge near the Highlands)

Hipster BBQ best describes this small, but very popular restaurant just east of the Highlands. Hammerheads has a great selection of slow smoked ribs, brisket, and duck to go along with an eclectic selection of burgers and fries. Arrive early! The hours are 5pm-10pm, closed Sundays.

Fourth Street Live! (4th and Liberty in Downtown)

Renovated from the former Galleria shopping mall, Fourth Street Live is worth the mention due to its variety of bars and restaurants all in one site. The facility hosts a series of free concerts in the spring and summer months while the Improv Comedy Club attracts national touring comedians all year long. Be warned that Fourth Street tends to attract a more undergraduate crowd

NuLu

NuLu is best known for its art galleries, specialty stores, antique shops, and local restaurants offering organic and locally sourced ingredients. Located in the East Market District, the term "NuLu" is a portmanteau meaning "New Louisville". Visit their website at <http://nulu.org/> to learn more about NuLu and their featured events.

Louisville Microbreweries

Louisville has a great craft beer scene and brewing tradition that continues to grow. Join the passion for creating small-batch, fresh craft beer by visiting one of our local breweries, such as Against the Grain (E. Main Street), BBC (St. Matthews, Theater Square, or Third and Main), Cumberland Brews (Bardstown Road), Apocalypse Brew Works (Mellwood Avenue), Great Flood (Bardstown Road) or check out the website: [Louisville Breweries](#) for more information.

Louisville Wineries

Using grapes grown by local farmers, Louisville crafts some of the most eclectic wines you'll ever have the pleasure of tasting. They challenge wine-making convention and sometimes ignore it altogether. Join them for a completely different wine experience that embodies the uniqueness and spirit of our city at Old 502 Winery (10th Street), Broad Run Vineyards (J-Town), Felice Vineyard (NuLu), River City Winery (New Albany, IN), Chateau de Pique (Clarksville, IN) or Huber's Orchard and Winery (Starlight, IN).

Huber's Orchard, Winery & Vineyard (Starlight, IN)

With a focus on families, tradition, and heritage Huber's Orchard, Winery & Vineyard offers a diverse experience just outside of Louisville in Starlight, Indiana. They have over 550 acres of farmland on which they grow many fruits, vegetables, Christmas trees, pumpkins and grapes. They also have a children's farm park, farm market, cheese shoppe, ice cream factory, winery, gift shoppe, banquet facility, and Indiana's first distillery. So whether it's to pick a pumpkin for carving, enjoying a glass of Indiana wine, or petting the animals, Huber's is a great way to spend a beautiful day. Visit them at: [Huber Winery Website](#)

Kentucky Distilleries

The Scots have their Scotch. Italians, their wine. Russians, their vodka. Here in Kentucky, we've got our Bourbon, made right here in the Bluegrass. You can experience the culture of Kentucky's Bourbon County by taking self-guided bourbon tour with the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, discovering the Urban Bourbon Trail or stopping by your favorite distillery for a tour. The most frequently visited distilleries include Heaven Hill (Louisville), Town Branch (Lexington), Four Roses (Lawrenceburg), Maker's Mark (Loretto), Wild Turkey (Lawrenceburg), Jim Beam (Clermont), Woodford Reserve (Versailles), and Evan Williams (Louisville).

For more information on what to do in the Derby City visit: [Louisville.com Website](#)

Additional Resources

Also check out the School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies' (SIGS) Graduate Student Life Handbook. See especially the "Recreation; Entertainment; Restaurants" section. To access the handbook, visit: <http://louisville.edu/graduate/current-students> and click on "Graduate Student Life Handbook" under "Student Resources."



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