



**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
2163 CEBA
E.J. OURSO COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
BATON ROUGE, LA 70803 USA**

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Science program in Finance at Louisiana State University. For a student who intends to pursue a career in finance, the M.S. in Finance is a viable alternative to the M.B.A. Graduates of our program have been very successful in the job market, and feedback from employers convinces me that our students receive excellent preparation in analytical techniques and other necessary skills.

For students with a bachelor's degree in business administration, the program usually is thirty-six semester hours in length, or approximately three semesters. Students with backgrounds in other fields are required to complete an additional series of business courses and may find the M.B.A. more appropriate. Generally, these courses add one or two semesters to the program of study.

Admission to the program is based on a thorough evaluation of each applicant's specific strengths and weaknesses. Generally we seek students with at least a B+ average and a 600 on the GMAT.

The following pages contain information about our M.S. program and application materials. An application for admission and other information may be obtained by contacting the Graduate School at <http://gradlsu.gs.lsu.edu> or by writing the Graduate School, 128 David Boyd Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

If I can be of further help to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at filane@unix1.sncc.lsu.edu

Again, thank you for your interest in our program. I look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

William R. Lane
M.S. Advisor

February 6, 2002

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION COMPLIANCE
 (LOUISIANA R.S. 17:170 SCHOOLS OF HIGHER LEARNING)

STUDENT MUST COMPLETE:

NAME:

Please Print (Last) (First) (MI)

SS Number: **???? - ?? - ?????**

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

PHYSICIAN COMPLETES:

PHYSICIAN OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER VERIFICATION:

(See next page)

Measles (Rubeola)	Rubella	Mumps	Tetanus-Diphtheria
1st Immunization: _____ And (Date) 2nd Immunization: _____ Or (Date) Date of Disease: _____ Or (Date) Serologic Test: _____ (Date & Result)	Immunization: _____ Or (Date) Serologic Test: _____ And (Date) Result: _____	Immunization: _____ Or (Date) Date of Disease: _____ Or (Date) Serologic Test: _____ (Date & Result)	Immunization: _____ (Date within 10 years)

 (Signature of Physician or other Health Care Provider)

Date: _____ *(Please Place Address or Stamp Above)*

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION:

If you request exemption for medical or personal reasons, please check the appropriate blank and provide the information requested.

1. Medical reasons: _____ (Physician's statement - use space below)
2. Personal reasons: _____ (State reason in space provided)

 -

-
 I understand that if I claim exemption for personal or medical reasons, I may be excluded from campus and from classes in the event of an outbreak of measles, mumps, or rubella until the outbreak is over or until I submit proof of immunization. If I am not 18 years of age, my parent or legal guardian must sign below.

 (Students Signature) (Date) (Parent or Guardian, if required) (Date)

RETURN THIS FORM TO: OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
 110 THOMAS BOYD HALL
 LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
 BATON ROUGE, LA 70803

REMEMBER!
YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO
ENROLL UNTIL YOU COMPLETE
AND RETURN THIS FORM

IMPORTANT. Make a copy of this form for your personal record.

Louisiana law requires immunization against measles, mumps, rubella, and tetanus-diphtheria for all first-time LSU students born after 1 956, and for reentering students (born after 1 956) who have been out of school for one semester or longer.

TO THE NEW STUDENT:

(Please use this form. Attachments are not acceptable.)

Where to locate your immunization record(s): Your immunization (shot) record may be found in your family records, such as a baby book, or in a booklet that may have been written in by your doctor or public clinic each time you received a vaccination. You may also want to check for records with your doctor or public health clinic. Please keep in mind, however, that immunization records are maintained for a variable number of years, and then usually only by the medical provider who actually gave the vaccines to you. As a last resort, and if you are a graduating high school senior, school personnel may be able to locate immunization records in your cumulative or health folder before your graduation. After you graduate, records are sent to storage and may not be accessible. Shot records, or reasonably authentic copies of records (such as those from a baby book or school health record), which indicate specific information such as your name, date of birth, and the dates of the shots you had, should be acceptable documentation of the immunizations you received previously. These records should be taken with you to your doctor or a local public health clinic for a possible up-date of your immunization status. A visit to your doctor or public health clinic will be needed to have your Proof of Compliance form signed and/or to interpret your old records in view of changes in health care standards since your early childhood. Take care of this important matter as soon as you can, and most certainly before registration.

TO THE PHYSICIAN OR OTHER MEDICAL PROVIDER:

(Please do not sign this compliance form unless the student has proper vaccines or immune tests.)

The following guidance is presented for the purpose of implementing the requirements of Louisiana R-.S. 17:170, and of meeting the established recommendations for control of vaccine-preventable diseases as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP); the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the United States Public Health Service (ACIP); and the American College Health Association (ACHA).

Requirement: Two (2) doses of measles vaccine; at least one (1) dose each of rubella and mumps vaccine; and a tetanus-diphtheria booster.

Measles requirement: Two (2) doses of live vaccine given at any age, except that the vaccine must have been given on or after the first birthday, in 1968 or later, and without ImmuneGlobulin. A second dose of measles vaccine must meet this same requirement, but should not have been given within 30 days of the first dose. A history of physician-diagnosed measles is acceptable for establishing immunity, but-should be accepted with caution unless you were the diagnosing physician.

Tetanus-Diphtheria requirement: A booster dose of vaccine given within the past ten (10) years. Students can be considered to have completed a primary series earlier in life, unless they state otherwise.

NOTE: In most cases, student compliance will require a second dose of measles vaccine (preferably as MMR) and a dose of tetanus-diphtheria (Td, Adult Type). In cases where no records can be located, or especially when immunization in the past is doubtful, two doses of MMR separated by a minimum of 30 days may be indicated. Evidence of vaccination or immunity against measles, rubella, mumps, tetanus and diphtheria can be established by either reviewing a previous written record of vaccination or administering vaccine now. Serologic testing is acceptable evidence of immunity, but should not be routinely performed unless specifically requested by the patient, and if testing is appropriate or available. Practically speaking, immunization is preferable to serologic testing because of the relative costs and time. In all instances when vaccine administration is considered, M-M-R (measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine, live) and tetanus-diphtheria toxoid (Td, Adult Type) are the products of choice for use in adults unless a specific contraindication is present.

GRADUATE INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College has a 2,000-acre campus located on the southern edge of the city of Baton Rouge just east of the Mississippi River. Baton Rouge is a metropolitan area of approximately 500,000 persons and has a temperate climate most of the year. The university operates on an academic year of two semesters plus a summer term. Semesters are 16 weeks in length, running from August through December and January through May. A nine-week summer term begins in June. Over 25,000 students are currently enrolled at LSU. Of these, approximately 1,500 are international students representing more than 109 countries. The International Student office has a full-time staff to aid students with respect to scholastic and personal problems, to provide immigration information, and to coordinate international student activities.

GRADUATE ADMISSION

Graduate applicants must have the equivalent of the U.S. bachelor's degree to be considered for admission. In India it takes B.Sc. and M.Sc. or V.A. and M.A. to equal a U.S. bachelor's degree. Students not having completed the M.A. or M.S. prior to the LSU entry date will not be eligible for graduate study. In China, students holding three-year bachelor's degrees are not eligible for graduate study. Students with these degrees may be considered if they have completed a substantial amount of graduate work in addition to the three-year bachelor's degree. Other requirements for consideration are the equivalent of a "B+" average or better on graduate work attempted, a satisfactory TOEFL, and acceptable scores on the GRE or GMAT.

TOEFL Requirements:

Applicants who are from countries other than the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and New Zealand are required to submit an acceptable score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a test designed to evaluate proficiency in English which is administered in testing centers overseas and throughout the United States. Information regarding the TOEFL may be obtained by writing directly to TOEFL, Box 899R, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08451, USA. Graduate applicants are required to have a score of 525 or better. Applicants for assistantships must have a score of 550 or better.

Applicants who have earned a degree in the U.S. or one of the above mentioned countries are not required to submit a TOEFL score. However, all students whose citizenship is not one of these countries will be tested for English proficiency prior to initial registration to LSU. If these tests indicate a need for additional English training, students will be required to enroll in the appropriate English courses. Students who have been awarded an assistantship will be tested for spoken English proficiency and placed in the appropriate speech class.

GRE or GMAT Requirements:

All graduate students are required to submit scores on the general aptitude portion of the Graduate Records Examination (GRE) except applicants for programs in the College of Business Administration, who must submit scores on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). Graduate applicants in Economics must submit scores on the GRE. Final admissions decisions will not be made until these scores are received.

Filing an application:

Send application and other materials to the Office of Admissions, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-2802. Students may apply for any semester or summer term. We suggest that new students enter the fall semester, the beginning of the academic year. The following materials should be in the Office of Admissions at least 90 days before the beginning of the semester in which admission is desired to insure time to complete processing records:

1. Application for admission. Underline or circle the name on your application which your home government considers most important in identifying your record.
2. A nonrefundable application fee of \$25, check or money order, showing name of student for whom payment is made. Checks must be drawn on United States' banks. Applications will not be processed until this fee is received.
3. Complete, official, scholastic records. Please Note: Records from each university attended are required even if you did not complete your studies or did not want credit for these studies. Failure to include all university attendance may result in dismissal from LSU or cancellation of your student visa.
4. Scores on entrance examinations (if required) and the TOEFL.
5. Satisfactory evidence of financial support as certified on LSU Application for Admission.

EXPENSES

Total expenses for the calendar year (12 months) are estimated to be \$14,500 for undergraduate and graduate students. Travel to and from Baton Rouge, Louisiana is not included. All fees and costs are subject to change.

Students from countries which cannot guarantee timely payment of fees due to either severe exchange restrictions or delinquency in payment of government scholarships may be required to submit an advanced payment for tuition and fees before an I-20 will be issued. Financial requirements: Certification of adequate financial support must be submitted with the application.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Some teaching and research assistantships are available for graduate applicants. These are awarded by the departments, generally by April 1st of each year. A number of departments require a year's study in residence before considering applications for assistantships. Graduate students with assistantships may also contact the U.S. Educational Foundation in their country to determine availability of travel funds from the U.S. Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act. Applicants should contact the department for assistantship procedures.

ORIENTATION

All new students are required to attend the orientation held prior to registration. Students enrolling on the LSU campus for the first time must take the English Placement Test unless English is their native language.

See Graduate Admission for testing requirements. Freshman Students must take both the English and Math placement tests before they will be permitted to register. Speech interviews are required for graduate assistants.

