About the University of Louisville

The University of Louisville (UofL) is a state-supported research university located in the largest city in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. UofL was initially chartered in 1798 as one of the nation’s first urban institutions. Though grounded in a rich legacy, UofL is forward-thinking in its approach to teaching, research and service. As it focuses on the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century, the university advances the social and economic development of its community and its citizens.

UofL enrolls more than 22,000 students and offers undergraduate degrees in over 50 fields of study, master’s degrees in over 70 areas, and doctoral degrees in over 35 disciplines. The university also is accredited to grant professional degrees in medicine, dentistry, and law.

UofL contributes significantly to the economic, cultural and intellectual life of the Louisville community, yet the magnitude of its achievements reach beyond Louisville into every corner of Kentucky and across the nation. Our network is over 130,000 strong, with alumni living all over the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the United States, and around the world. UofL has trained about 30 percent of Kentucky’s physicians and attorneys and almost half of its dentists.

At UofL, students learn from faculty members who are experts in their subject areas. Nearly 93 percent of the 1,776 full-time faculty hold the highest degrees in their field. In addition to their classroom duties, UofL faculty are leading research projects funded at nearly $138 million in federal, local, and private grants for Fiscal Year 2018.

Those same professors share the latest research, techniques, and knowledge with students in the classroom. Faculty and student researchers are aided by leading-edge computer systems and laboratories. They may also gather information from across the ages and around the world through the University Libraries system that offers more than 2.1 million volumes, 92,000 print and electronic journal titles journal subscriptions, and unique resources through its special collections and archives.

A diverse and active student body enriches the educational experience at UofL. Students of color represent almost 1 in 4 students and international students represent 4.5 percent of total enrollment. While Kentucky students account for the majority of the student population, with over 40 percent coming from Jefferson County, almost one-quarter of UofL students are from 53 other U.S. states and territories. 464 campus organizations help students meet new friends, develop leadership skills and explore new interests. Sports fans are able to enjoy Division I men’s and women’s athletics; UofL is a proud member of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).

UofL’s Belknap Campus is home to eight of its twelve academic schools and colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education and Human Development, the J.B. Speed School of Engineering, the Graduate School, the Brandeis School of Law, the School of Music, and the Kent School of Social Work. The Health Sciences Campus, located in the city’s downtown medical complex, includes the schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, and Public Health and Information Sciences, along with UofL Hospital.

Additional information about UofL can be found on the following pages:

- Mission Statement (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/about/mission-statement)
- History of the University (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/about/history-university)
- Institutional and Professional Accreditation (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/about/institutional-professional-accreditation)
- Leadership (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/about/leadership)
- Academic Freedom at the University (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/about/academic-freedom-university)
- Americans with Disabilities Act (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/about/americans-disabilities-act)
- Drug-Free Schools and Campuses (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/about/drug-free-schools-campuses)
- Academic Calendar (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/about/academic-calendar)