

International Students & Scholars

FALL 2026 REPORT

At LSU, our global community is a cornerstone of the campus experience, bringing diverse perspectives, cultural richness, and academic excellence to every corner of our university. The Office of Global Engagement is proud to support nearly **1,500 international students** and **255 scholars** from more than **100 countries**, as well as a growing network of global partners and study abroad programs. Through this annual report, we highlight the contributions, achievements, and experiences of our international community, showcasing the ways in which they strengthen LSU's mission and foster meaningful connections across the world.

International Community

1169
Graduate / Professional Students

329
Undergraduate Students

253
Faculty/Scholars

22
Non-degree Students

333
Dependents

354
Students on Optional Practical Training (OPT), STEM OPT Extension, or Academic Training (AT)

2,460 TOTAL

At a Glance

1498
International Students from 102 countries

78%
Graduate / Professional Students

22%
Undergraduate Students

255
Scholars from 41 countries

PROFILE



Jacob "Maganizo" Kapita, from Zomba, Malawi, has called LSU home for four years. A Ph.D. candidate in Mathematics with minors in Computer Science and Applied Statistics, he welcomes international students as a Global Community Center orientation leader. As president of LSU's Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics Student Chapter, he helps build a thriving community of student applied mathematicians.

Maganizo values how LSU's organizations care for every part of student life and treat everyone first and foremost as a person. This supportive environment makes LSU a place to dream big and carry those aspirations into the world. Geaux Tigers!

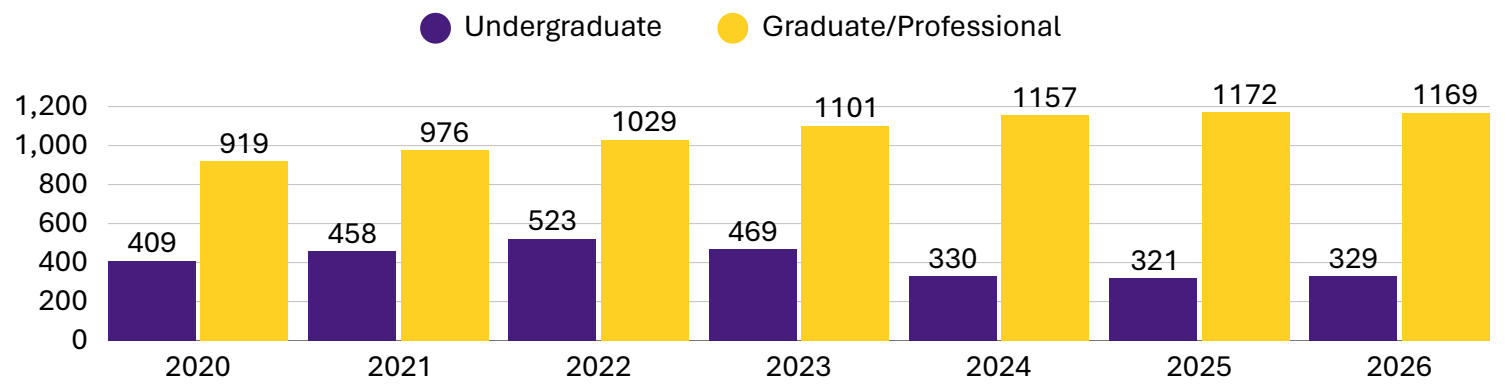
International Student Enrollment

International Enrollment, 2020-2026

A Seven-Year Review

1,498

Enrolled in Fall 2026



Undergraduate Student Enrollment

329

Total enrollment

104

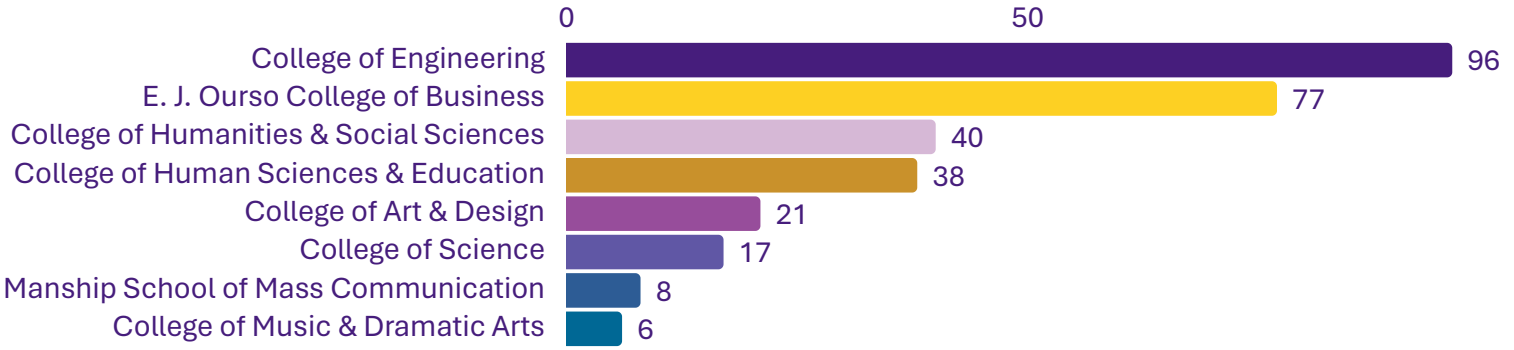
New students

(includes first-time, transfer, and internal change of degree level)

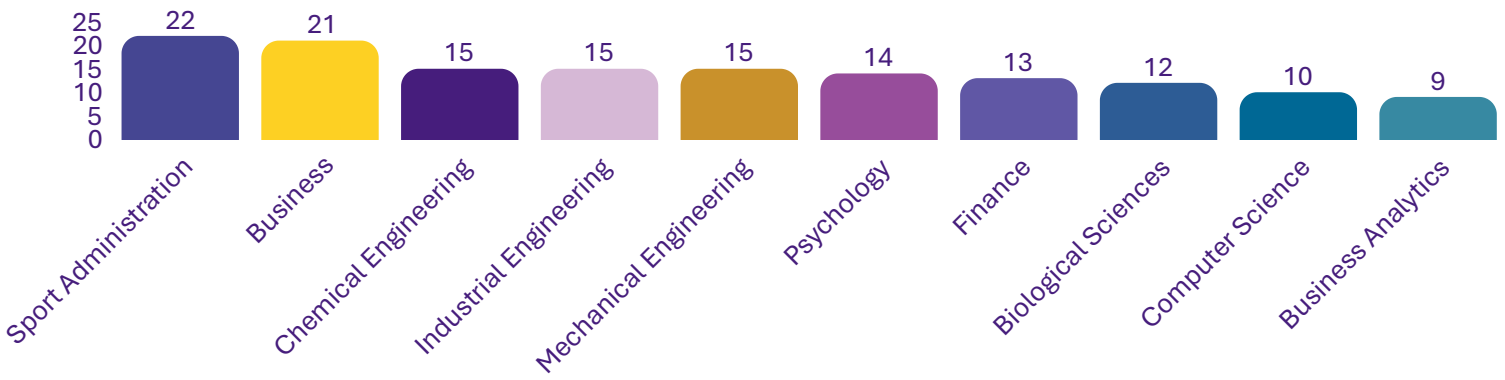
225

Continuing students

Undergraduate Enrollment by College



Top 10 Undergraduate Fields of Study



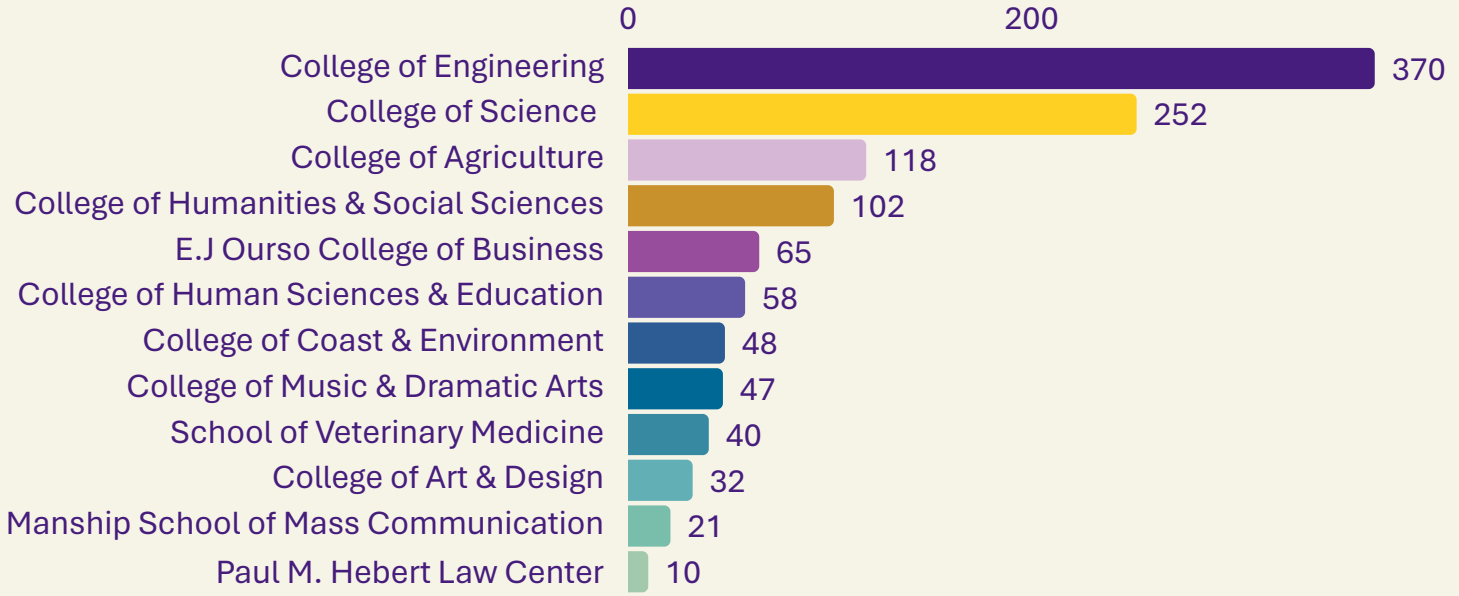
Graduate & Professional Student Enrollment

1,169
Total enrollment
(997 doctoral | 158 masters | 14 professional)

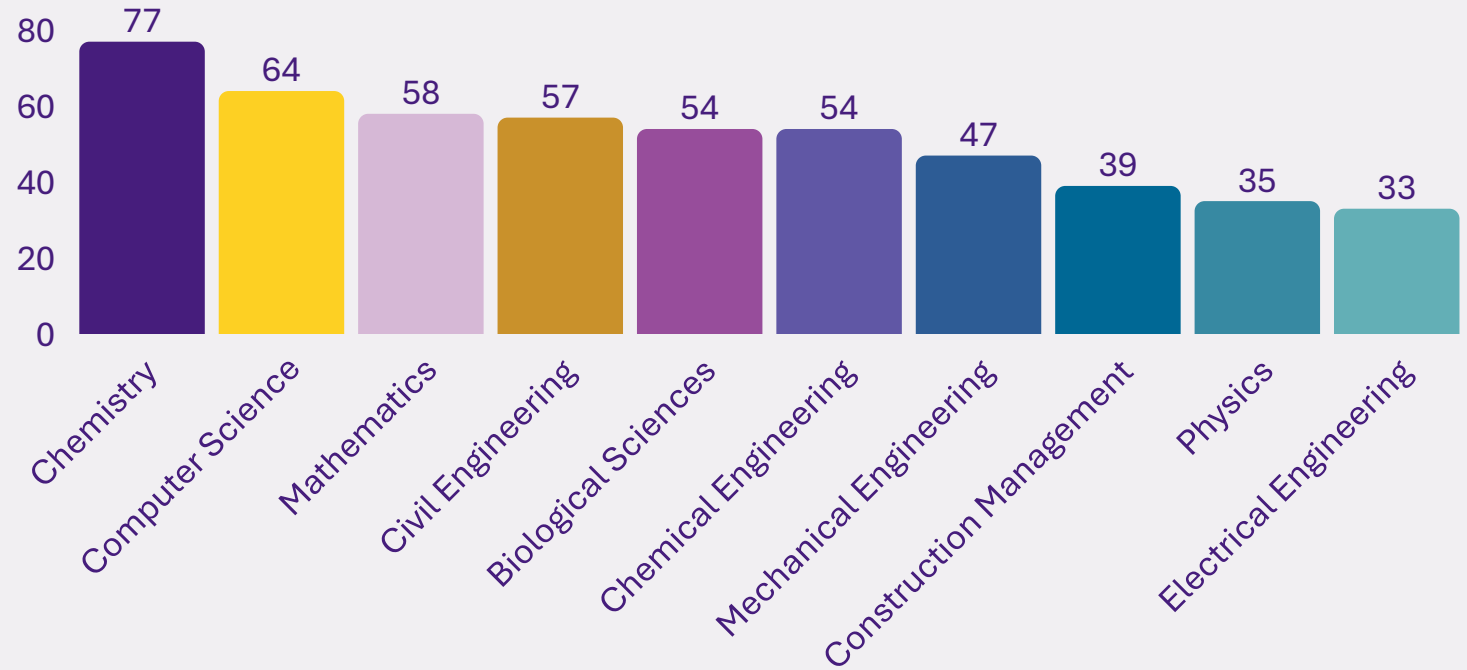
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New students
(includes first-time, transfer, and internal change of degree level)

984
Continuing students

Graduate Enrollment by College



Top 10 Graduate Fields of Study



Students by Country

Fall 2026 undergraduate and graduate/professional enrollment 1498

Afghanistan	3
Algeria	1
Angola	1
Argentina	4
Armenia	1
Australia	3
Austria	1
Azerbaijan	4
Bahamas	5
Bahrain	1
Bangladesh	193
Belarus	2
Belgium	2
Benin	1
Bolivia	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2
Brazil	74
Cambodia	2
Cameroon	3
Canada	19
China	96
Colombia	16
Costa Rica	3
Croatia	6
Czech Republic	1
Denmark	2
Ecuador	32
Egypt	17
El Salvador	10
Ethiopia	1
France	20
Gambia	2
Georgia	2
Germany	7
Ghana	93
Greece	3
Guatemala	5
Guyana	3
Haiti	2
Honduras	71
Iceland	5
India	129
Indonesia	6
Iran	116
Ireland	2
Italy	10
Jamaica	8
Japan	5
Jordan	16
Kazakhstan	1
Kenya	9
Kosovo	1
Latvia	1
Lebanon	3
Liberia	2
Lithuania	1
Malawi	3
Malaysia	3
Mexico	8
Moldova	1
Morocco	3
Mozambique	1
Nepal	65
Netherlands	2
New Zealand	1
Nicaragua	4
Nigeria	115
Norway	1
Pakistan	25
Panama	14
Paraguay	2
Peru	13
Philippines	10
Poland	2
Portugal	1
Romania	2
Russia	4
Rwanda	2
Serbia	4
Singapore	1
Slovenia	1
South Africa	2
South Korea	23
Spain	10
Sri Lanka	46
St Kitts and Nevis	1
St Vincent and the Grenadines	1
Sweden	1
Taiwan	13
Thailand	2
Tonga	1
Trinidad and Tobago	4
Tunisia	1
Turkey	11
Uganda	3
Ukraine	8
United Kingdom	14
Venezuela	6
Vietnam	29
West Bank	1
Zambia	1
Zimbabwe	2

International Students Top Countries of Origin

Bangladesh **193**
India **129**
Iran **116**
Nigeria **115**
China **96**
Ghana **93**
Brazil **74**
Honduras **71**
Nepal **65**
Sri Lanka **46**

International Scholars

LSU's International Faculty and Scholars Office supports visiting academics, researchers, and tenure-track faculty members who come to the university to teach, conduct research, and participate in academic and cultural exchange. International scholars contribute to cross-cultural understanding and academic advancement through collaboration and campus engagement. Programs such as the annual International Research Fair and Postdoc Appreciation Week recognize scholars' contributions while fostering connection within LSU's global community. Their presence enriches LSU's academic environment and reinforces the university's commitment to international education and global engagement.

253
SCHOLARS

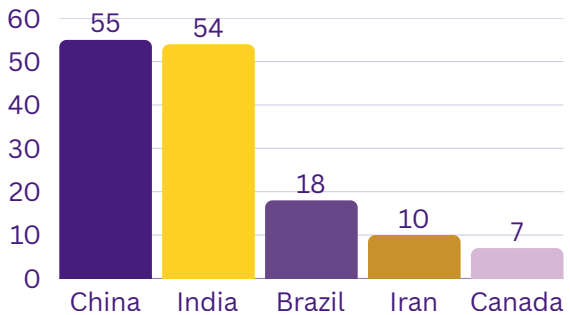
Top 5 Scholar Positions

- 92 Assistant Professor
- 12 Instructor
- 68 Postdoctoral Researcher
- 27 Resident/Intern
- 16 Research Associate

Scholars by Category

- **152** H-1B (Employment Visa)
- **1** E-3 (Employment Visa)
- **86** J-1 (Exchange Visitor Program)
- **6** O-1 (Employment Visa)
- **8** TN (Employment Visa)

Top 5 Countries of Origin



41
Total Countries

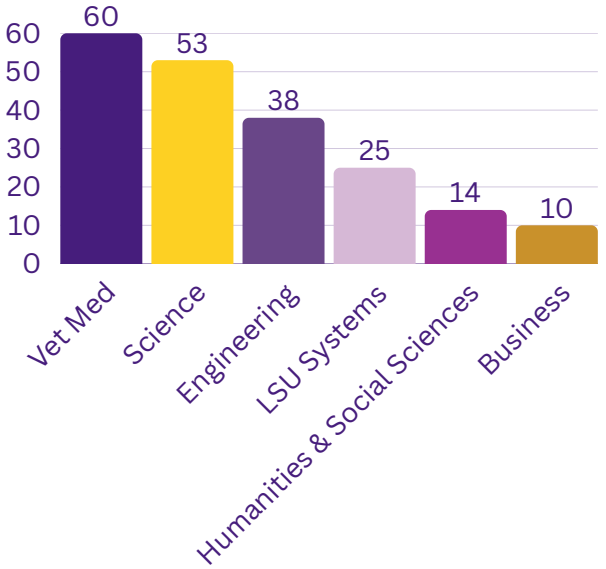
PROFILE



Ojasvi Dutta, a J-1 Exchange Visitor from Chandigarh, India, serves as Assistant Director of the Division of Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine (BioMMed) and Program Manager for the Louisiana Biomedical Research Network at LSU's School of Veterinary Medicine. His research uses computational biology and artificial intelligence to study infectious diseases and cancer. A collaboration with Dr. Gus Kousoulas brought him to LSU, where he also pursues his Ph.D. part-time.

Dutta coordinates statewide research initiatives and leads the Louisiana Training Platform, which has reached more than 10,000 learners. Through this work, he helps students, educators, and researchers develop scientific and technological skills. He encourages fellow international scholars to stay curious, take initiative, and remain open to unexpected opportunities.

Top Hosting Units



Student and Scholar Engagement

January 1-October 31, 2026

Global Community Center

48
Events

~ 2,800
Total Participation

Scholar & Postdoc Programming

25
Events

583
Total Participation

Selected Student Event Highlights

Welcome Dinners

Approximately 380 attendees across spring and fall

Welcoming international students and celebrating their contributions to LSU.

Fusion Cultural Night

170 attendees

A celebration of culture and performance with the International Student Association and Student Government

Lunar New Year

150 attendees

An evening of traditions, food, music, and activities with Asian Student Union

Selected Scholar & Postdoc Highlights

Postdoc Appreciation Week

Recognizing the contributions of LSU postdoctoral scholars through breakfast, lunch, and university symposium events with the theme: *Communication and Collaboration in Research*

Additional Programming

8 Postdoc Career Development Talks
8 J-1 Scholar Lunch and Learns
1 Spring Event
2 Immigration Updates
3 Travel Updates

SWAP Shop: Practical Support, Lasting Impact

Through a partnership with LSU Residential Life, donated household items are collected and redistributed to international and domestic students and scholars at no cost.

1,100+
Individuals supported

4,000+
Items redistributed

Cumulative over two years since SWAP Shop inception

PROFILE



Sania Akter, from Bangladesh, is a PhD candidate in Political Science at LSU. Her research examines protest, state repression, and party politics in South Asia, exploring how repression shapes the transition from street protest to electoral politics.

As president of the International Student Association and a graduate senator in Student Government, Sania connects cultures, helps international students feel they belong, and advocates for student voices in university decisions. Her LSU experience has strengthened her commitment to listening, collaboration, and turning ideas into action. For Sania, leadership means empowering others to lead.

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