

GENERAL INFORMATION

MISSION STATEMENT

Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana, an institution within the Southern University A & M System, seeks to provide quality education for its students while being committed to the total community. This institution prepares students for careers in technical and occupational fields; awards certificates, diplomas and associate degrees; and offers courses and programs that are transferable to other colleges and universities. Dedicated to excellence in instruction and community service, this open enrollment institution promotes cultural diversity, provides developmental and continuing education, and seeks partnerships with business and industry.

To fulfill this mission, SUSLA is committed to:

- Providing university parallel college transfer programs designed to meet the requirements for the lower division of four-year college or university programs.
- Offering one- and two-year career programs designed to meet the demand for technicians, semi-professional workers, and skilled craftsmen for employment in industry, business, specific professions, and government, including associate degrees in art, sciences, applied sciences, as well as certificate programs.
- Providing developmental education designed to prepare individuals for successful completion of occupational-technical curricula or university parallel college transfer curricula.
- Conducting continuing education programs carefully designed to meet the lifelong learning needs of the communities served by the University; continuing education courses are non-credit or for-credit. Non-credit courses can be taken for occupational upgrade, personal satisfaction and enhancement. Credit courses can be used for transfer credit, an associate degree or certificate, occupational upgrade or career change.
- Operating comprehensive student development services such as counseling and advising designed to facilitate educational, vocational, social and personal growth.
- Conducting research of the type appropriate to the institution, especially the development of new and/or enhanced educational programs and offerings based on community needs.
- Providing specialized community service programs that are designed to improve the quality of life and meet identified cultural and educational needs within the institution's service area.

UNIVERSITY HISTORY

Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana was established by Act 42 in 1964 by the Louisiana Legislature to serve the Shreveport-Bossier City area. Its basic emphasis was to provide the first two years of typical college and university course work. Then Governor John H. McKeithen signed the Act on June 27, 1964, and the institution officially opened its doors for instruction on September 19, 1967.

On October 28, 1974, the Louisiana Coordinating Council for Higher Education, currently the Board of Regents, granted to the institution approval to offer six associate degree programs: Business, Office Administration, Natural Sciences, Medical Office Assistant, Social Sciences, and Humanities. Southern University at Shreveport is a comprehensive community college within the Southern University System.

In 1977, the Board of Regents' Master Plan for Higher Education in Louisiana cited, "Southern University should begin immediately to plan programs and services of the type appropriate to a comprehensive community college in order to contribute to the future economic development of the greater Shreveport area." Therein, the institution was charged to expand its one and two-year offerings in keeping with the manpower needs of the Shreveport area and to cooperate with nearby vocational-technical schools where possible. The Master Plan defined research activities as "appropriate to further the role of the institution as a comprehensive community college, with lower level undergraduate instruction and public service receiving top priority."

In 1981, the Federal Justice Department mandated that the Southern University System enter into a Consent Decree that led to several major changes for the institution.

The Consent Decree, in part, involved the acquisition of a satellite campus site, "preferably in an area of the city that was amenable and accessible to the diverse multi-cultures served by the institution." A downtown location was deemed best, primarily because of the large number of business sites and office workers employed in that area. After conducting assessments of the kinds of educational training needs projected by the downtown employee population, the institution chose to bid on portions of 610 Texas Street in 1987. The Southern University Board of Supervisors, the State Board of Regents, and the Division of Administration approved the bid October 1987. Southern University at Shreveport held its first classes at the downtown site, the Metro Center, in spring of 1988.

Throughout the years, outstanding leadership has guided Southern University at Shreveport. Dr. Walter Austin served as the institution's first chief executive officer, followed by Dr. Leonard C. Barnes. Upon the recommendation of President G. Leon Netterville to the State Board of Education, Dr. Barnes was appointed to serve as Vice President of the Shreveport Campus in July 1971. The Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System changed the title of Vice President to Chancellor in March 1977. Dr. Barnes continued to serve the University as Chancellor until July of 1987. Dr. Robert H. Smith served as the University's third executive

officer. Under Dr. Smith's leadership, more than 1,000 students were enrolled during the 1988 spring semester; the largest enrollment in the history of the institution at that time. Dr. Mary L. Wilson was appointed as the Interim Chancellor in June 1993. She was the first woman chief executive of the university. Dr. Jerome G. Greene, Jr. assumed duties as Chancellor in November 1993. Under his tenure, a General Studies degree program was developed, and a groundbreaking ceremony for a new gymnasium and physical education building was held. Mr. S. Albert Gilliam was appointed Interim Chancellor August of 1998. Dr. James C. Brown assumed the role of Chancellor in May 1999, and in October 2000, Dr. Press L. Robinson was appointed Interim Chancellor. In November of 2000, the Southern University Board of Supervisors' named Dr. Ray L. Belton as Chancellor, effective December of 2000.

LOCATION OF UNIVERSITY

The campus of Southern University at Shreveport is located in Caddo Parish in the city of Shreveport, Louisiana. The 103 acre campus intersects Martin Luther King Drive and Hilary Huckaby Avenue.

FACILITIES

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT METRO CENTER is located at 610 Texas Avenue. The **SUSLA Metro Center** houses computer and allied health labs, classrooms, academic and administrative offices, a media production studio, the Southern University Museum of Art at Shreveport, and a compressed video distance-learning classroom.

The building is an example of turn-of-the-century urban commercial architecture and consists of two structures. The six-story red brick building was built in 1919 by the Jacobs family as office space, and the adjoining four-story building, known as the Barrett Building, was constructed in 1929 by a Little Rock, Arkansas department store. In 1982, the two buildings were combined and renovated to create the existing structure which now contains approximately 77,954 square feet. In 1992, the building was given the DSU Award for Preservation of Historic Architectural Buildings in Downtown Shreveport, Louisiana.

AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY CENTER is located at the Shreveport Downtown Airport and occupies two aircraft hangars with classroom space in the main terminal building. The hanger was constructed in 1941 and the terminal was constructed in 1971. The Aerospace Technology Center is 18,890 square-feet. The center houses the offices and training areas for the Aerospace Technology program.

The Downtown Airport was Shreveport's first commercial airport. Delta Airlines flew its initial routes from Dallas, Texas to the airport in 1929. The airport was officially inaugurated on July 14, 1931. After Shreveport Regional Airport opened in the early 1950s, the Downtown Airport became a general aviation airport serving private pilots, companies and schools based at the airport. The Aerospace Technology Center is housed in the first hangar built at the airport.

JESSE N. STONE LECTURE HALL is a one story structure that was built in 1967 and encompasses 9,568 square-feet. This building houses the University Auditorium, the Music Department, the J. Bennett Johnston, Jr. Video Conference Classroom, and faculty and staff offices. It also serves as the campus' mid-sized assembly hall.

Stone Hall is named after the fourth President of the Southern University System. Dr. Jesse Stone graduated from the first class of the Southern University Law School. He later became Dean of the Southern University Law Center from 1971-1972. His tenure as system president continued from 1974-1985; when he returned to the Law Center as a professor until his retirement in 1986. In 1991, Dr. Stone began a four year tenure on the Southern University Board of Supervisors. The Jessie N. Stone endowed professorship was established in 1998.

JOHNNY L. VANCE STUDENT CENTER BUILDING is a two-story building that was erected in 1970 and houses the Student Bookstore, Student Support Office and a student multipurpose room. This 7,728 square-foot building is named in memory of Johnny L. Vance; an educator and community leader who began his academic career at Southern University at Shreveport. He later served the University as Counselor, Recruiter, Financial Aid Director, Dean of Students, Student Support Services Director and Vice Chancellor Student Affairs. The Johnny L. Vance Center was the first building to be named after an individual who contributed to the evolution of the Shreveport campus.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUILDING, combined with the Student Union Building, comprises the Student Activities Center. The Student Activities Building is a one story structure erected in 2008. The Student Activities Center is 8,469 square-feet. It houses the Student Lounge, Student Dining Facility, Student Kitchen, activity areas and Student Support Offices.

JAGUAR COURTYARD opened in the fall of 2008 to provide residential housing. The courtyard includes 240 fully furnished 2 and 4 bedroom units with all inclusive utilities, high speed internet and basic cable, and all the amenities and security of a gated-community. Located in the center of the campus adjacent to the Library and classrooms, the Jaguar Courtyard offers students an optimal living and learning environment.

LEONARD C. BARNES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING is 47,232 square-foot structure which houses the Chancellor's Office, the Offices of Academic and Student Affairs, Fiscal Affairs, in addition to Financial Aid, the Registrar, Admissions, Cashiers, and Information Technology Center.

The Leonard C. Barnes Administration Building is named in honor of the longest serving Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport (1970-1987). Dr. Barnes was the second chief executive officer of the campus as Vice President and subsequently as Chancellor.

LOUIS COLLIER HALL is a two story structure that was built in 1973. Formally the Natural Sciences Building, the 32,208 square-foot structure was renamed after Louis M. Collier, Chairman

of the Physics Department. The building houses laboratory and lecture classroom and faculty offices.

CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT is a state of the art business incubator which is the result of a partnership and funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of University Partnerships, the State of Louisiana with assistance from Senator Lydia Jackson, the City of Shreveport, and the Southern University System. This building is a recently constructed, one-story structure, erected in 2007 which encompasses 14,510 square-feet. It houses the Campus Capital One Bank, a business conference room, business student support and business incubator offices.

This \$2.4 million facility has the capacity to accommodate up to eight small businesses in its incubation program. The incubation program offers businesses affordable lease space which includes internet/phone service, access to office equipment, clerical support and on-site technical support in a nurturing environment that encourages success. The incubator also assists local emerging businesses with technical support through the Small and Emerging Business Development program, the Business Opportunity Grant program, and Entrepreneurship Training classes.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY is a two story structure erected in 1970 which encompasses 32,768 square-feet. The University Library serves as the only campus library.

FINE ARTS BUILDING is a one story structure built in 1967 which encompasses 12, 645 square feet. This building houses Fine Arts classrooms, administrative and faculty offices.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION COMPLEX (HPER) is a one-story structure constructed in 2000 which encompasses 40, 315 square-feet. This facility serves as a combined gymnasium, concessions area and physical education center. It houses the SUSLA Men's and Women's Jaguar Basketball Teams, sports recreational areas, physical education classrooms, locker rooms and team coach offices.

UTILITY PLANT is a one structure facility, built in 1967 which encompasses 6,786 square- feet. The Utility Plant is primarily used for institutional infrastructure support.

NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING (NCR) is a two story structure built in 1972 which encompasses 30,988 square-feet. It is used to instruct general education curriculum by classroom and computer laboratory.

UNIVERSITY POLICE BUILDING is a one story structure built in 1976 which encompasses 1,800 square-feet. This building consists of a University Police Department assembly area, and University Police Department administrative support offices.

SHIPPING AND RECEIVING WAREHOUSE is a one story structure built in 1995 which encompasses 5,000 square-feet. It consists of an open floor plan constructed warehouse with cage controlled areas. The building is equipped with a loading dock and a fenced external storage area.

COMPLIANCE POLICIES

Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana is an equal opportunity institution in accordance with civil rights and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or other factors prohibited by law in any of its educational programs, activities and employment opportunities. The Title IX Compliance offices are located in the Fine Arts Building, Room C01 and the Johnny L. Vance Center, Room 212.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities and Related Laws

Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana is committed to ensuring equal access to an education for enrolled or admitted students who have verified disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). College policy calls for reasonable accommodations to be made for eligible students with verified disabilities on an individual and flexible basis. Any student enrolling in Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana with a documented disability and who requests accommodations must first provide a current evaluation of the disability from a medical professional. This documentation, which is required by federal guidelines, will remain on file in the Counseling Center.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 obligates the University, as a recipient of federal financial assistance, to assure that qualified persons with disabilities are not excluded from programs and services on the basis of their disability.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which covers all public entities and "places of public accommodation," reinforces this obligation, including the requirement to make reasonable accommodations in policies and practices to accommodate the limitations of individuals with disabilities. Services or benefits may not be provided to individuals with disabilities through programs that are separate or different unless the separate programs are necessary to ensure equally effective benefits and services.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 2008 revises the definition of "disability" to more broadly encompass impairments that substantially limit a major life activity. The amended language also states that mitigating measures, including assistive devices, auxiliary aids, accommodations, medical therapies and supplies (other than eyeglasses and contact lenses) have no bearing in determining whether a disability qualifies under the law. Changes also clarify coverage of impairments that are episodic or in remission that substantially limit a major life activity when active, such as epilepsy or post-traumatic stress disorder. The amendments took effect January 1, 2009.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Southern University at Shreveport does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. An ADA/Section 504/Title IX Coordinator has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana is committed to creating and maintaining a community/campus in which students, faculty, and staff can work in an environment free of all forms of harassment, exploitation, or intimidation. Harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including sexual harassment), national origin, age, disability, or veteran status is a form of discrimination in violation of the law and will not be tolerated. Harassment based on sexual orientation or group affiliation is prohibited by this policy and also will not be tolerated.

All students, faculty, and staff are expected to adhere to this policy and will be held accountable for violating it. Southern University at Shreveport Louisiana will respond promptly to all complaints of harassment and retaliation. Violations of this policy can result in serious disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for students or discharge for employees (**See the Southern University at Shreveport Student Handbook for additional information**).

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The members of the Board are appointed by the Governor of the State to overlapping six-year terms. Their appointments are subject to confirmation by the Louisiana State Senate. The sixteen-member Board consists of two members from each of the State's Congressional Districts, three members from the State at large and one student member. The student representative, who serves a one-year term, is elected annually from the current presidents of the student body on one of the System's three campuses or the Law Center.

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