

UNDERSTANDING ACADEMIC TERMS

Chapter 6

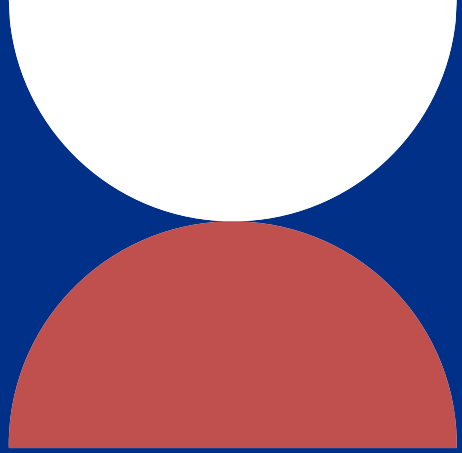
CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

Outline the Organizational Structure of Louisiana Tech

Define Academic Terms, Policies, and Procedures

Calculate Grade Point Average (GPA)





**“What
college are
you in?”**

TECH'S FIVE COLLEGES



University Structure

Colleges

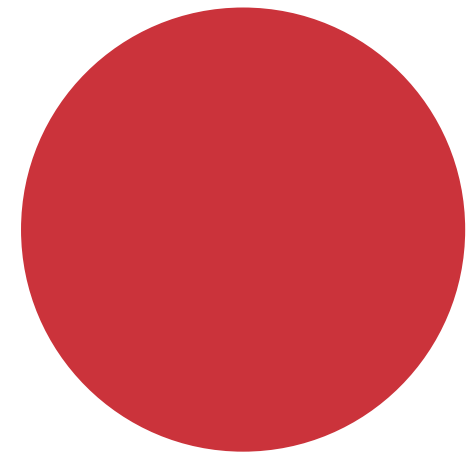
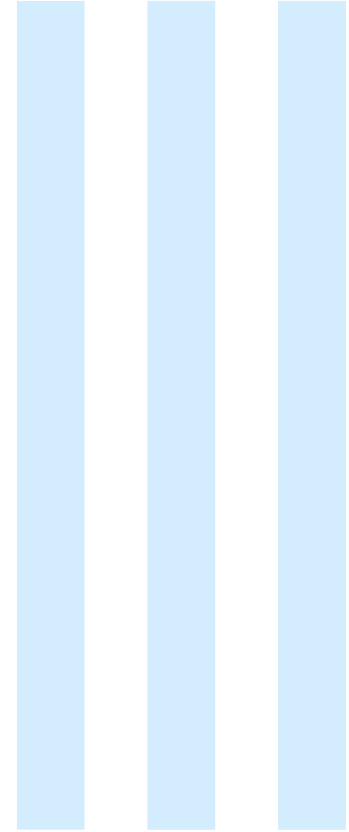
The largest hierarchy in the university's academic structure. Includes the five colleges just mentioned: **Applied and Natural Science**, **Business**, **Education & Human Sciences**, **Engineering & Science**, and **Liberal Arts**.

Schools & Divisions

The middle hierarchy consisting of a collection closely-related majors and programs. Includes the Divisions of **Nursing** and **Performing Arts** and the Schools of **Agricultural Sciences and Forestry**, **Accountancy**, **Design**, and others.

Departments

A typically smaller academic unit such as the Departments of **Kinesiology**, **Psychology and Behavioral Sciences**, **Economics and Finance**, and others.

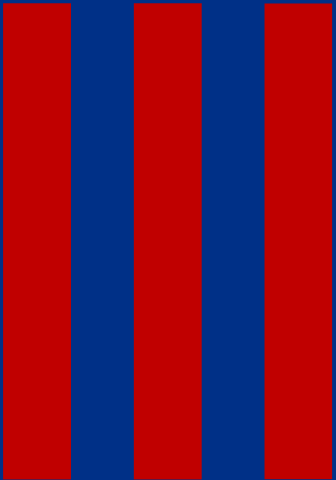
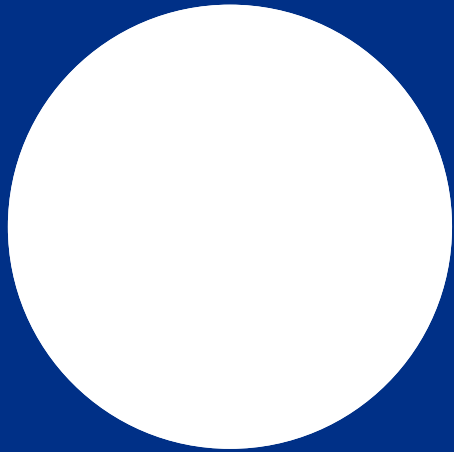


So who is in charge?

Within the university as well as each individual academic college there are several levels of leadership overseeing the daily operations of Louisiana Tech.



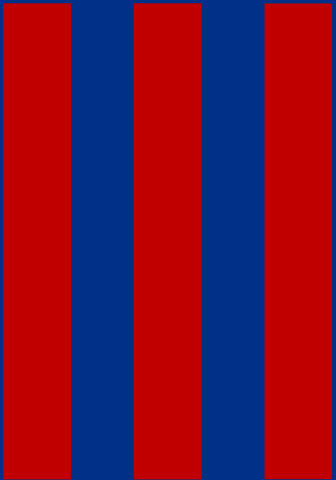
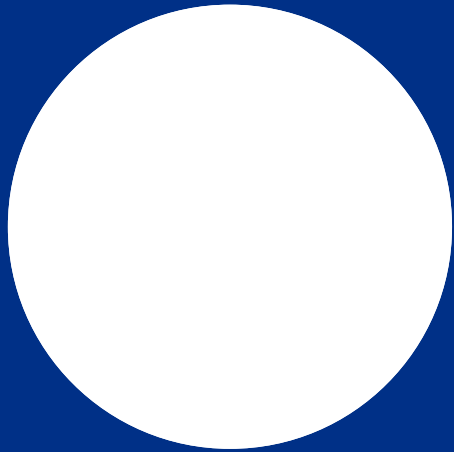
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Dr. Jim Henderson

UNIVERSITY PROVOST

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UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Attendance Policy: It's not "optional"

Regardless of what you may have heard, attendance is not optional in college. While it is true that attendance policies may vary by class, it is best practice to attend class regularly in order to get all the notes, take any surprise quizzes, review for tests, and more.

Academic Standing

Your academic standing is determined by your grade point average (GPA) on all hours that you have attempted (including dual enrollment and transfer credit). There are three levels:

Good Academic Standing (above a 2.0 GPA), **Academic Probation** (below a 2.0 cumulative GPA), and **Academic Suspension** (below a 2.0 cumulative & quarterly GPA for consecutive quarters).

Academic Honor Code and Classroom Behavior Policy

The purpose of the Honor Code is to articulate and support the maintaining of the highest standard of conduct in academic affairs by educating students about and preventing; **cheating, falsification, and stealing/unauthorized access of materials**. The Classroom Behavior Policy is designed to set clear guidelines for students and instructors to promote an intellectually stimulating experience and respectful environment while minimizing disruptive behavior.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **BACHELORS DEGREE**

The highest level of an undergraduate degree. Includes Bachelor's of Arts, Fine Arts, Interior Design, Science, Arts in Architectural Studies, Science in Forestry, and Interdisciplinary Studies.

- **ASSOCIATES DEGREE**

A degree typically awarded after a minimum of two years of study. Tech offers an Associates degree in **General Studies** (through the Barksdale Campus) and in **Nursing** (main campus).

- **MAJOR**

The specific area of study that a student specializes in. Students can declare multiple majors at a time. Additional majors require more hours to be earned in addition to your primary major's curriculum requirements.

- **MINORS**

A secondary area of specialization beyond a college major. Requires an *additional* 21 hours of college credit.

- **CERTIFICATE**

A shortened program that concentrates on a specific field of expertise rather than an entire course of study.

- **GRADUATE DEGREES**

Continuation of study that can take the shape of a Masters or Doctoral Degree.



CALCULATING GPA

Add total number of hours completed total quality points. Quality points are equal to the number of credits hours for a course multiplied by the grade earned (A=4; B=3; C=2; D=1; and F=0)

COURSE	Hours	Grade (Points)	Quality Points (Hrs. x Points)
HIST 201	3 hrs.	B (3 pts.)	3 hrs. x 3 pts. = 9
ENGL 101	3 hrs.	A (4 pts.)	3 hrs. x 4 pts. = 12
BISC 130	3 hrs.	C (2 pts.)	3 hrs. x 2 pts. = 6
BISC 131	1 hrs.	A (4 pts.)	1 hr. x 4 pts. = 4
TOTAL	10 hrs.	-	9 + 12 + 6 + 4 = 31 pts.

To determine GPA, divide the total quality points for all earned hours by the total number of hours completed.

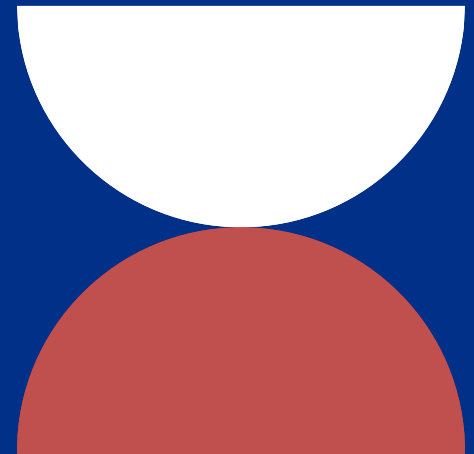
31 Points / 10 Hours = 3.1 GPA

CALCULATING GPA

Courses that are dropped with a “W” (before the drop date) do not count towards your grade point average.

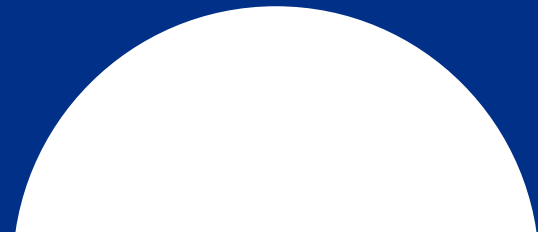
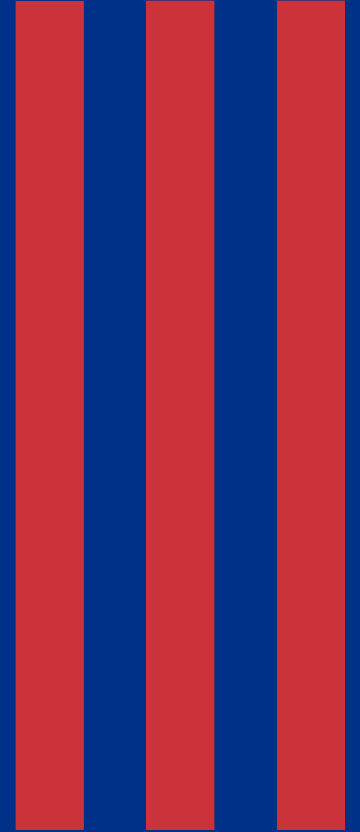
Courses that give grades of satisfactory (“S”) or No Credit (“NC”) also do not count towards your grade point average.

Incomplete (“I”) grades are given in instances where a student has failed to complete all assigned class work and/or exams as a result of conditions beyond the student’s control. Incompletes must be requested by the student, and an “I” grade will be given to reflect the student’s *current grade* at the completion of the quarter. For example if a student earned a “C” without submitting all work, then they will receive an “IC”. Once incomplete work has been submitted, a student’s “I” will be replaced with the updated earned grade. **“I” grades are counted towards GPA.**



UTILIZING ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Chapter 7



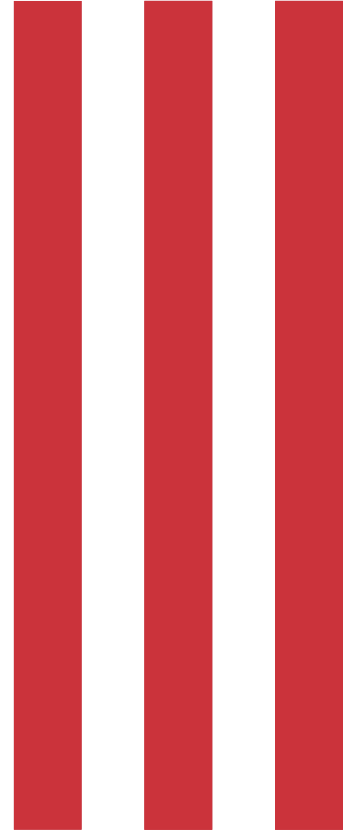
CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

Identify academic services and resources provided across campus.

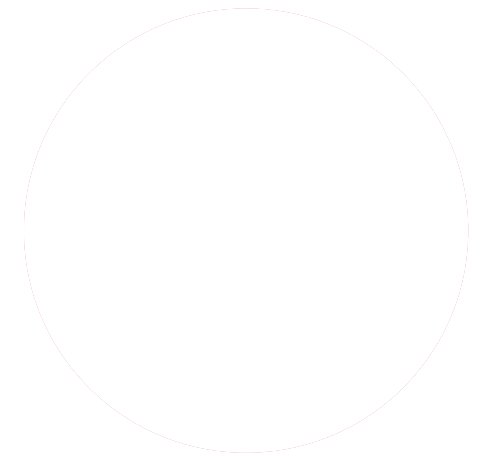
Articulate a plan for seeking assistance using campus resources.



What academic
resources do you
know about?



Have you used any of
them yourself?



BULLDOG ACHIEVEMENT RESOURCE CENTER

"The BARC"

WHERE IS IT?

Wyly Tower Main Floor – Room 202

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

- Tutoring (Chemistry, Math, Physics, and Statistics) – Room 226
- Writing Assistance – Room 325
- Campus Resource Referrals
- Academic Advising Assistance
- First-Year Experience (FYE) Program
- Residential Life Offices
- New Student Orientation



THE HONORS COLLEGE

WHERE IS IT?

University Hall – honors@latech.edu

WHAT IS IT?

Selective program that provides students with an elevated college experience. Includes a 21-credit hour curriculum threaded with an e-portfolio that students develop themselves.

HONORS PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- Honors College distinction at graduation and on transcript.
- Smaller than average class sizes
- Priority registration for classes
- Specialized honors advising
- Opportunity to live in designated honors housing
- Access to honors cultural, social, and academic events.



HONORS
COLLEGE
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LIBRARY SERVICES

WHERE IS IT?

Prescott Memorial Library

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

- Research Service Librarians to help with research projects
- Access to over three million books, e-books, journals, magazines, newspapers, government documents, and more.
- One of 46 regional Government Document Depositories
- Special Collections, Manuscripts, & Archives
- Individual and Group Study Seating
- Laptop Rentals
- Computer & Print Lab



THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

WHERE IS IT?

Keeny Hall Room 207 – registrar@latech.edu

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

The Registrar's Office maintains academic records and:

- Enrollment Verification (Insurance Discount, Scholarships, etc.)
- Major Changes
- Emergency Notification System
- Graduation Coordination
- Grade Collection
- Resignation from the University
- Maintaining the Academic Calendar
- Transcript Services



FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

WHERE IS IT?

Keeny Hall 237 – techaid@latech.edu

WHAT IS THEIR PURPOSE?

Assists with the process of obtaining financial assistance to offset the cost of attending the university.

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

- Information and Assistance with FAFSA and TOPS
- Guidance on University Scholarship Opportunities
- Academic Works Scholarship Portal
- On-Campus Student Employment through Federal Work Study Program



THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

WHERE IS IT?

Keeny Hall Room 103 – cashier@latech.edu

WHAT IS THEIR PURPOSE?

Home of many of the financial activities of the campus including accounts receivable & payable, payroll, and accounting.

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

- Tuition & Fees Collection
- Refund Checks & Electronic Deposits
- Tech Express (more on next slide)
- Travel Reimbursements



THE TECH EXPRESS OFFICE

WHERE IS IT?

Student Center (Centennial Plaza side)– express@latech.edu

WHAT IS THEIR PURPOSE?

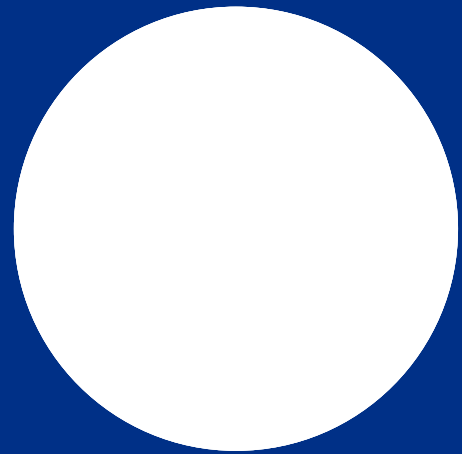
Distributes and manages Student ID cards and related functions.

HOW CAN THEY HELP ME?

- Make and replace University ID Cards
- Assist with managing your Dining Meal Plans
- Helps set up and manage your Tech Express Account
 - Tech Express can be used across campus at ALL on campus dining locations, the bookstore, and various vending machines.
 - Can also be used off-campus at certain locations including; Dairy Queen, Newk's Eatery, Flying Burger and Seafood, Smoothie King, and MORE!!



What's Holding You Back? (Activity 7.2)



What concerns or challenges do you have about being a college student? What is keeping you from seeking the assistance from the resources mentioned in this chapter? How can you overcome this resistance?