



# Regents Recap

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## Transfer Degree Expands

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BATON ROUGE, La.—The Board of Regents approved an expansion of the Louisiana Transfer Degree to include Business and Mass Communications as areas of concentration for students to choose from in completing their transfer associate degree. These additional concentrations bring the number of transfer degree curricula available statewide to seven.

The Louisiana Transfer Associate Degree is the result of Act 356, passed by the state legislature in 2009 and sponsored by Senator Ben Nevers, D-Bogalusa. The law focused on providing students a path transferring between the state's two-year and four-year institutions without losing credits. Students in the state's community colleges were able to enroll in the Louisiana Transfer Degree program which provides the guarantee for the first time in the Fall, 2010.

Students who enroll in the program and earn at least a grade of a "C" in each course, graduate with an Associate of Arts or Science/Louisiana Transfer Degree which guarantees the ability to transfer from a 2-year community college to a Louisiana public four-year university. In addition, all 60 hours of coursework completed by the student in the degree automatically transfers to the four-year university—giving the student junior status.

"We are seeing a lot of student interest in the Louisiana Transfer Degree," says Commissioner of Higher Education Jim Purcell. "It's a great way for students who want to start at a community college but have the aspiration of completing a four-year degree to get their first two years under their belts with no loss of credits. Other states across the country are contacting us about creating similar programs due to our success. It's one area where Louisiana is really leading the way."

Students and policy makers looking for additional information on the Louisiana Transfer Degree including campus specific details can visit the Transfer Degree Guarantee website at: [www.latransferdegree.org](http://www.latransferdegree.org).

## Admissions Standards Implementation Update

In 2008, the Board of Regents adopted the Louisiana Department of Education's Core 4 curriculum as the coursework required for admission into the state's universities, effective 2012. The Core 4 includes four units of math, English, science and social studies as well as two units of a foreign language and one unit in the arts. While the Department of Education requires 2012 public high school graduates to have completed the Core 4, non-public high schools will not fully adopt the same curriculum for its graduates until 2013.

To address concern for the impact this difference in graduation requirements may have on 2012 graduates applying to the state's public universities, the Board of Regents approved the following:

High school students who graduate in 2012 who otherwise meet the minimum admissions standards, but lack one unit in the art category will be eligible to be admitted to the state's public universities.

## REGENTS HIGHLIGHTS

### UPCOMING REGENTS MEETINGS:

No Nov. meeting  
Dec. 7-8

The Board of Regents approved the following Letters of Intent:

- University of Louisiana at Monroe-Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)

The Board of Regents approved the following New Academic Programs:

- Louisiana Tech University-Bachelor of Science in Cyber Engineering

The Board of Regents approved the following Initial Licenses:

- Liberty University
- University of Northern Colorado
- University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

The Board of Regents approved the following license renewal:

- Panola College

The Board of Regents approved a Preliminary FY 2012-13 Formula Funding Request.

The Board of Regents approved its FY 2012-13 Capital Outlay Budget Request

The Board of Regents approved the following BA-7's:

- University of Louisiana System GRAD Act Carry-Forwards, Act 418
- Carry Forwards of Act 971 Balances Under GRAD Act Provisions
- Louisiana State University System-LSU A&M Enrollment Increase

The Board of Regents approved a response to House Resolution 161 of the 2011 Regular Legislative Session.

The Board of Regents approved Intermediate Level Autonomies Performance Requirements for GRAD Act campuses.

The Board of Regents were presented a possible change in policy concerning the use of Consent Agendas. This item will be voted on in December.

Board of Regents Chairman Bob Levy appointed the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee to recommend a leadership slate for 2012:

- Maurice Durbin, Chair
- Joe Wiley
- Harold Stokes
- Vic Stelly
- Joe Farr

The Board of Regents approved the following 2012 meeting schedule:

January 5 (officer installation)	May 23-24	December 5-6
January 25-26	June 27-28	
February 23	August 22-23	
March 21-22	September 26-27	
April 25-26	October 24-25	

The Board of Regents appointed the following individuals to the Blue Ribbon Commission: Kyle Scott (Tulane) and Fran Crochet (Nicholls)