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Educational policies and practices can no longer be predicated on the assumption that students will complete a degree program at the same institution in which they initially enrolled. Today, increasing numbers of students at Louisiana's colleges and universities are transfer students.

The Louisiana Board of Regents and the higher education community recognize the importance of well designed transfer policies. Transfer policies should be practical, predictable, and fair. Over the past few years, the Louisiana Board of Regents, the Management Boards (Louisiana State University, Southern University, University of Louisiana and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Boards of Supervisors) and all their member institutions have worked together to make the transfer process easier to understand and to complete with a minimum loss of credit. As a result of these efforts, the Statewide Student Transfer Guide includes a matrix of General Education college credit courses which (with few exceptions) can transfer between and among most of Louisiana's public colleges and universities.

The guide represents Louisiana public higher education's on-going effort to improve the transfer process. Although each of Louisiana's campuses is unique and serves a specific mission, the higher education community also recognizes that in order to better serve students, the process of transfer and evaluation of credit must be more easily understood. The courses in this guide's matrix are typically referred to as "general education" or "core curriculum" courses. While for the most part all of these courses will transfer for credit between and among Louisiana's institutions, *students must remember that these courses may or may not be applied to a particular degree program.* Students should note that this matrix is limited to those general education courses for which full credit would likely be granted by most other Louisiana colleges and universities. In addition to this statewide agreement, many institutions have entered into specific transfer/articulation agreements. *These institutional agreements often include far more extensive listings of courses which can be successfully transferred between those specific institutions.* Therefore, the student is urged to contact the institution

to which he/she is transferring to determine if courses will count toward degree requirements in a specific major.

To make the process easier, this guide includes contact information for each campus. Additionally, information on tuition rates and office contacts for financial aid and housing are included for the student's use.