STATE FUNDING
FY09 - $57.1 million
Proposed FY14 - $26.4 million
53.8%

OPERATING BUDGET
FY09 - $88.1 million
Proposed FY14 - $71.7 million
18.6%

If the Louisiana Board of Regents proposed fiscal year (FY) 2014 Executive Budget is approved, ULM will face significant cuts in academic programs, staff, and community contributions.

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In other words, for every dollar ULM earns through tuition and fees, the university loses $1.60. Although ULM has raised tuition, state funding cuts have more than offset these revenue gains. ULM students pay more tuition, but have fewer options for majors, decreased course offerings, and larger classroom sizes.

At the FY14 proposed funding levels, ULM will have the lowest implementation rate—71%—in the UL System. Implementation rate is the actual funding ULM receives compared to what the funding formula indicates the university should receive. The allocation process does not consider high cost and mission critical programs, such as ULM’s Pharmacy, Nursing, and Biology programs.

The inequity in the distribution of available state funds has negatively impacted ULM for several years and has yet to be addressed.

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