

## *Purpose - Scope - Philosophy*

The University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM) is committed to serving as a gateway to diverse academic studies for citizens living in the urban and rural regions of the Lower Mississippi Delta. The university offers a broad array of academic and professional programs through the doctoral degree, including the state's only PharmD program. Complemented by research and service, these programs address the post-secondary educational needs of the area's citizens, business and industry.

The university ensures student learning by promoting a comprehensive context for the intellectual, scientific, cultural, technological, and economic development of a diverse student and faculty population. ULM values the continued development of mutually beneficial partnerships involving school, governmental, business, and a variety of community-based agencies.

ULM is located in Region VIII. The university is categorized as SREB Four-Year 3 institution and as a Carnegie Master's College and University L. ULM will offer a wide range of baccalaureate programs and be committed to graduate education through the master's degree, offering graduate programs to meet regional/state needs. ULM will enroll students in need of no more than one developmental education course, will limit associate degree offering to 2+2 programs, will conduct research appropriate to academic programs offered and necessary for program accreditation, and will implement Selective III admissions criteria.

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## *Program Authorization*

The University of Louisiana Monroe, a member of the University of Louisiana System, is currently authorized by Constitution of 1974, Article 8 and Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Other authorizations and historical references:

- as Ouachita Parish Junior College under Act 173 of 1928;
- as Northeast Center of Louisiana State University at Monroe under Act 231 of 1934;
- as Northeast Center of Louisiana State University under Act 339 - House Bill 450 of 1936;
- as Northeast Junior College in 1939; as Northeast Louisiana State College under Act 527 of 1950;
- as Northeast Louisiana University under Act 142 of 1970;
- as University of Louisiana Monroe (as of August, 1999) under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 49:1101 and Acts 634 and 45 of 1995, as well as the approval of the Board of Supervisors and Board of Regents.