



FALL 2021 University Week - Full Schedule

Monday, August 9, 2021
University Address, Class Prep Time, & Training Sessions

Welcome to Fall Semester 2021!

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
New Faculty Orientation
Melissa Ducote, Director of Human Resources
SAND 236

Orientation required for all new faculty

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Endowed Professorship/Chair Mandatory Meeting
Susan Chappell, Ex. Director of ULM Advancement, Foundation & Alumni Relations
SAND 238

Only new recipients of an endowed professorship or chair appointment need to attend

10:00 AM – 10:50 PM
Work Study Supervisors Training
Alicia Rollins, Student Employment Coordinator
University Library 3-A

A vital session for faculty or staff who supervise student workers. This session will cover student worker authorization process, requirements for 04 workers, paperwork changes, and budget tracking system.

Monday, August 9, 2021 - Continued

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Introduction to Escape Rooms

Dr. Stacie Austin, School of Education

Walker 3-62

Participants will learn how to use virtual escape rooms to reinforce concepts while participating in a virtual escape room based on University trivia. Participants will learn basic skills using Google Slides, Docs, and Forms to create and implement an interactive virtual escape room experience. Seating is limited to 25; first come, first serve!

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

University Address

Dr. Ron Berry, President

Bayou Pointe/Streaming

President Berry will open the 2021-2022 Academic Year, present the ULM Foundation Awards for Excellence, and provide an update on campus initiatives.

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Faculty/Staff Social

Bayou Pointe Patio

Join your ULM family to celebrate a new academic year!

Tuesday, August 10, 2021
College, School, and/or Program Meetings and Recognition Program

7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

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3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Faculty/Staff Years of Service Recognition Program
Melissa Ducote, Human Resources
Bayou Pointe

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Graduate School Welcome

Dr. Sushma Krishnamurthy, Dean of the Graduate School
Zoom

This session will welcome new graduate students and discuss advisement, degree sheets, and assistantships. Participants will receive the link from Dean Krishnamurthy.

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Berry-Bowden Grand Finale and the Pursuit
Fant-Ewing Coliseum

Earlier this summer, the Berry-Bowden Roadshow, featuring first-year University of Louisiana Monroe President Dr. Ron Berry and first-year head football coach Terry Bowden, made tour stops in Dallas, Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans. Program highlights include comments from President Berry, Athletics Director Scott McDonald, and Coach Bowden. The Pursuit, sponsored by BancorpSouth, is the university's premier kickoff event for the upcoming 2021 football season.

Tickets required.

https://www.ulm.edu/news/2021/berry_bowden_finale_pursuit_071221_hy.html

Wednesday, August 11, 2021
Professional Development, Open Forum, and Events

8:00 AM – 8:50 AM

RISK: Enhanced Learning Through Project-Based Assignments

Dr. John Sutherlin, Chief Innovation & Research Officer

University Library 3-A

Hands-on learning has proven to be effective across a range of academic programs. As such, developing hands-on, role-playing scenarios that allow students to bring their shared and unique experiences to the classroom can improve learning. This session will examine how such methods were utilized during the pandemic to ensure all students could maximize their potential for learning.

8:00 AM – 8:50 AM

RISK: Checking In – Utilization of Progress Updates to Promote Responsibility, Accountability, and Communication with Students

Dr. Megan Broadway, School of Behavioral & Social Sciences

<https://ulm.zoom.us/j/95278871577?pwd=QWhzU1U1cGVGQzd5THFJRkdVWdOQT09>

Meeting ID: 952 7887 1577 Passcode: 095364

Many students are reluctant to reach out to their professors in online classes. This can make it difficult to gauge what students really need. Progress Updates can allow you to reach students before they fall through the cracks. During this workshop, participants will create a Progress Update assignment for one of their existing Moodle courses.

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 - Continued

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

RISK: Innovative Assessments to Support Critical Thinking

Mallory Benedetto, QEP Coordinator, and Dr. Anne Case Hanks, Director of the School of Sciences

University Library 3-B

Designing and aligning assessment questions or activities with critical thinking allows faculty to assess the mastery of discipline content while emphasizing critical thinking. CAT Apps was developed by Tennessee Tech in conjunction with their Critical Thinking Assessment Test (CAT). ULM currently uses the CAT to measure the critical thinking skills of students involved in the QEP. Participants will explore previously developed critical thinking assessment applications and develop one in their own discipline.

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Graduate School: Electronic Theses/Dissertations (ETD) Changes

Nirali Patel, Thesis and Dissertation Compliance Specialist, Graduate School

<https://ulm.zoom.us/j/92800188034?pwd=Sm5acllYOGg3NzVvSXpKN0tobWVIQT09>

Meeting ID: 928 0018 8034 **Passcode:** ETD2021

A discussion of changes to the processes associated with electronic theses and dissertations.

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

RISK: Transforming Students and the Community Through Experiential Learning

Dr. Leigh Hersey, School of Behavioral & Social Science

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Experiential learning allows students the opportunity to apply their knowledge in real-world situations with community partners. This session will provide participants with a set of tools that will help them consider ways to incorporate experiential learning, such as an example of a learning agreement, graded assignments, peer review and self-assessment tools, and reflective essays. Additionally, a community partner will be invited to take part, lead the participants in a brief learning experience, and provide feedback on successful projects.

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 - Continued

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

RISK: Resilience in Students with Disabilities by Fostering an Innovatively Inclusive Campus Environment

Dr. Anita Sharma, Gerontology Program Director

<https://ulm.zoom.us/j/92453383584?pwd=NDVtNnNjWnlYZi9mRVAxVnRzZDZpZz09>

Meeting ID: 924 5338 3584 **Passcode:** 535830

The purpose of this workshop is to address the academic and social needs of students with ADA-defined disabilities and to build upon their inherent resilience. The pandemic made it more crucial to reach out to students with special needs. Faculty participants will revise one of their class syllabi to include goals, activities, and learning material that would be inclusive to students with disabilities and will describe specific instructions that students with disabilities may need to succeed in the classroom. Staff participants will describe three specific and creative ways to make students with disabilities feel an integral part of the campus community. Participation is limited; first come, first serve.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Entrepreneurship Pelican Cup Luncheon

Cathi Hemed, Director of External Initiatives, College of Business & Social Sciences
Bayou Pointe Reception Hall

The Pelican Cup will be the premier business plan competition for the state of Louisiana with one of the largest cash prizes in the nation. The goal of the Cup is to inspire participants and the community to think entrepreneurially by rewarding creativity, professionalism, and hard work. Individuals interested in learning more about this opportunity need to RSVP through their Dean's Office by Monday, August 9.

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Academic Affairs Open Forum with Provost/VPAA Search Committee

Dr. Don Simpson, Chair

Sandel 236

An opportunity to meet with and provide input to members of the Provost/VPAA Search Committee.

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 - Continued

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Snow Cones with the SGA
Bayou Park

Celebrating our faculty and staff the SGA is serving as your host for a cool treat.

Note: An alternative location will be announced should weather be inclement.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Tenure & Promotion Update
Dr. Ron Berry, President
Sandel 236

An open conversation with Dr. Berry on the policies, procedures, and timeline for tenure and promotion.

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Professional Development

8:00 AM – 8:50 AM

Classroom Behavior Expectations and Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation Team: Reporting Student Welfare Concerns

Dr. Valerie Fields, Vice President for Student Affairs

University Library 3-C

As we transition from the Office of Student Services to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability, we invite you to join us for a discussion about processes and procedures reflecting the Humanistic-existential theories of the Student Development Theory. These theories emphasize the importance of students' relationships with others and the need to foster an environment that promotes student accountability and growth. We invite you to join us as we discuss ways to promote and strengthen the overall wellness of our student population.

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Aligning Student Engagement and Community Outreach with Classroom Activities and Objectives

Dr. Valerie Fields, Vice President for Student Affairs

University Library 3-C

The Cognitive-Structural category of the student development theory, addresses how students perceive and rationalize their experiences. Joins us as we foster pathways for outreach through connecting service learning to classroom activities.

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM

Graduate School: Human Subject Research (IRB)

Dr. Carl Thameling, School of Humanities

<https://ulm.zoom.us/j/96719731986?pwd=cWtBSU5INHAXSCtPaHU5U3JzaGs5UT09>

Meeting ID: 967 1973 1986 Passcode: GS

Human subject research as related to Institutional Review Board (IRB) policies and practices.

This session is intended for new graduate faculty and new graduate students.

Thursday, August 12, 2021 - Continued

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

**RISK: Gaming in Education – How Innovation Through Gamification
Can Increase Student Engagement, Teamwork, and Satisfaction**

Dr. Ashley Barbo, School of Clinical Sciences

Hanna 337

Games have the potential to enhance the learning environment by motivating students to engage with faculty, peers, and course material. In the ULM College of Pharmacy Practice Laboratory, games have been shown to increase engagement, teamwork, and positive student perceptions. This workshop will (1) share the teaching experience of two innovative laboratory exercises that utilized novel games to engage students while completing pharmacy practice skills and (2) assist participants in designing a game that can be adapted to any teaching environment.

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Graduate School: Library Resources for Research

Maren Williams, Coordinator of Public Services

<https://ulm.zoom.us/j/96719731986?pwd=cWtBSU5lNHhXSCtPaHU5U3JzaGs5UT09>

Meeting ID: 967 1973 1986 Passcode: GS

Information on tools for research, discipline specific databases, online access, creating an account and saving searches, off campus access to searches, e-books, and Library Liaisons.

This session is primarily intended for new graduate faculty and new graduate students but is open to everyone.

Thursday, August 12, 2021 - Continued

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

Graduate School: Moodle 101

Kim Dismukes, Information Technology

<https://ulm.zoom.us/j/96719731986?pwd=cWtBSU5lNHhXSCtPaHU5U3JzaGs5UT09>

Meeting ID: 967 1973 1986 **Passcode:** GS

Information on the many features of the campus LMS.
This session is intended for new graduate faculty, new graduate students,
or those needing a refresher.

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

Strategic Plan Update

Seth Hall, Chief Strategy Officer

Sandel 236

An update on the development of the Strategic Plan.

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

Graduate School: Moodle Gradebook Training for New Teaching Assistants

Jonathan Young, Instructional Technology

<https://ulm.zoom.us/j/96719731986?pwd=cWtBSU5lNHhXSCtPaHU5U3JzaGs5UT09>

Meeting ID: 967 1973 1986 **Passcode:** GS

Training on the campus LMS gradebook feature.
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or others needing a refresher.

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM

Introduction to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Self-Assessment

Dr. Pamela Saulsberry, Executive Director, Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

University Library 3-C

Expected attendees: Deans, Associate/Assistant Deans, and School Directors.

The session will introduce and explore a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) self-assessment tool that divisions will use during August and September for DEI analysis.

Thursday, August 12, 2021 - Continued

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

***Graduate School: Teaching Assistant (TA) Expectations
and Classroom Strategies***
Walker 1-142

A virtual session on expectations for teaching assistants that will also discuss classroom strategies.

This session is for graduate teaching assistants only.

5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Graduate School Orientation: Gerontology
Dr. Anita Sharma, Gerontology Program Director
Zoom

The link for this session will be shared directly with the participants.

Thursday, August 12, 2021 - Continued

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Graduate School Orientation: Biology

Dr. Chris Gissendanner, Associate Director, School of Sciences

CNSB 101

This session is only for students in the graduate program in the Department of Biology.

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Graduate School Orientation: Education

Dr. Kioh Kim, Program Director

Zoom

The link for this session will be shared directly with the participants.

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Graduate School Orientation: Master's of Public Administration (MPA)

Dr. Leigh Hersey, School of Behavioral & Social Science

Zoom

The link for this session will be shared directly with the participants.

Friday, August 13, 2021
Course Preparation and Orientations

Spirit Day! Wear ULM T-shirts!

7:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Course preparation and committee meetings.

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

***Graduate School Orientation: Certificate in Interprofessional Leadership
in Healthcare***

Dr. Jessica Dolecheck, Health Studies Program Coordinator
Sugar Hall 156

Session reserved for Interprofessional Leadership in Healthcare Certificate Program
students

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Graduate School Orientation: English

Dr. Jack Heflin, English Graduate Coordinator
Walker 3-87

This session is only for students in the graduate program in the Department of
English.

1:00 PM – 1:30PM

Graduate School Orientation: English

Dr. Jack Heflin, English Graduate Coordinator
Zoom

The link for this session will be shared directly with the participants.