



The University of Louisiana Monroe 2024-2025 Hawkline Tryout Packet

The ULM Hawkline consists of up to 14-22 dancers. This number may fluctuate from year to year given the needs of the team. The ULM Hawkline performs jazz, hip-hop, and pom dances throughout the year for various functions. Hawkline performs on-campus at many events including but not limited to football games, basketball games, the Miss ULM Pageant, Holidays at ULM, and pep-rallies, as well as special appearances throughout the community. Hawkline practices on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, as well as 6:00 AM workouts on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the Fall and Spring Semesters. The Hawkline may also attend summer camp with NDA. The Hawkline may also participate in the NDA in Daytona, FL in April of 2024 if funds are available.

ULM is looking for well-rounded dancers to dance and cheer on the ULM Warhawk Athletes and represent the University. The ULM Hawkline serves as one of the most visible student groups on campus, and they take great pride and privilege to represent the school, not only at athletic events, but in the community. ULM Hawkline members are personable and confident. They strive to maintain a positive image on the performance stage, in the classroom and in their social lives.

You may be asking yourself, why choose ULM? Here is why: tuition at ULM is very affordable and as an ULM Spirit Group member, your out-of-state tuition is waived. You could be rewarded \$900 – \$2000 a year in scholarships. As a student-athlete you will also have priority registration for classes each semester, which will almost guarantee access into required pre-requisite classes you will need for your major. Also, as a member of the ULM Hawkline you will receive free Adidas gear, which is ULM's sponsored athletic brand. The spirit groups practice facility is exclusive to you for all your practice and training needs. Our athletes have a personal trainer, athletic trainer, and team doctor.

At tryouts, judges will consider those that can perform collegiate style pom, jazz, and hip-hop dances, as well as technique and hip-hop skills. They will also consider athletes that have high energy, are physically fit, have a game day appearance, positive attitude, and professional social skills. All characteristics and abilities listed will be weighted equally.

The following packet contains important information regarding the tryout process including forms and items that must be completed before tryouts.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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2024 Important Clinic and Tryout Dates

Event	Date	Time	Location	Fee	Notes
Prep Clinic 1	Saturday, January 27th	9:00-11:00am	Spirit Hall	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep Clinic will focus on skills. Not Mandatory, strongly encouraged. • Wear crop top/sports bra w/ booty shorts/leggings. Bring jazz & tennis shoes.
Prep Clinic 2	Saturday, March 16	12:30-2:30pm	Spirit Hall	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prep Clinic will focus on skills. Not Mandatory, strongly encouraged. • Wear crop top/sports bra w/ booty shorts/leggings. Bring jazz & tennis shoes.
Mandatory Clinic	Saturday, April 20 th	12:30-2:30pm		\$35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round 1 Tryout material taught and is 100% mandatory! • Wear crop top/sports bra w/ booty shorts/leggings. Bring jazz & tennis shoes.
Round 1 Tryout	Friday, April 26 th	2:00pm	Spirit Hall	\$45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Day scenario taught. • Skills, Game Day, and Hip-Hop Routine auditions. • Round 2 material taught directly following announcement of Round 1 cuts.
Round 2 Tryouts	Saturday, April 27 th	8:30am	Spirit Hall	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jazz Routine Auditions • Team announced. Team Meeting. Fittings directly following. Wear all black and white. No crop tops.
Media Day	Sunday, April 28th	10:00am	Spirit Hall	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Meeting/Head Shots/Fittings directly following. • Wear an all-white spring dress



Note:

1. Please arrive at least 30 to 15 minutes early for check-in and to warm-up on your own.
2. All Clinics & Tryouts are held in Bayou Pointe Spirit Hall located at: 1 Warhawk Way, Monroe, LA 71209
3. Note: all Hawkline auditions are closed to the public. There are no exceptions.



Video Auditions

Video auditions may be accepted upon approval by Coach Kayla. Email her with your conflict. You may also set up a separate audition time in person with the coach if you have a conflict. (attaway@ulm.edu)

Required Tryout Skills

To make the team you must be able to properly execute the following technical skills correctly:

(These skills will be executed individually.)

- Splits (right and left)
- High Kicks (two 8 counts)
- Double and Triple Pirouette (right and left)
- Leap (right and left)
- Calypso
- Optional Trick/Skill
- Headspring
- Kip Up



Audition Timeline

Round One: Friday, April 26th

Time	Event
2:00pm	Check-in Begins
2:00pm-2:30pm	Self-guided Warm-Up Exercise
3:00pm	Round One Auditions Begin <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Skills• Game Day• Hip-Hop Dance

Notes:

1. Required Attire: black dance top, black booty shorts, sweatpants, and tennis shoes.
2. Tights are not required but can be worn if dancer wishes.
3. Dancers must wear make-up with hair styled and game day ready. Check Hawkline's social media pages for references.
4. After Round One is complete. If necessary, callbacks will be held and then Round One cuts will occur.
5. The individuals who make it through the first cut will learn Round Two material following the announcement.

Round Two: Saturday, April 27th

Time	Event
8:30am	Check-in Begins
8:30-9:00am	Self-guided Warm-Up Exercises
3:00pm	Round Two Auditions Begin <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jazz• Technique Dance

Notes:

1. Required Attire: any color dance top, black booty shorts, sweatpants, and jazz shoes.
2. Tights are not required but can be worn if dancer wishes.
3. Dancers must wear make-up with hair styled and game day ready. Check Hawkline's social media pages for references.
4. Callbacks will be announced, please bring sweatpants, and tennis shoes for callbacks.

Round Three: Sunday, April 27th

Time	Event
10:00am	Photo Shoot

Notes:

1. Required Attire: White Dress



2022-2023 ULM Hawkline Tryout Application

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENDER (check one) Male ___ Female ___ BIRTHDATE _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

ADDRESS _____
(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

CELL PHONE # _____

PROBABLE/CURRENT MAJOR _____ GPA _____

CWID # _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____
(ULM email if have one)

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE ATTENDED _____

CLASSIFICATION _____ AGE _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Best phone # to reach them: _____

For safety and athletic training purposes, please list any prior injuries, dates of injuries, and/or any medical conditions that the coach should be aware of:



Questionnaire

(Please **print** neatly or **type** your answers)

1. List the organizations in which you are currently active.

2. List previous dance training/experience:

(Include the studio name, how long, and the style of dance for each experience/ training)

3. Why do you want to be a ULM Hawklime member?

4. What assets would you bring to the team?

5. What are your weaknesses?



Spirit Group Participation Release and Assumption of Risk

FULL NAME: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ CWID#: _____

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he/she understands that participation in any spirit group activity at the University of Louisiana Monroe is purely voluntary and is not a part of the academic curriculum of the University.

In consideration of the University cooperating in making the program available and/or making any equipment or facilities available to the undersigned while participating in spirit group activity, the undersigned hereby releases ULM, its successors, assigns, officers, agents, and employees from all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever in anyway growing out of or resulting from the undersigned student's participation in the ULM spirit groups.

The undersigned further agrees that he/she understands that participation in a spirit group involves substantial risk of bodily injury.

It is expressly understood by the undersigned that he/she is solely responsible for all costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through participation in normal and/or unusual spirit group activities. The undersigned is encouraged to get a physical examination before participating in spirit group activities and encouraged to obtain adequate bodily injury and property damage insurance coverage.

The signature of the parent or legal guardian appearing in the space indicated below signifies acceptance by said guardian that the terms and conditions here of shall be binding upon them and shall constitute a release by them of all claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever which any of them may have against ULM and its employees because of the undersigned student's participation in the activities described.

THIS RELEASES ULM, ITS SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY LIABILITY RESULTING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN ANY AND ALL SPIRIT GROUP TRYOUTS AND ACTIVITIES.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY AND CLEARLY THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND AGREE TO BE BOUND THEREBY.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Age

Date

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (if under 18)

****To tryout, all participants must submit the following before or on the day of tryouts:**

(Please check off each item so that you know you have not forgotten anything.)

- Copy of the front and back of Health Insurance Card
- Copy of Driver's License
- Copy of ULM Acceptance Letter
- Copy of transcript providing evidence that your cumulative GPA is a 2.5 or higher.
- A current headshot (not to be given back, no selfies)
- Letter of Recommendation from former Coach/Dance Teacher
- \$30 application fee
 - Cash or checks/money orders made out to: **ULM Hawklime**
- Completed tryout application.

Mail Completed packets to the following address:

University of Louisiana Monroe
ATTN: Kayla Attaway
210 Warhawk Way
Monroe, LA 71209



I have read and certify that all the above information is true and correct. I have included a copy of proof of insurance, driver's licenses, a current transcript, a current photo, a letter of recommendation, and a \$30 application fee with my completed tryout application. I give my permission to the judging panel to verify all my information.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____

Date: _____