



International Student & Scholars

FALL 2025 REPORT

At LSU, our global community is a cornerstone of the campus experience, bringing diverse perspectives, **cultural richness**, and **academic excellence** to every corner of our university. The Office of Global Engagement is proud to support over 1,400 international students and scholars from more than **100 countries**, as well as a growing network of **global partners** and **study abroad programs**. Through this annual report, we highlight the contributions, achievements, and experiences of our international community, showcasing the ways in which they strengthen LSU's mission and foster meaningful connections across the world.

At a Glance

1493

International Students
from 108 countries

78%

Graduate
Students

22%

Undergraduate
Students

247

Scholars from
52 countries

International Community

1172

Graduate
Students

224

Optional Practical
Training (OPT)
Students (12 months*)

170

OPT Extension
Students

2254
TOTAL

321

Undergraduate
Students

332

Dependents

35

J-1 Student Exchange
Visitors

PROFILE



Nicolas Manica grew up in Brazil and chose to move to the United States to pursue his degree in Petroleum Engineering. Although he has lived elsewhere within the United States, Nicolas enjoys Louisiana and hopes to remain here after graduation and potentially work offshore.

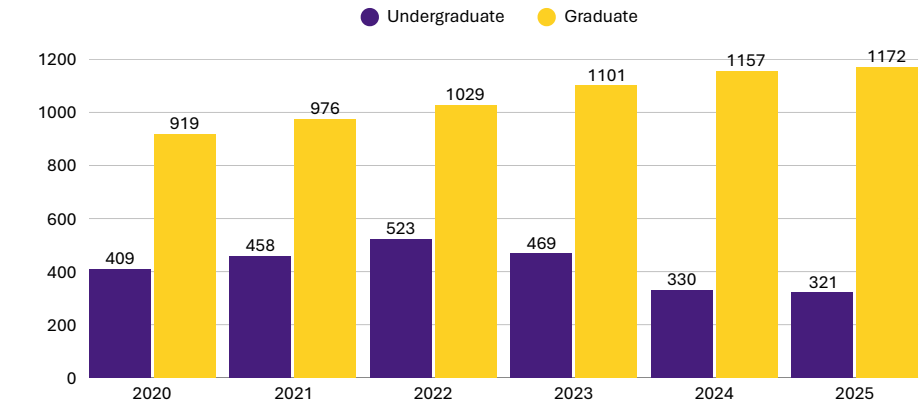
He values the hands-on application of his degree, the unique culture, and the student body experience that LSU provides. Nicolas participates in various organizations on campus; most notably, he is the outreach chair for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. His leadership skills have led him to be chosen for the Global Ambassadors Program, an initiative at LSU that invests in global competency skills for undergraduate students.

Countries Represented

Afghanistan	3	Honduras	62
Algeria	1	Hungary	1
Angola	1	Iceland	5
Antigua		India	141
& Barbuda	1	Indonesia	6
Armenia	1	Iran	124
Australia	1	Ireland	2
Azerbaijan	4	Israel	1
Bahamas	3	Italy	12
Bahrain	1	Jamaica	11
Bangladesh	163	Japan	3
Belarus	1	Jordan	14
Belgium	1	Kazakhstan	3
Belize	1	Kenya	16
Benin	1	Kyrgyzstan	1
Bhutan	1	Latvia	1
Bolivia	3	Lebanon	4
Bosnia		Lithuania	1
& Herzegovina	2	Malawi	1
Brazil	53	Malaysia	3
Burma	1	Mexico	10
Cambodia	3	Moldova	1
Cameroon	5	Mongolia	1
Canada	16	Morocco	1
Cayman Islands	1	Mozambique	2
Chile	1	Nepal	80
China	113	Netherlands	2
Colombia	19	New Zealand	1
Costa Rica	4	Nicaragua	4
Cote D Ivoire	1	Nigeria	122
Croatia	3	Norway	2
Czech Republic	1	Pakistan	19
Dominica	1	Panama	11
Ecuador	28	Paraguay	2
Egypt	16	Peru	13
El Salvador	9	Philippines	11
Finland	1	Poland	3
France	23	Portugal	1
Georgia	1	Romania	4
Germany	10	Russia	5
Ghana	83	Rwanda	1
Greece	5	Serbia	4
Guatemala	8	Singapore	1
Guyana	1	South Africa	4
Haïti	1	South Korea	23

International Enrollment

A Five-Year Review



Spain	15
Sri Lanka	40
St Kitts and Nevis	1
St Vincent	
and the Grenadines	1
Sweden	4
Taiwan	11
Thailand	1
Tonga	1
Trinidad and Tobago	7
Tunisia	1
Turkey	13
Uganda	4
Ukraine	7
United Kingdom	8
Uruguay	1
Venezuela	6
Vietnam	31
West Bank	1
Zambia	1
Zimbabwe	2

International Students Top Countries of Origin

Bangladesh 163
India 141
Iran 124
Nigeria 122
China 113
Ghana 83
Nepal 80
Honduras 62
Brazil 53
Sri Lanka 40



PROFILE

Sk Raihan Akbar is from Bangladesh where he grew up with a fascination of roads and their infrastructure. He decided to pursue a master’s degree in civil engineering to do impactful research on roads in Louisiana. SK is glad he chose LSU because of the rigorous academic program and support he has found within the campus community.

He volunteers on campus and has worked alongside other students to organize the international festival at LSU. In addition to his other extracurriculars, SK has served as an orientation leader for incoming international students. As an orientation leader, SK serves as a guide and role model for new students.

International Scholars

LSU’s International Faculty and Scholars Office supports visiting academics, researchers, and tenure-track faculty members who come to the university to teach, conduct research, and participate in academic and cultural exchange. International scholars contribute to cross-cultural understanding and academic advancement through collaboration and campus engagement. Programs such as the annual International Research Fair and Postdoc Appreciation Day recognize scholars’ contributions while fostering connection within LSU’s global community. Their presence enriches LSU’s academic environment and reinforces the university’s commitment to international education and global engagement.

Top 5 Examples of LSU Scholars Title/Positions

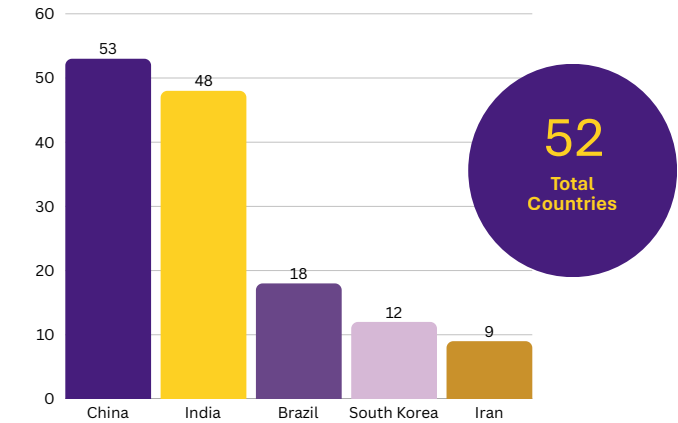


95	Assistant Professor	14	Instructor
68	Postdoctoral Researcher	15	Resident/Intern
15	Researcher		

Scholars by Category

160	76	11
H-1B (Employment Visa)	J-1 (Exchange Visitor Program)	Non-LSU Sponsored Scholars

Top Scholar's Countries of Origin



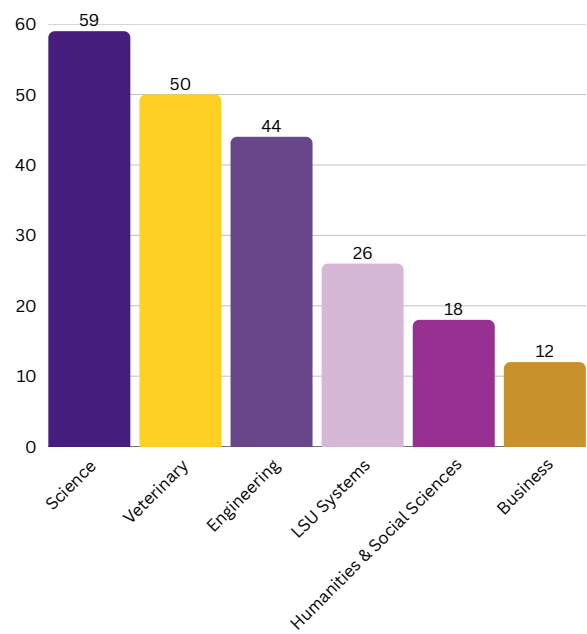
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Dr. Rabab Hassanien, who was highlighted in the *PostDoc Spotlight* by the Office of Research & Economic Development, is a Post-Doctoral Scholar from Egypt. Her time at LSU has been spent researching veterinary virology in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences at the School of Veterinary Medicine. Before she started her postdoctoral journey at LSU, she obtained her PhD from Benha University in Egypt and came to LSU for six months to assist with a peer-reviewed publication. After this visit, she decided to return to LSU as a postdoc to continue her studies.

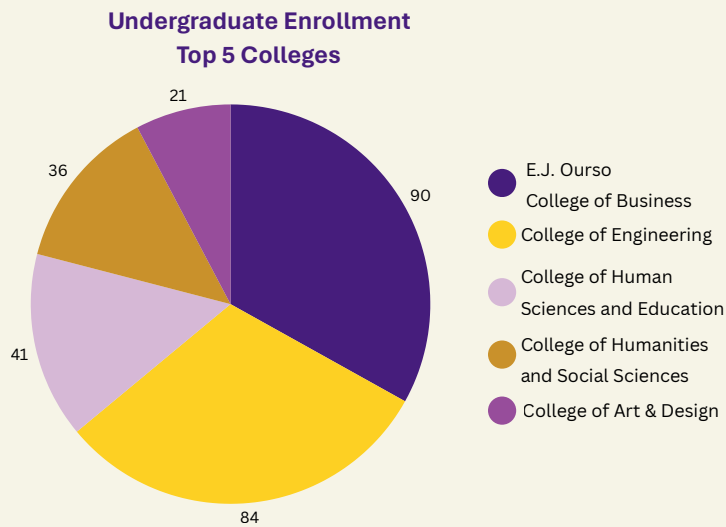
Dr. Hassanien is known for her hard work and the example she sets for those who meet her. She has enjoyed the support she has received in the lab and would like to become a professor to continue her work.

Top Scholars by College

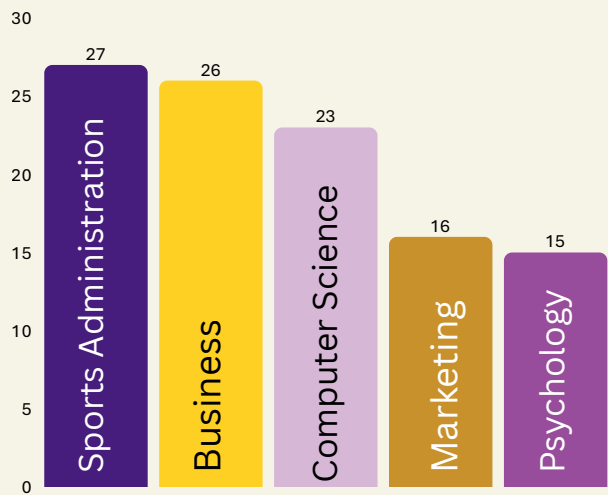


International Enrollment Trends

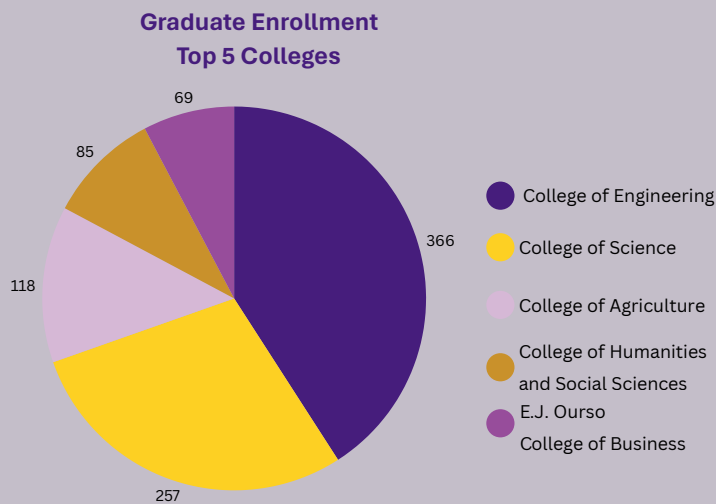
Undergraduate Students



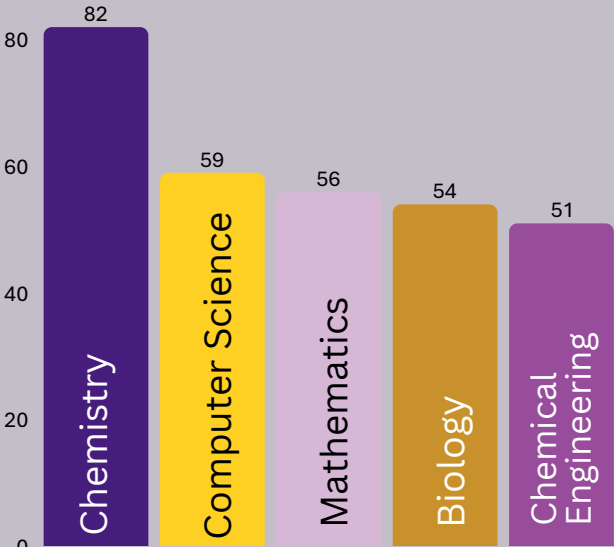
Undergraduate Enrollment Top 5 Programs



Graduate Students



Graduate Enrollment Top 5 Programs



Student & Scholar Engagement and Programing (Fall 2025)

28
Events

1729
Participants

Top Events

- International Student Orientation
- Welcome Dinner
- Hispanic Heritage Cultural Night
- Halloween Cultural Night
- Post-doc professional development
- Thanksgiving Dinner Cultural Night

PROFILE



Vivian Kretzschmar is an international student from Germany, and she is completing her PhD in Media and Public Affairs at LSU. After completing her master's degree, she decided to continue her education and has been inspired by LSU faculty, branched out with her research, and has fallen in love with Louisiana culture.

Vivian works alongside other graduate students in the Graduate Student Association and sits on the Ross Ziegelasch Sustainability Committee. She has also served as an orientation leader for new international students. Vivian enjoys being part of a supportive, close-knit department, learning and sharing cultures in a diverse cohort, and advocating for graduate students.