UL-Lafayette hosts first Liberal Arts day

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H.L. Griffin hall on Rex Street is the home of many liberal arts majors. The Liberal Arts preview day will provide an opportunity for students to become acquainted with different Liberal Arts majors.

The College of Liberal Arts at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will host its first Liberal Arts Day on Oct. 9, 2015, from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the main campus, beginning with a gathering in the Student Union Ballroom.

This Friday’s event will give students interested in one of the 14 different liberal arts majors at UL Lafayette a chance to explore life as a liberal arts college student. Very similar to the university’s Preview Day, a day where prospective students can get general information about the university, Liberal Arts Day is a chance for high school students to come learn about the college.

Following a light breakfast, the students will have a chance to attend two breakout sessions with majors of their choice. Breakout sessions will be held in the student union and also in selected liberal arts departments. After lunch there will be a panel of UL Lafayette professionals from different departments such as English, communications, public relations and history.

The panel will discuss the opportunities the department offers such as internships, classroom sizes and the technology used throughout the liberal arts department. The panel will also contain graduates who have pursued a career in liberal arts and will discuss their experiences.

Liberal arts majors take an array of courses such as history, modern language, philosophy, mathematics, science, English, computer science, astronomy and psychology. According to Sally O. Donlon, one of the coordinators of the Liberal Arts Day, “The different courses offered are designed to give students a perspective on past research, an understanding of the present and the ability to face the challenges of the future in each of the liberal arts fields.”

Admissions will review their requirements regarding attending the university and academics,” said assistant dean of liberal arts, Sally O. Donlon. “The University Housing department will also have a table for those students looking to see the housing facilities on campus. The Office of Student Engagement and Leadership will also have a table set up for students interested in getting involved.”

“Liberal Arts Day will end with recent graduates discussing the process of getting a job after college and other advice regarding graduating and entering the real world,” said Donlon.

Prospective students will also get a chance to meet with staff within the career services department. The UL Lafayette career services department offers help with resume editing, mock interviewing and job postings.

Liberal Arts Day 2015 is free and open to the public, but registration is required. The deadline to register to participate is Sept. 31.