When Les Miles was named LSU’s head football coach in January of 2005, the challenge was to not only keep the Tigers as one of the nation’s elite programs, but to also make it better in all phases. Miles accepted the challenge, and in two years at the helm, he’s advanced every facet of the LSU football program.

Whether it be on the field, in the classroom, or in the community, Miles demands his players strive for excellence and pursue an education while representing the University in first class fashion. The response by the players has been overwhelming as they’ve posted back-to-back 11-win seasons, played an instrumental role in the recovery efforts following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, while also achieving academic success in the classroom.

Now, as Miles enters his third year with the Tigers, the foundation for LSU football is more stable than ever. After 22 wins, including eight over foes ranked among the nation’s top 25, and with back-to-back consensus top five recruiting classes, Miles and the Tigers have solidified their standing as one of college football’s premier programs.

**The Miles Method**

The goal is to run the finest football program in the country where our players can have an experience that is second to none.

**Academics A Must**

As a football coach Les Miles understand it’s academics first. Tiger players have the finest academic center for student-athletes with various resources to develop their academic career. This state-of-the-art facility is a magnificent place that serves as the cornerstone for the success of this program.

**Excellence On The Field**

The goal of LSU football program to win in the grandest fashion and to compete for championships each year. In Les Miles’ first two seasons, LSU has won 22 games, including eight against top 25 opponents.

**The Complete Package**

“I realized that when I looked at LSU from afar they had everything, I want the opportunity to step alongside a great team, at a great school and be a part of extending a very competitive tradition.” - Les Miles
### Miles Traveled: A look into the football career of Les Miles

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<td>Les Miles letters two years at the University of Michigan. During those two seasons, Michigan was a combined 18-3-2 and participated in both the Rose and Orange Bowls.</td>
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<td>1980-81</td>
<td>Miles begins his coaching career for his former coach, Bo Schembechler, at Michigan. The Wolverines post a 19-5 record with a Big 10 title during his two-year stint.</td>
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<td>1987-94</td>
<td>Miles returns to his alma mater for the next eight seasons. Michigan won 71 games during that span, made eight-straight bowl appearances, including four Rose Bowl trips. During the eight years, Miles coaches 10 All-Americans and 12 NFL draftees.</td>
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<td>1995-97</td>
<td>Spends three seasons at Oklahoma State as the offensive coordinator for head coach Bob Simmons. The 1997 season saw the Cowboys go 8-4 with a trip to the Alamo Bowl, the school’s first bowl appearance since 1988.</td>
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<td>2001-04</td>
<td>Takes over as head coach of the Oklahoma State program. Guides the Cowboys to three-straight bowl games, including a victory in the 2002 Houston Bowl.</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>On Jan. 3, 2005, Les Miles is named the 32nd head coach in LSU Football history. Went on to guide the Tigers to 11 wins, becoming the first LSU coach to defeat Alabama, Auburn and Florida in the same season.</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>Les Miles, Kyle Williams (95) and Joseph Addai (10) accept the 2005 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl trophy after defeating Miami, 40-3. The Tigers finished ranked No. 5.</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>Les Miles, along with the Tigers, accepts the 2007 Allstate Sugar Bowl trophy after defeating Notre Dame 41-14. The Tigers finished ranked No. 3.</td>
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When I was here, we were paving the way to make this place a nationally recognized program. I think we accomplished that. Every year, LSU seems to be ranked in the top five, top 10. That is what we trying to build the program up to. We helped get the program where it is today.

- Bradie James, Dallas Cowboys
Gridiron Greatness  LSU’s illustrious football history

Y.A. Tittle is a member of both the Pro and College Football Halls of Fame.

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National Awards  LSU’s elite college football hardware

Heisman Trophy
Billy Cannon • 1959

National Coach of the Year
Nick Saban • 2003
Jerry Stovall • 1982
Charles McClendon • 1970
Paul Dietzel • 1958

Biletnikoff Award
Josh Reed • 2001

Rimington Award
Ben Wilkerson • 2004

Draddy Award
Rudy Niswanger • 2005

Manning Award
JaMarcus Russell • 2006
Offensive lineman Rudy Niswanger was the recipient of the Draddy Trophy, known as the “Academic Heisman,” which goes to the top student-athlete in all divisions of college football.

Niswanger became the inaugural recipient of the Wuerffel Trophy, which goes to the college football player who best combines exemplary community service with outstanding academic and athletic achievement.

Niswanger (right) completed his degree in kinesiology in the spring of 2005 with a perfect 4.0 GPA, earning him summa cum laude and University Medalist honors.

“From college to the pros Rudy Niswanger exemplified LSU football on and off the field.”

The goal for each student-athlete is to reach and receive the highest-quality education and degree. The responsibility of the academic center is to oversee the educational development and progress toward graduation for all student-athletes.

> Tutoring
> Career Counseling and Development
> Comply with academic rules established by LSU, the NCAA and SEC
> Time Management
> Study Skills

“We have the finest academic center for student-athletes that I’ve ever seen right here on our campus. It’s a magnificent place that serves as the cornerstone for the success of this program.”

- Les Miles, LSU Head Coach

Academic Support

Academic Staff

Tomas Jimenez
Executive Director

Tim Boyle
Associate Director

Dr. Tommy Karam
Director - Communications Lab

Tommy Powell
Director of Academics

Dr. Mary Boudreaux
Associate Director

John Allen
Associate Director

Jason Fountain
Director of Directed Studies

Carole Walker
Associate Director

Leah Saal
Learning Specialist

Jennifer Timmer
Learning Specialist

Kristin Price
Learning Specialist

Jean Jackson
Administrative Specialist

Education

Student-Athlete

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Academic SUCCESS

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LSU has produced six recipients of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame National Scholar-Athlete award, including three in the past seven seasons. The Tigers have also had four Academic All-America selections in the past three seasons, including Rudy Niswanger in 2005.

1978 - Robert Dugas
1987 - Nacho Alberga
1990 - Sol Graves
1997 - Chad Kessler
2002 - Bradie James
2003 - Rodney Reed
2005 - Rudy Niswanger

Rodney Reed was featured in Sports Illustrated in 2003 as one of the smartest players in college football.

2006 SEC Academic Honor Roll

The number of football student-athletes to earn Academic All-SEC honors (3.0 GPA or better) has drastically improved since the opening of the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes in Fall 2002. Since 2002, a total of 97 earned Academic All-SEC honors (3.0 GPA or better) has drastically improved since the opening of the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes in Fall 2002. Since 2002, a total of 97 earned Academic All-SEC honors.

2000 - 25
2001 - 17
2002 - 17
2003 - 22
2004 - 17
2005 - 17
2006 - 17

"I am a middle linebacker. I am definitely the quarterback on the defensive side of the ball. Academically, learning everything we had to do at LSU -- off the field and on the field -- definitely prepared me. You don't stop going to the classroom when you get to the NFL. We are in meetings throughout the majority of the time. I was so used to it, to concentrating, that the Academic Center set the foundation. It prepared me to be a successful person in the NFL."

- Bradie James, National Scholar-Athlete and member of the Dallas Cowboys

Football Graduates

WINTER 2000
Kareem Mitchell
Louis Williams

SPRING 2001
Muskingum Barnes
John Compton
Joe Domingeaux
Jason Green
Kyle Nipp
Oliver Smith
Charles Thomas
Roger Williams

SUMMER 2001
Michael Lille
Robert Royal

SPRING 2002
Trev Faulk
Jarvis Green
Melvin Hill *
Kris Kessler

SPRING 2003
Tommy Barkis
Willy Harvey
Solomon Lee
Chad Lewis
Jeryl Myers
Jerry Shealy
Joe Wesley

SPRING 2004
Thomas Barrett
Jeremy Bumbah
Ross Cockrell
Eric Edwards
Randall Gay
Brandon Newlin
Rodney Reed *
Jonathan Shensky
Kyle Thompson

SPRING 2005
Jimmy Courtenay
Alonzo Diodone
Brandi James

WINTER 2000
Ryan Miles
Walter Moreham
Tony Vastola
Bob Wynne
Wendell York
John Young

SUMMER 2002
Charles Thomas *

WINTER 2002
Tommy Barkis
Willy Harvey
Solomon Lee
Chad Lewis
Jeryl Myers
Jerry Shealy
Joe Wesley

SPRING 2003
Jimmy Courtenay
Alonzo Diodone
Brandi James

Eliza Parker
Rodney Reed
Marcus Whitby

WINTER 2003
John Corbello
Byron Dawson
Thomas Dunson
Michael Dupuis
Donnie Jones
Matt Mauck
Rob Sale

SPRING 2004
Tommy Barkis
Willy Harvey
Solomon Lee
Chad Lewis
Jeryl Myers
Jerry Shealy
Joe Wesley

SPRING 2005
Jimmy Courtenay
Alonzo Diodone
Brandi James

Toren Williams
Bryce Wyatt
Wendell York *

SUMMER 2004
Dorsett Buckels
Eric Edwards
Jason Ladoux
Kenny Wales *
Conny Webster
Breyce Wyatt

WINTER 2004
Harold Bicknell
Ryan Clark
Cedric Donaldson
Ryan O’Neal
Marcus Randall
Jarvis Ryes

WINTER 2005
Joseph Addie
Kenneth Hollis
Andrew Whitworth

WINTER 2006
Steven Arlin
Willie Demps
Schnirch Fields
Keron Gordon
Paris Hodges
Brian Johnson
Steven Mares
Jason Spalding
Jonathan Spear

Garett Wibel
Ryan Willis

SPRING 2007
Tony Bennett
Terry Clayton
Paul Coryell
Lee Desselle
Brandon Hurley *
Shawn Jordan
Brandon Newlin *
Doug Parandshar
Carlos Rachel
Andrew Wright
Anthony Zephyra

* denotes postgraduate degree

LSU’s graduates since 2000

2000 Academic All-SEC -- 14
2001 Academic All-SEC -- 9
2002 Academic All-SEC -- 17
2003 Academic All-SEC -- 17
2004 Academic All-SEC -- 22
2005 Academic All-SEC -- 17
2006 Academic All-SEC -- 17

LSU's graduates since 2000

2000 Louis Williams
2001 Muskingum Barnes, John Compton, Joe Domingeaux, Jason Green, Kyle Nipp, Oliver Smith, Charles Thomas, Roger Williams
2002 Michael Lille, Robert Royal
2003 Trev Faulk, Jarvis Green, Melvin Hill, Kris Kessler
2004 Tommy Barkis, Willy Harvey, Solomon Lee, Chad Lewis, Jeryl Myers, Jerry Shealy, Joe Wesley
2006 Jimmy Courtenay, Alonzo Diodone, Brandi James, Eliza Parker, Rodney Reed, Marcus Whitby
2007 Toren Williams, Bryce Wyatt, Wendell York*
2008 Dorsett Buckels, Eric Edwards, Jason Ladoux, Kenny Wales *, Conny Webster, Breyce Wyatt
2009 Harold Bicknell, Ryan Clark, Cedric Donaldson, Ryan O’Neal, Marcus Randall, Jarvis Ryes
2010 Joseph Addie, Kenneth Hollis, Andrew Whitworth
2011 Steven Arlin, Willie Demps, Schnirch Fields, Keron Gordon, Paris Hodges, Brian Johnson, Steven Mares, Jason Spalding, Jonathan Spear
2012 Garett Wibel, Ryan Willis
2013 Tony Bennett, Terry Clayton, Paul Coryell, Lee Desselle, Brandon Hurley *, Shawn Jordan, Brandon Newlin *, Doug Parandshar, Carlos Rachel, Andrew Wright, Anthony Zephyra

* denotes postgraduate degree

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Included in the 54,000 square feet of the Academic Center are individual study areas as well as 14 private computer rooms for student-athletes to work one-on-one with tutors or by themselves.

Bo Campbell Auditorium

The 1,000-seat auditorium is used through the year as a classroom and lecture hall. Each seat in the auditorium has space for a laptop and a modem hookup, providing each student unlimited learning opportunities. The auditorium also contains a movie theatre size screen to aid professors with lectures and classroom activities.
The library provides a perfect setting for individual study, or with a tutor as a group. Amenities:

- 54,000 square feet of working space
- 75 computer workstations
- 14 private computer rooms in a state-of-the-art computer lab
- Additional study rooms and classrooms for private or group study
- Electronic scheduling of tutoring sessions
- A 1,000-seat auditorium for classes and lectures

A $15 million renovation to the Gym Armory in 2002 not only made it among the nation’s premier academic centers, but put it at the forefront. Improvements to the existing center give LSU student-athletes the best opportunity for success by providing access to the latest technology, as well as an array of expanded services.
LSU's Memorial Tower (main photo) was one of the first structures completed on the present campus and sits east of the quadrangle (inset). It represents the University as a memorial to those who gave their lives during World War I. Although it currently houses the LSU Anglo-American Art Museum, plans are in process to return Memorial Tower to a military museum as originally intended.

"LSU laid the groundwork for me being a professional in the way the school is run and the interaction you get with your professors. Off the field, I learned to be a good person. On the football field, it is the training, the hard work and the dedication. LSU teaches you everything you need to be successful."

- Andrew Whitworth, Cincinnati Bengals

Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College has, throughout its 144-year history, served the people of Louisiana, the region, the nation, and the world. LSU is creating a revolution, one of pervasive change and advancement. For the past five years, the focus of the LSU community has been an increased commitment to excellence. Our progress has been dramatic and shows no sign of stopping.

Having witnessed many of yesterday's possibilities become today's tangible realities, the LSU community set forth to capitalize on its success. The goal was to improve our standing as a nationally competitive flagship university. Following intense discussions among the LSU Board of Supervisors, campus administrators, faculty, and student leaders, the objectives required to reach this status crystallized, providing the impetus for LSU's National Flagship Agenda.

Location: Baton Rouge, La.
Founded: January 2, 1860
Enrollment: 29,317
President: Dr. William Jenkins
Major Fields for Bachelor's Degrees: 72
Major Fields for Master's Degrees: 72
Major Fields for Doctoral Degrees: 54

The University lakes on the LSU campus give various recreational options.
Why LSU?

“I was basically an in-state guy and had always thought about going to LSU for football and to get a good education. I made a lot of visits to different schools in my selection process, but everything always pointed toward LSU. My heart and my family guided me in that direction not just for the athletics, but for the academics as well. From top to bottom LSU has good people from the coaches on down the line.”

“I had a lot of choices coming out of high school, but when I visited LSU it was different. It felt like I was part of the players and the coaches, LSU was the best place for me to go. It had everything I wanted, both football and academically. The atmosphere and the coaches made me feel very comfortable around them as well as the academic people and everybody involved with the program. I was from down the road in Louisiana and could have gone anywhere to school, but I chose to stay close to home.”

“As far back as I can remember (riding bicycles, playing little league baseball), I have literally bled purple and gold. It never crossed my mind that there was anywhere else to go other than LSU. The experiences and relationships that I developed at LSU have been an integral part of my life. No other colleges existed in my mind. I am fortunate to have attended a place that I considered a dream and look forward to my association with the University until the day I die.”

“IT was really quite an honor to be able to play for LSU. Being from Lockport, everybody down there is a big LSU fan and it was a place where my family could watch me play. LSU really helped me grow both as a player and a person. I have nothing but fond memories of the place.”

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The Most Diverse School in the Nation

African-American Cultural Center

The African-American Cultural Center provides a multifaceted approach to working with all students at LSU. It offers opportunities for people to learn about the contributions of African-American men and women in the areas of literature, science and the humanities. In addition, opportunities for the University community to have greater exposure to art exhibits, dance troupes, theatre, poetry readings and educational programs are provided.

Educational programs for the African-American Cultural Center are the heart of the center. The scope of these programs fall into the following four categories:

- Historical/Political
- Artistic
- Informal Student Advising
- Community Outreach

Newsweek magazine named Louisiana State University the “Most Diverse” school in the nation in the Sept. 3, 2003, issue. The enrollment consists of 24 percent minority students.
The Tigers’ Home Away From Home

LSU has 18 residence halls with architectural styles ranging from a Renaissance style typical of the older core of the campus to modern high-rise buildings. Above is the newest addition, the highly popular East Campus and West Campus apartments, co-ed dormitories that include furnished rooms with connecting suites and e-mail workstations in the lobby, all within a short walk from the dining hall.
LSU student-athletes participate in a variety of community service projects including reading in schools, nursing home visits, hospital pediatric ward visits and speaking engagements.

Hurricane Relief
LSU’s football team served a vital role in the attempt to get the Gulf Coast on its feet after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Many of the football players gave time, energy and material things to those who suffered losses from the devastating storms. In the week prior to the 2007 Sugar Bowl, the team worked with Habitat for Humanity at Musician’s Village in the lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans.

"At LSU, I was always helpful with the media and helpful in the community. That continues. To come back to Baton Rouge and be a part of the LSU family and help people out with the things I was blessed with is great. It makes you realize how special this place is."

Andrew Whitworth, Cincinnati Bengals

In the Community
Coach Miles, Andrew Whitworth, Kyle Williams and JaMarcus Russell spend time with a young boy with cancer.

(Above) Safety Craig Steltz with a patient at Children’s Hospital in New Orleans.

(Right) Lyle Hitt, Matt Laudun, Quinn Johnson, Jared Mitchell, Jacob Cutrera and Chris Jackson visit patients during Sugar Bowl week.
Being a part of the LSU football program involves more than simply playing in front of more than 90,000 crazed Tiger fans on Saturdays in the fall. LSU football provides an opportunity to achieve athletic success while also getting a head start on the most important game of all - the game of life.

The LSU football program has a longstanding internal summer jobs program that aggressively seeks opportunities to help place its players in career-developing positions within the community. Every LSU football player that wants to get a leg up on their future has the opportunity to work during the summer with the goal to help players earn valuable experience.

LSU football players are expected to be extremely active in utilizing the career development resources readily available to them.

Job Experience

Student-athletes at LSU take full advantage of their summers by developing skills in their field of study. Football players spend most of their summer participating in jobs that relate to their major, like working at...

- Hospitals
- Physical Therapy centers
- Public Relations firms
- Building Contractors
- Restaurant Management
- Engineering firms
- Accounting offices

Shaquille O'Neal
CHAMPS/Life Skills

"Through workshops, service projects, and social events, CHAMPS, brings LSU student-athletes information that will prepare them for the biggest game of all - the game of life!"

-SHAQUILLE O'NEAL, LSU ALL-AMERICAN & 13-TIME NBA ALL-STAR

The CHAMPS (Challenging Athletes Minds for Personal Success)/Life Skills program was developed by the NCAA to help prepare student-athletes for the challenges of life beyond the playing field.

How Can CHAMPS Help?

By focusing on "real life" skills and personal development, the CHAMPS Program not only assists the student-athletes with meeting daily challenges, but also enhances student-athlete's growth in their college years and beyond.

CHAMPS at LSU

The CHAMPS/Life Skills program at LSU is operated out of the Academic Center for Student Athletes, and the focus of the program is on five commitments viewed as critical to personal growth.
The state capitol building of Louisiana, located in the heart of downtown Baton Rouge, is the tallest capitol building in the nation at 34 stories and overlooks the Mississippi River.

Hospitality and comfort are a Southern tradition practiced to perfection around Baton Rouge. Minutes from the city, ancient moss-draped oaks, fragrant honeysuckle, formal gardens and the finest examples of Southern architecture await. Combine this with the excitement of the mighty Mississippi River, Cajun music and a gourmet meal that is topped with freshly brewed cafe-au-lait at one of Baton Rouge’s fine restaurants. So what does the future hold? Baton Rouge is now one of the fastest growing cities in the South — a bustling Metropolis of cutting edge technology companies, high-powered law firms and forward thinking city leaders who passionately support the arts and promote the local economy. Old Man River just got an upgrade. Yes, this is one city that’s rolling on the river.

**Proximity**

Baton Rouge is just an hour away from the French Quarter in New Orleans and even closer to the million-acre Atchafalaya Swamp, which is called one of the biggest fishing ponds in the country.

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**Distance Chart from Baton Rouge (Based on 70 MPH Speed):**

- Atlanta, Ga. ..............7 hours
- Biloxi, Miss. ..............2 hours
- Birmingham, Ala. ..........8 hours
- Dallas, Texas ...............6 1/2 hours
- Houston, Texas .............4 hours
- Jackson, Miss. .............2 1/2 hours
- Jacksonville, Fla. ........8 1/2 hours
- Little Rock, Ark. ..........6 hours
- Mobile, Ala. .................3 hours
- Monroe, La. .................2 1/2 hours
- New Orleans, La. ..........1 hour
- Orlando, Fla. ...............10 hours
- Pensacola, Fla. .............4 hours
- Shreveport, La. ............4 hours
Louisiana, one of America’s most culturally and geographically diverse states, is located in the heart of the Deep South. Adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico and dotted with hundreds of lakes and bayous, Louisiana is home to all types of terrain from swamps and marshes to lush forests and gentle hills.

**Unique Culture**
Louisiana is home to Mardi Gras, a two-week party that includes more than 60 parades and millions of visitors from around the world. All year long New Orleans Jazz, Creole culture, stately riverboats and some of the finest cuisine in the world is mixed into the diverse and renowned culture of Louisiana.

**Cuisine**
Foods like boiled crawfish, jambalaya, shrimp etouffee and gumbo make the Cajun and Creole cuisine of Louisiana the envy of the nation.
The band plays the first note of the pregame salute and more than 90,000 fans rise to their feet, captivated and transformed by what they are about to see. The energy, noise and excitement level hit another gear as the players charge through the uprights and prepare to take the field of battle. As the game begins, the fans create an atmosphere unlike any other in college football, raising their level of intensity as the magnitude of the game heightens with every turn.

**THIS COULD ONLY BE A SATURDAY NIGHT IN TIGER STADIUM**

“Baton Rouge happens to be the worst place in the world for a visiting team. It’s like being inside a drum.”

- Paul “Bear” Bryant, Former Alabama Coach

“I’d been warned prior to my first visit to Baton Rouge that the legendary Death Valley mystique was a myth. That assessment couldn’t have been more wrong. Tiger Stadium was as loud as any I’ve ever heard during the dramatic fourth quarter of Saturday’s Georgia game, the festivities surrounding it as advertised.

The streets were lined with purple and gold. Smoke emanated from the grills in the parking lot. Sheets of “Go Tigers” and “Tiger Bait” echoed from the stadium deep into the heart of campus.

And that was just Friday night.”

- Stewart Mandel, SI.com, Sept. 21, 2003
The Facts
YEAR BUILT: 1924
CAPACITY: 92,400
LARGEST CROWD: 92,664, vs. Auburn, 10/22/2005

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“It makes a body tingle -- these folks go berserk when the band marches on the field.”
- Douglas Looney, Sports Illustrated

“College football is never better than when there's a good team in Tiger Stadium.”
- Lee Corso, ESPN

“The best atmosphere that I have ever played in is Tiger Stadium. The Super Bowl is right there with it, but there is still nothing like Tiger Stadium on a Saturday night.”
Anthony “Booger” McFarland, Former LSU All-American and Two-time Super Bowl winner with the Buccaneers and the Colts

“It’s tough to play them when they get like this.”
- Bill Curry, ESPN Color Analyst
They begin to roll into town and onto campus as early as Thursday night and by Friday afternoon, tailgaters at LSU have their grills fired up and their coolers loaded with ice. This is in preparation for Saturday's game in Tiger Stadium.

"It was the best experience ever. There is nothing like Tiger Stadium. I have played in the NFL. Going on my fourth year, I have played in a lot of stadiums, but nothing compares to being in Death Valley on a Saturday night."

- Michael Clayton, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

LSU’s campus becomes one of the biggest and best parties in the south on a Saturday afternoon. Each weekend thousands of fans from around the nation gather in the shadows of the oak trees to prepare themselves for the game. An estimated 120,000 fans are on campus to tailgate, in recreational vehicles, sports utility vehicles, pick-up trucks, cars and even the occasional old painted school bus. Tiger fans tailgate with a style and flair unlike any other.

Tailgating
ON THE LSU CAMPUS

Unique Cuisine
- Jambalaya
- Boudin
- Gumbo
- Red Beans 'n Rice
- Shrimp Creole
- Crawfish Etouffee
- Boiled Crawfish
- Fried Alligator
3:00 p.m.
Tiger fans begin lining North Stadium Drive to see the LSU football team and the LSU marching band walk down Victory Hill.

6:27 p.m.
Mike the Tiger, LSU’s live Bengal tiger, rides through Tiger Stadium before each home game in his cage topped by the LSU cheerleaders. Before entering the stadium, his cage-on-wheels is parked next to the opponent’s locker room in the southeast end of the stadium. Opposing players must make their way past Mike’s cage to reach their locker room.

6:46 p.m.
The LSU marching band and golden girls enter the field for the National Anthem and the LSU Alma Mater. Before leaving the field, the band plays the LSU fight song and then forms a tunnel for the LSU football team to run through as they take the field.

6:56 p.m.
The team gathers in the chute waiting to enter Tiger Stadium. As the team enters each player touches the famed crossbar from 1955-1984.

6:57 p.m.
A standing ovation crowd greets the Tigers as they enter through the split goalposts.

7:00 p.m.
It’s kickoff time in Death Valley, the sixth largest on-campus college football stadium in America and the toughest road playing site according to Sports Illustrated Magazine.
LSU is one of the most widely recognized programs on the national forefront. It is among the most frequently-covered programs in the nation, while also being the largest media draw in the state of Louisiana. With its constant national visibility, millions of college football fans throughout the country see, read and hear about LSU football on a daily basis.

"Great food and great people who don’t mind sharing it. Plus it’s usually a night game so we have all day to get ready.”

— Chris Fowler, ESPN’s College GameDay

Fowler’s Favorite

ESPN’s Chris Fowler listed LSU as his favorite gameday location in the Sept. 23, 2003, Sports Illustrated on Campus issue.

1. LSU
2. Texas
3. Texas A&M
4. Florida
5. Air Force
The Tigers are constantly in the spotlight of the national media. During the 2007 Sugar Bowl, Fox Sports’ Brian Rose, Tim Brown and Jimmie Johnson were live in the Louisiana Superdome for the pregame and postgame shows (right). During the 2006 season, ESPN Gameday’s Raghib Ismail featured LSU’s outstanding defensive line (below). Paul Burmeister and Mike Mayock from the NFL Network do a live 30 minute broadcast from LSU’s annual Pro Day that featured interviews with eventual first-round draft picks Dwayne Bowe, LaRon Landry and JaMarcus Russell.

**LSU Football on NATIONAL TELEVISION**

College football and LSU fans all across the nation have ample opportunity to root for their Tigers on television. Over the past seven seasons, LSU has appeared on national television 58 times, including 23 games on CBS.

**Media Training**

Along with the success of the LSU Football team, comes a great deal of media attention and Dr. Tommy Karam, the Director of the Communications Lab, uses his lab, located on the fourth floor of the Academic Center, to work with LSU student-athletes on their interactions with the media and interview skills. Karam’s lab is a mock press conference setting to get the student-athletes used to handling themselves in front of both print and electronic media. He records a mock interview session to help them become more comfortable. Karam also helps the LSU Football players get prepared for the NFL Combine by working closely with those players on the interview process.
Fox Sports’ Jeanne Zelasko, shown above talking with JaMarcus Russell, is one of the many national media to visit LSU’s campus in 2006. LSU is covered by a large contingent of media, including local and national organizations.
LSU football was once again featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated as the Tigers were one of six regional covers that the magazine showcases for its annual 2006 College Football Preview (right).

(Below) In the 2004 College Football Preview issue, Sports Illustrated featured LSU’s players that switched positions during their football careers. The story featured Joseph Addai, Marcus Spears, Corey Webster, LaRon Landry and Ronnie Prude.

QB Matt Mauck graced the cover of Sports Illustrated’s Championship Edition magazine that was sold on newsstands the weeks following LSU’s victory over Oklahoma to win the national title.

DT Chad Lavalais was all smiles on this Sporting News cover following LSU’s, 21-14, win over Oklahoma in the National Championship game.

Matt Mauck appeared on the cover of the Sporting News in early December after leading LSU to a victory over Ole Miss to vault the Tigers into national championship contention.

LSU’s Skyler Green was one of five players pictured on the cover of Sports Illustrated’s 2004 college football season preview issue.

In 1997, Kevin Faulk and the LSU Tigers defeated No. 1 Florida and later that week were on the cover of Sports Illustrated.

In Sports Illustrated’s Sept. 13, 1971, edition, SI ranked the Tigers as the preseason No. 5 team in the nation and declared Tommy Casanova the best player in the nation.