LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT

Academic Excellence Program (AEP) RECOMMENDATION FORM

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LSU Shreveport Academic Excellence Program

Earning College Credit

Earning university credit while you are in high school is exciting and rewarding, but it is very important you understand that the final grade you earn in the Academic Excellence Program will become part of your college transcript regardless of where you decide to complete your university career. We want you and your parents or guardians to understand all of the possible effects this course and the grade you earn may have on your college academic record and on your eligibility for scholarships and federal financial aid. Please read all of the points listed on this sheet and talk to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences if you have questions.

- As an AEP student taking LSUS courses on campus, you will be awarded a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F which will be based on the specific assessment criteria in place for each course. This information will be communicated to you by your LSUS professors. These LSUS grades will be included on your permanent college transcript and contribute to your overall grade point average.
- 2. You will be allowed to withdraw from a class or change to audit if you are not achieving at a successful level, but must do so by the published deadlines. You should talk to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences before making any final decisions.
- 3. A grade of F, NC, or W will be considered as a course attempted but not passed when you are evaluated for federal or state financial aid programs, including loans and grants, and may affect your eligibility for these programs. Pay close attention to the semester deadlines, and should talk to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences if they are having trouble with a course.
- 4. Credit earned through the AEP program will not affect eligibility for TOPS during your first semester as a first time freshman; however, it will be included when your college grade point average is reviewed to determine TOPS eligibility for subsequent semesters.
- 5. You should be aware that some private and out-of-state colleges and universities may not accept credit earned prior to the date you graduate from high school. We urge you to contact all universities you are considering making application to and check their policies related to AEP credit.
- 6. Request official transcripts through your myLSUS account, but wait to do this until you have taken all the LSUS courses you intend to take.

The Louisiana Board of Regents has compiled articulation matrices to facilitate transfer coursework among Louisiana colleges and universities. The matrices can be found at www.regents.state.la.us/Reports/datapub.htm (scroll down until you see matrix). This information may help ease any concerns students or parents have concerning how these courses will transfer to other institutions within the state.

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