

2025 SESSION
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KNOWLEDGE...

*because your career does not
come with a guarantee.*

To succeed in today's banking world, bank officers need the wisdom and expertise that come from perception and insight, and an astute ability to discover, discern, and decide. It's that kind of knowledge that the **Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University** has provided experienced bank officers for **75 years**.

Completion of the GSB program has become a standard prerequisite to professional advancement in many banks. Officers at banks of all sizes – from community banks to multi-billion dollar institutions – find that the School's curriculum addresses their educational needs. The course of study at the Graduate School of Banking spans 25 months, with three, two-week resident sessions each year. During these resident sessions, bankers/students receive approximately 180 hours of classroom instruction. Leadership speakers, evening study sessions, written examinations, and bank study projects between resident sessions are an integral part of the School's comprehensive program.

The program is challenging, and students must have a commitment to a high degree of personal discipline to graduate. However, those that make it leave with a new kind of knowledge that will set them apart.

Additionally, upon graduation, alumni are eligible to apply for participation in GSBSLU's Chartered Banking Professional (ChBP) program, the first and only professional designation for the banking industry, developed and trademarked by GSBSLU. For more information regarding this prestigious certification, please visit www.gsbslu.org/chbp.

Why Graduate School of Banking at LSU ?



Matthew McElveen
President
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Pascagoula, MS
Class of 2024

“The Graduate School of Banking at LSU transformed my career. The program's blend of expert instruction, practical application, and incredible network of classmates equipped me with the knowledge and confidence to take on greater challenges. This program also led me to my current role. I highly recommend this program to anyone looking to elevate themselves.”



FACILITIES

Classes are conducted on the beautiful campus of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. All classrooms are air-conditioned and equipped for multimedia presentations. Students have access to the University's athletic and recreational facilities including an 18-hole golf course, swimming pools, and tennis courts, as well as a field house and Student Recreational Center that provides basketball courts, racquetball courts, weight rooms, and indoor jogging tracks.

All students are housed in air-conditioned new/renovated dormitories with private bedrooms – two bedrooms per suite with a shared bathroom. Dormitories feature Wi-Fi, in-room sinks, modern community kitchen, laundry facilities and computer lab.

FACULTY

One of GSB's most important resources is its faculty, which is comprised of more than 50 outstanding bankers, university professors, and other professional leaders from all parts of the country.

Extensive evaluations of each faculty member are conducted to assure that the most current and effective teaching techniques are employed in the classroom. The School's informal learning environment provides the student ample opportunity to discuss banking topics with its nationally recognized faculty.



CURRICULUM

CORE CURRICULUM

- Asset/Liability Management
- Bank Management Simulation
- Bank Regulatory Law
- Digital Disruption & Cybersecurity
- Financial Markets
- Fundamentals of Risk Management
- Interpreting Economic Change
- Leading Through Motivation
- Managing Bank Performance
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Monetary Economics
- Strategic Bank Marketing

CASE STUDIES

- Communication and Corporate Culture
- Ethics and Legal Issues
- Internal Controls and Compliance
- UCA Cash Flow and Problem Loans

SPECIALIZED COURSES

- Agricultural & Rural Lending
- Banking on Leadership
- Commercial Real Estate Financing
- Credit Analysis
- Credit Risk Management
- Fundamentals of SBA Lending
- Introduction to Digital Assets
- Leadership: Ethics & Applications
- Performance Management
- Protecting Profits & Reputation: BSA/AML Compliance
- Recruiting and Retaining Employees
- Strategic Sales & Negotiation Skills
- Treasury Management
- Troubled Asset Resolution

M.B.A. CREDIT

Bankers completing the Graduate School of Banking at LSU may enroll in professional MBA programs at several universities and receive graduate credit for their work at the banking school. The programs have no residence requirements and may be completed on-line.

The universities awarding credit are:

- Louisiana State University
- Arkansas State
- Mississippi College
- Mississippi State University
- Murray State University
- Tennessee Tech University
- Union College of Kentucky
- University of Mississippi
- University of South Carolina
- University of Tennessee - Martin
- University of West Georgia

Information regarding the requirements of each program and the number of academic hours awarded may be found at www.gsblsu.org.



STUDENT PROFILE

An important benefit of the GSB program is the knowledge gained from interaction with fellow students. The relationships developed during the resident sessions have been found by graduates to be of immeasurable benefit to them and their organizations.

In the 2024 session, two thirds of the bankers/students held the rank of vice president or higher, almost 70 percent of the students had over five years of experience in banking, and approximately 90 percent held at least one college degree.

The student body represents banks from under \$100 million to over \$200 billion in assets with the median bank size being in the \$500 million - \$1 billion range. The number of female bank officers enrolled in GSB has grown in recent years. In 2024, 119 of the 496 bankers attending GSB were women.

ADMISSION

Education

Applicants must have some credit for courses in Basic Accounting and either Economics or Money and Banking. This credit may be obtained from a college or university or from the American Bankers Association and CFTEA.

Position

All students must be officers or regulatory officials in the banking industry, or accountants with firms that serve the banking industry.

Experience

A minimum of three-years experience as an officer in the banking industry is required; applicants from supervisory agencies and accounting firms must have a minimum of five-years experience in bank supervision and/or audit.

Graduation

Students must satisfy the following requirements to graduate from GSB:

- Satisfactory completion of a series of 10 bank study projects five the first year, five the second year.
- Satisfactory grades on examinations during the resident sessions.
- Full participation in all assigned classes and activities.

Application and Fees

Final admission deadline is **April 15, 2025**. A Wifi enabled tablet with a note taking app is recommended.

- \$4,800 tuition per session covers room, meals, and all instructional materials, and is due upon notification of admission.
- \$300 non-refundable annual registration fee.
- If an applicant withdraws before **January 1, 2025**, the full tuition fee will be refunded. An applicant withdrawing between **January 1** and **April 1** will forfeit \$150; an applicant withdrawing from **April 1** to **May 1** will forfeit one-half of the tuition; an applicant withdrawing after **May 1** will forfeit the entire fee.

