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McNeese Facts

Location	Lake Charles, Louisiana (SMSA pop. 175,000)
Founded	September 1939
Enrollment	8,784
Campus	99-acre main campus, 402-acre MSU Farm, a 65-acre athletic plant and student apartment complex, Louisiana Environmental Research Center and Burton Coliseum.
Mascot	Cowboys
School Colors	Blue and Gold

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McNeese State University is an evolving comprehensive university with the primary educational mission to provide a wide range of baccalaureate and carefully selected graduate curricula, distinguished by academic excellence. Fundamental to this mission is the faculty commitment to excellence in teaching, research and creative scholarly activity.

At McNeese, almost 9,000 students can choose from more than 80 degree programs offered by the Colleges of Business, Education, Engineering and Technology, Liberal Arts, Nursing and Science, the Division of General and Basic Studies, and the Doré School of Graduate Studies. There are students from 56 parishes, 34 states and 49 countries.

POINTS OF EXCELLENCE

- McNeese is the first university in the state to offer a concentration in Forensics Chemistry.
- McNeese offers a concentration in Terrorism, Preparedness and Security that is one of the first of its kind in the nation.
- Dr. Ron Darbeau in the chemistry department has developed a new way of making high quality polymers for industrial use and has been awarded the university's first patent.
- McNeese has been rated as one of the top schools in the nation for the individual attention students receive from MSU faculty in the College Catalog published by Newsweek. Other well-known names on that list are Harvard and Stanford Universities.
- McNeese has six Senior Fulbright Scholars on its faculty that have traveled to Greece, Finland, Moldova, Romania, Rwanda and China.

- Dr. Mark Merchant in the chemistry department is conducting research to isolate antibiotic peptides found in the tissues of the alligator that could have potential medical and biotechnological applications involving a new class of drugs.
- The 2004 Speech and Debate Team won the national championship in its division at the 22nd Annual Novice National Individual Events Tournament. McNeese finished first place overall and this is the second consecutive year that the team won its division at this tournament. In addition, Monroe freshmen Marcus Beckwith and Paul Conway won the novice national title in dramatic duo. Conway also was named Novice National Champion in programmed oral interpretation.
- The MSU College of Nursing is nationally accredited by the National League of Nursing and continually has a high passing rate on the nursing licensing examination.
- The MSU Engineering Program is nationally accredited and 38 percent of the engineers that work in local industries are McNeese graduates.

The University of Louisiana System

McNeese State University is a member of the University of Louisiana System, one of the largest public higher education systems in the United States. The system includes eight universities, which serve more than 80,000 students and employs almost 4,000 full-time faculty.

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