**LSU’s land-grant status**

Morrill Act of 1862 established public land-grant institutions. With Acts 103 and 145 of the Louisiana legislature in 1876, Louisiana State University merged with the Louisiana State Agricultural & Mechanical College at New Orleans, Louisiana's original recipient of the Morrill Act in 1874, to become Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College in 1877, with the newly combined university serving as Louisiana's first land-grant institution.