



UPTOWN CAMPUS LARGE GROUP WALKING TOUR

Hello, and welcome to Tulane University! This is an abridged tour script written specifically for large groups visiting campus. **Please begin your tour at Gibson Hall (#1)**, the location of the Office of Undergraduate Admission. This tour will end at the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life, or LBC (#29). Throughout your tour, you'll find building names followed by numbers which correspond to those on our campus map. *Enjoy your visit!*

History and Makeup of Tulane University

Tulane was founded in 1834 as the Medical College of Louisiana in an effort to address the recent epidemics of Yellow Fever.

In 1884, New Jersey merchant Paul Tulane donated over \$1 million to endow a university "for the promotion and encouragement of intellectual, moral and industrial education." He had made his fortune in New Orleans, and his gift expressed his appreciation for the city. Paul Tulane's donation established the Tulane Educational Fund, which today has grown to more than \$1 billion. Subsequently, the Medical College of Louisiana changed its name to the Tulane University of Louisiana.

Tulane University is now comprised of 10 schools, most of which are on the Uptown Campus, with the exception of the School of Medicine, the School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, and the School of Social Work, which are located downtown at Tulane's original campus in the New Orleans BioDistrict. Tulane undergraduates – while all members of Newcomb-Tulane Undergraduate College – study across 5 schools: Architecture, Business, Liberal Arts, Public Health, and Science & Engineering.

As you walk through campus, you'll find a mix of both old and new buildings. Tulane has built at least 1 new structure each of the past 15 years, including 3 new residence halls and Yulman Stadium.

Tulane has approximately 6,800 full-time undergraduate students, 5,000 graduate students, and 1,200 faculty members. In 2015, the incoming freshman class was about 1,850 students. Approximately 85% of our undergraduates come from over 300 miles away, making Tulane one of the most geographically diverse universities in the country.

Walk to the back of Gibson Hall, away from St. Charles Avenue
You are now entering the **Academic Quad**

Gibson Hall (#1)

Undergraduate Admission, Registrar, President, Provost, Continuing Studies, Math

Gibson Hall is the administrative center of Tulane University, housing many of the departments who oversee university-wide operations. Gibson Hall was built in Richardsonian Romanesque style in 1894, becoming the first structure on Tulane University's Uptown campus.

Fun fact! Fox's *Scream Queens* has filmed several scenes around Gibson Hall.

Tilton Memorial Hall (#2)

Economics, Political Economy, Center for Ethics & Public Affairs, Amistad Research Center

The **Amistad Research Center** holds the largest collection of primary source material on American minority groups, particularly African Americans, and it's the source of most information used in Stephen Spielberg's movie *Amistad*.

Dinwiddie Hall (#3)

Anthropology, Middle American Research Institute

Dinwiddie houses the Department of Anthropology, as well as the internationally renowned **Middle American Research Institute (MARI)**, which contains the largest collection of Mayan artifacts outside of Central America.

The average class size at Tulane is 24 students. 99% of our classes are fewer than 100 students. Our student to faculty ratio is 9:1, and the vast majority of our classes are taught by full-time faculty members with terminal degrees in their fields.

Richardson Memorial Hall (#4)

School of Architecture

Richardson Memorial originally served as Tulane's School of Medicine, the first such school in the Deep South, but it now houses the School of Architecture, which was founded in 1894 as the first Architecture program in the Deep South.

Architecture students gain hands-on experience through programs like URBANbuild, an ongoing project in which students design and build a New Orleans home for a family in need. While pursuing their degrees, architecture students have access to their own library, design studios, computer labs, 3D printers, and large-format plotters 24 hours a day.

Begin walking towards Freret Street, away from Gibson Hall

Richardson Building (#5)

Academic Advising, Latin American Research Centers

The **Academic Advising Center** encompasses a wide range of student services, all centered on success in academics, careers, and life in general. Academic Advisors at Tulane work with students to maximize their undergraduate education by helping them navigate things like course registration and academic departments. The **Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching (CELT)** works with both faculty and students to thoroughly understand the unique learning experiences students bring to the classroom.

Norman Mayer (#6)

English, Political Science, African & African Diaspora Studies

James Carville, the political strategist and CNN commentator who led Bill Clinton's successful 1992 presidential campaign, is a professor in the Department of Political Science. As part of his course, taught in Norman Mayer, he regularly invites guest lecturers from the world of politics, including George Stephanopoulos and Richard Holbrooke.

F. Edward Hébert Hall (#7)

History, Honors Program, Payson Program in Global Development, TIDES, Altman Scholars Program

(In case you're wondering: in Louisiana, we pronounce it "AY-bear.")

The **Honors Program** invites a small percentage of top incoming freshmen each year. This program allows students the opportunity to participate in additional programs, activities, and courses while at Tulane. Honors courses are required and the average Honors student will take 1-2 of these per year. Honors students are required to write a thesis by the end of their four years. Students not invited to the Honors Program upon admission to Tulane may apply after their first semester or end of freshmen year, depending on academic performance.

Robert C. Cudd Hall (#8)

Newcomb-Tulane College

All Tulane undergraduates are admitted to **Newcomb-Tulane Undergraduate College** and maintain membership through graduation. After declaring a major, a student would then also become affiliated with one of the 5 undergraduate colleges. Undergraduates never apply directly to a school or program. Because of this setup, students are able to take courses across most of the schools and have until the end of their sophomore year to declare a major.

Fun fact! Each Friday morning, the Dean of Newcomb-Tulane College invites students, faculty, and staff to his porch for doughnuts, coffee, and conversation.

Science and Engineering Lab Complex (#14)

Academic Success Center, Counseling & Psychological Services, Office of Student Accessibility, Financial Aid

As the name suggests, this building plays host to laboratories of the School of Science & Engineering, but it holds much more than that. The **Academic Success Center** offers students tutoring, writing support, a learning library, and a computer lab. The **Office of Student Accessibility** works with students, faculty, and staff in forming solutions to physical differences, as well as in identifying and addressing learning differences. Also important for a successful academic career, the Office of Financial Aid helps students obtain loans, grants, and scholarships.

Flower Hall for Research and Innovation (#13)

The Taylor Center for Social Innovation & Design Thinking

Flower Hall houses research lab space, the Taylor Center, and (soon) a “maker space” – collaborative workspace for students to pursue ideas, build prototypes, and plan products for the marketplace.

Lindy Claiborne Boggs Center for Energy and Biotechnology (#15)

School of Science & Engineering

The Boggs Center opened in 1988 and is equipped with 27 state-of-the-art laboratories, the administrative offices of the School of Science & Engineering, computer labs, and several classrooms.

Fun fact! Tulane alumnus ('88) and astronaut Doug Hurley piloted the space shuttle *Endeavour* on a 16-day NASA mission to the International Space Station in 2009.

Alcee Fortier Hall (#17)

Center for Public Service

Tulane was the first major research university to implement a public service requirement.

During their first two years at Tulane, undergraduates complete a semester-long service course as a companion to a traditional lecture, with the aim of using skills and theory taught in the classroom out into the community. For example, students taking classes in Latin American studies may teach English as a Second Language, while students in the sciences might test air, soil, and water samples for carcinogens.

As a junior or senior, undergraduates complete their service requirement with an internship, classroom teaching, research, abroad programs or through the **Community Service Fellows Program**. This upperclassmen requirement allows students the freedom and responsibility to design a project around their interests.

(And in case you're wondering: in Louisiana, we pronounce this “for-chay.”)

Merryl & Sam Israel Jr. Environmental Science Building (#18)

Laboratory Sciences

Predominantly composed of laboratory space for environmental, biological, and chemical sciences, Israel was built to have minimum impact on the environment. Its features include non-toxic finishes and paints, solar-activated lighting, natural ventilation, recycled building materials, and interactive sun reflectors to enhance natural lighting.

Percival Stern Hall (#19)

Laboratory Sciences

All Tulane undergraduates complete a laboratory science course as part of their basic core requirements, and many of those are held here in Stern. Several departments of the School of Science & Engineering are located here as well. Beneath Stern is a PJ's Coffee – one of three on campus – part of a local chain started by Tulane alumni.

Fun fact! Urban legend says that Stern's windows are designed in the form of an old punch card that translates to "Roll Wave – Beat LSU" when fed into a computer.

Walk beneath Stern, past the PJ's Coffee, and cross Freret Street at the crosswalk

Navy Building (#31)

Naval ROTC

Tulane offers all four ROTC programs on campus: Navy, Army, Air Force, and Marines. Tulane's ROTC unit is the 5th oldest and 3rd largest in the country. In most cases the federal government covers the full cost of tuition for ROTC members, while Tulane covers the remaining costs of attendance.

Devlin Fieldhouse (#30)

Green Wave Basketball and Volleyball

One of the most historic venues in college basketball, Devlin Fieldhouse was built in 1933 using funds from Tulane football's Rose Bowl appearance the year before. It is the 9th-oldest active men's basketball arena in the nation.

Tulane's athletic programs have competed at the highest level of NCAA sports – Division I – since 1893. As co-founders of the SEC and originators of the Sugar Bowl, the Green Wave have a storied history when it comes to athletics. In fact, the women's basketball team has made the NCAA tournament 11 times (most recently in 2015) and holds 6 conference titles.

Fun fact! While Devlin is most known for athletics, it's also played host to several important speakers. In 1975, President Gerald Ford announced the end of the Vietnam War during a speech in Devlin. In 2008, President Barack Obama spoke at Devlin during his campaign for the presidency.

Continue along Freret Street in front of Devlin Fieldhouse

Joseph Merrick Jones Hall (#25)

Latin American Studies, Classical Studies, Cunningham Observatory, Special Collection Libraries

The Latin American Studies program is considered one of the world's preeminent departments devoted to the subject. Jones is also home to Tulane's special collection libraries, such as the Louisiana Research Collection, University Archives, and the rare book collection. The Hogan Jazz Archive boasts the largest jazz-related oral history anywhere in the world.

At the top of Jones Hall is Cunningham Observatory, where astronomy classes are held.

Fun fact! Jones originally housed Tulane Law School, and it was the filming location for *The Pelican Brief*.

Turn right onto Newcomb Place and down the side of Jones Hall

Howard-Tilton Memorial Library (#60)

This is the main library on the Uptown campus. One of nine at Tulane, Howard-Tilton holds 3.9 million books and 81,000 periodicals, in addition to PJ's Coffee, several study areas, breakout rooms, and over 115 computers. Within this building is the **Latin American Library**, initially formed to support Tulane's Middle American Research Institute (MARI), as well as an extensive **music and media library**. In 2015, Howard-Tilton Memorial Library completed construction that added two floors to the top of the library that include increased quiet study space and a panoramic view of the New Orleans skyline.

During the school year, the library doesn't close until 3:45 AM on weekdays, and hours are expanded further during final exams.

Newcomb College Institute (#26)

A new building is currently being erected on the site of the former Newcomb College Institute (NCI) building. It will house expanded space for NCI and a new dining facility for all undergraduates.

H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College was founded in 1886 as the first degree-awarding women's college in the Deep South and first coordinate college for women in the country, a model adopted by Barnard at Columbia and Radcliffe at Harvard. Newcomb College's original mission of providing educational and leadership opportunities for women continues today through the Newcomb College Institute.

Newcomb College Campus (#68-83)

The Newcomb Campus, while integrated within Tulane University as a whole, bears a distinct design based around red brick. The live oaks surrounding Newcomb Quad were all transplanted from Newcomb's original campus in the Garden District in 1894. The oak tree and the acorn have long been a symbol of Newcomb College.

Brandt V.B. Dixon Hall & Elleonora P. McWilliams Hall (#68-70)

Newcomb Department of Music, Department of Theatre and Dance

These buildings hold a 1,000-seat proscenium theatre (Dixon Theatre), two black box theatres, a recital hall, several practice rooms, four dance studios, a design studio, a costume shop, a set design shop, and offices and classrooms for the performing arts departments. Students in the following departments may pursue a BA (no audition) or a BFA (higher-level professional degree).

Music

All music ensembles are open to students regardless of major or minor. These ensembles include the Tulane University Marching Band (TUMB), Newcomb-Tulane Choir, Men's Chorus, Tulane University Orchestra, jazz big band, several jazz ensembles, Tulane Concert Band, and student-run groups, among others. Each practice room in Dixon Hall holds a Steinway piano and is available 24 hours a day.

Musical Theatre

Typically producing one production each year, the musical theatre program also hosts Summer Lyric Theatre, a professional company drawing heavily from student performers and designers. Musical theatre majors all pursue BFA degrees and must audition to join the degree program.

Theatre & Dance

The Department of Theatre and Dance stages at least four productions each year, auditions for which are open to students regardless of major or minor. Students are involved in all aspects of production, and theatre majors choose a concentration in Performance, Design, or Theatre Generalist. The Newcomb Dance Company performs several times each year, and auditions are open to all students.

Fun facts! Green Envy – one of Tulane's 3 a capella groups – can be seen performing in *Pitch Perfect*.

Members of Tulane's dance team Shockwave performed with Beyoncé during Super Bowl XLVII, held in New Orleans in 2013.

Tulane's jazz big band performs each year at Jazz Fest.

Newcomb Hall (#74)

School of Liberal Arts

Several departments of the School of Liberal Arts are located within Newcomb Hall, including Philosophy, Communication, Sociology, and all foreign language departments. A state-of-the-art language laboratory resides on the fourth floor, and this building is the home of the **School of Liberal Arts Minor in Management (SLAMM)**, a business minor tailored to non-business majors, with emphasis on translating liberal arts knowledge into business acumen.

Woldenberg Art Center (#81-83)

Newcomb Art Department

This center houses ample classroom and studio space for drawing, painting, digital arts, sculpture, ceramics, glass blowing, photography, and printmaking. It's also home to **Newcomb Art Museum** for professional exhibits and the **Carroll Art Gallery** for student exhibits. The Pace-Wilson Glass Studio is known as one of the finest glassblowing facilities in North America.

Fun fact! While Newcomb is world-renowned for its deep roots throughout the arts, its ceramics program is particularly revered. Newcomb Pottery pieces created in the late 1800s and early 1900s are collectibles that can be found in galleries, museums, and private collections across the world.

Student Health Services (#92)

Tulane's on campus health center provides medical attention all day for students. In addition, doctors are on call **24 hours a day**, including weekends. Specialists include Men's Health, Women's Health, Psychiatry, and Allergy. **In the case of an emergency, Tulane Emergency Medical Service, also known as TEMS operates 24 hours a day.** This ambulance service, run entirely by students who are trained and certified as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), is dedicated to providing Tulane University and the surrounding communities with high quality emergency medical care with a low response time. TEMS can transport students to the Tulane Medical Center downtown or to any of the other local hospitals.

Cross Newcomb Place

Walk along Warren House on Drill Road and turn left before Mayer Residences into the quad

Katherine and William Mayer Residences (#55)

Each floor of Mayer holds a laundry facility, kitchen area, and sundeck, and the ground floor holds an entertainment center, music practice rooms, and Le Gourmet, an organic and natural food deli. The vast majority of Mayer's residents are sophomores, and rooms are all suite-style.

Weatherhead Hall (#59)

Sophomore Honors Village

Also known as SoHo, Weatherhead is a residential college for upperclassmen. As in all residential colleges on campus, a professor lives at Weatherhead with his or family, and students participate in programming throughout the year.

Turn right at Le Gourmet and walk between Mayer and Butler
Turn left onto McAlister Drive and cross Willow Street at the crosswalk

Willow Residences (#96)

The main portion of Willow is comprised of suite-style singles and doubles for upperclassmen. The ground floor of the building at the corner of Willow and McAlister holds a PJ's Coffee with study space and conference rooms. Along the back of the complex is Leadership Village, a series of suite-style villas open by application to student leaders. Doubles in **Leadership Village** each boast a balcony and two levels connected by a spiral staircase.

Reily Student Recreation Center (#106)

Full-time undergraduates enjoy Reily memberships as part of their student fees, which grant early-morning and late-night access to 156,000 square feet of recreation space: an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a weight room, 5 basketball courts, an indoor track, exercise studios, a boxing studio, a Crossfit-style gym, a spinning studio, an Outdoor Adventures office, and racquetball and squash courts. Reily's outdoor spaces includes lighted tennis courts, a social pool, and a turf field.

The **Association of Club Sports** operates nearly 40 student-run teams, including perennially nationally-ranked crew, water polo, and sailing teams, in addition to ice hockey, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, volleyball, and ultimate frisbee, among many others.

Students compete against each other through **intramural sports** leagues like flag football, softball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and tennis.

The ground floor of Reily holds **theWELL**, a center that promotes wellness and healthy living among the Tulane community, **Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine**, and the **Anatomy and Physiology Cadaver Laboratory**. Tulane is one of 2 schools in the country at which undergraduates participate in a full-year course on human cadaver dissection.

Fun fact! Brown Field in front of Reily is the site of the field of Tulane Stadium (capacity 80,989), which hosted the first 41 Sugar Bowls; Super Bowls IV, VI, and IX; and the first 7 Saints NFL seasons.

If you'd like, enter the tunnel beneath Reily to look into Yulman Stadium

Green Wave Athletic Complex

Behind the Reily Center

Yulman Stadium was completed in 2014. Holding 30,000 spectators with space to expand, Yulman has brought a lively game day atmosphere back to campus. Tulane students may pick up free tickets to any Green Wave athletics event throughout the year, but football tickets can be hard to come by!

Turchin Stadium reopened in 2008 after undergoing extensive renovations, bringing its capacity to 5,000 and adding several amenities in the process. Tulane baseball has ranked in the top 25 programs several times over the last two decades, has been to the NCAA tournament 20 times, and consistently ranks highly in national attendance figures.

Walk back towards Willow Street

Facts about Residential Life

- All freshmen and sophomores are required to live on campus, while about a third of juniors and seniors opt to stay on campus as well.
- Freshmen and sophomores are required to have a meal plan at Tulane.
- Most off-campus students live within a half mile of Tulane.
- Coed freshman halls are divided by gender – by wing or by floor – and restrooms are single-sex. Gender neutral restroom options are also available in certain residential halls.
- Upperclassmen halls at Tulane are suite-style (2 or 4 rooms sharing a bathroom).
- **Residential Learning Communities**, or RLCs, are communities that promote a group dynamic while providing structure and sustainable support to the individual. By bringing faculty and students together in meaningful ways,

residents can more easily establish both academic and social support networks inside and outside of the classroom. Each RLC is also tied to a TIDES class that relates to the main topic of the RLC. There are four RLCs on campus that students are able to apply to in May of their senior year of high school after they have been accepted to Tulane.

- **Wall Residential College** hosts the **Honors RLC** – Honors students receive first priority to live in Wall Residential College.
- **Barbara Greenbaum House** hosts the **Get Engaged RLC** - focused on civic engagement, championing worthy causes, and helping students integrate their on-campus experiences while living in New Orleans
- **Butler House** hosts the **Brain Wave RLC** - this RLC brings students with specific interests in self-care, science, and public health together in a common living space
- **Paterson Hall** hosts the **Changemaker RLC** - for students passionate about creating positive social change in the New Orleans community.

Continue past Willow on McAlister Drive

Bruff Commons (#48)

Cafeteria, Mail Services, Dry Cleaning, McAlister Market

Bruff holds the main cafeteria on campus. Dining at Bruff is all-you-can-eat and includes hot entrees, a salad bar, a pasta station, desserts, and vegan and kosher options. Students may have an unlimited Bruff meal plan that allows unlimited daily access for an academic year.

McAlister Market is Tulane's convenience store, offering most of the basics a student might need on campus, from food to first aid to laundry detergent.

Walk between Bruff and Irby, or through the ground floor of Bruff

Wall Residential College (#46)

Wall is home to freshmen honors students. A professor and his or her family also lives in an apartment in Wall. Residents join programming committees based around interest areas like academic research, world cultures, service, and wellness.

Paterson House (#45)

Paterson is the designated housing for the Changemaker RLC, and its residents explore avenues to create positive social change through the community in conjunction with the Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship. Freshmen here live in double rooms with community bathrooms, while sophomores live in suites with external entrances on the balcony walkways facing Bruff Quad.

Walk between Irby House and Bruff, back to McAlister Drive, and take a left

McAlister Auditorium (#43)

In addition to university events and traditions such as Convocation, McAlister plays host to regular concerts, premieres, and speakers. Past performers include comedians Aziz Ansari, Morgan Spurlock, Jimmy Fallon, Dane Cook, John Mulaney, and Dennis Miller and musical acts Third Eye Blind, Girl Talk, Kid Cudi, Augustana, Scissor Sisters, Wynton Marsalis, Guster, Ludacris, Lil Wayne, The Roots, and Phish.

Past speakers at Tulane include Barack Obama, Al Gore, Colin Powell, Laura Bush, Toni Morrison, Sean Penn, Spike Lee, Madeline Albright, Maya Angelou, Janet Reno, Walter Isaacson, Brian Williams, Edhud Olmert and Bill Nye the Science Guy, among others. While commencement takes place each year in the Superdome, its speakers have been just as varied. They include George HW Bush, Bill Clinton, Ellen DeGeneres, Harry Connick Jr, Anderson Cooper, Maya Rudolph, Brian Williams, Hoda Kotb and the Dalai Lama.

Goldring/Woldenberg Hall (#39-40)

A.B. Freeman School of Business

This complex of buildings includes its own career planning office, library, computer center, breakout rooms, and stock trading floor. Business students may participate in **Burkenroad Reports**, a class during which students perform site visits to Gulf Coast businesses, write stock analyses based on their research, and publish a final report that is circulated nationally throughout the investment community.

Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life (#29)

The LBC provides offices and meeting space for most of the 200+ student organizations at Tulane:

- **WTUL (91.5 FM)** – radio station run entirely by students and ranked #1 in the nation in 1997
- **TUBE** – video broadcasting entertainment and editing
- **The Hullabaloo** – Tulane’s student newspaper, which has won the Pacemaker Award 6 times
- **Undergraduate Student Government** - University-wide student senate. Each of the undergraduate colleges has its own Senate but sends representatives to the USG. All other organizations (Club Sports, multicultural organizations, pre-professional groups, service clubs, performance groups, media groups) are represented as well.
- **The O**
 - **Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)** and the **Office of Gender and Sexual Diversity (OGDS)** serve as resources for any students of color, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans*, intersex, queer, questioning, and allied students with advocacy services, mentoring, personal support, and student programming.
 - Put on the multicultural student orientation, Pride Week, Black Arts Festival, Martin Luther King, Jr. Week of Peace, Transgender Day of Remembrance, Take Back the Night, Pride Prom, World AIDS Day, and many more events for our students to participate in.
 - **Ambassador Peer Mentoring Program** – a first year student is paired with an upperclassman who will serve as a mentor, resource and friend to the first-year student.
 - **Wednesdays with the O** – a weekly social gathering that is every Wednesday from 12-2 pm, where the office has free lunch and great conversation for any student.

Several services are located in the LBC:

- Information Desk
- ATMs
- Whitney Bank
- City Diner (late-night)
- Food Court
- Barnes & Noble
- FedEx Office
- Technology Store

Your tour has come to an end, but feel free to continue to explore campus!

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To get back to Gibson Hall and St. Charles Avenue, walk on McAlister Place towards Freret Street. Cross at the crosswalk and continue straight ahead through the front of campus until you arrive at Gibson Hall.

Safe travels, and Roll Wave!