

# Tulane University

## Campus

Located on historic St. Charles Avenue, Tulane University offers students a classic campus setting in the heart of one of New Orleans' most famous neighborhoods. Ancient oaks and blooming azaleas frame the century-old buildings and newly constructed halls that define this beautiful 110-acre campus.

With an enrollment of more than 11,604 students, Tulane retains the collegiality of a small school while offering all the academic and extracurricular opportunities of a large university.

When not attending classes or cheering on the Green Wave, students can enjoy a work out or swim at the state-of-the-art Reilly Student Recreation Center, attend numerous on-campus productions and concerts or spend time exploring what is universally acclaimed as "America's most interesting city."

## Students and Faculty

Tulane attracts some of the best and brightest students from throughout the country and world to the unique educational experience offered by its 11 schools and colleges. The achievements of Tulane's students are remarkable. In the last decade Newcomb College students have received more Watson Fellowships than any other school in the country. In 1993, Tulane was the only school in the nation to receive three Truman Scholarships. In 1995, four undergraduates earned National Science Foundation fellowships. Tulane students also regularly receive prestigious honors such as Rhodes, Marshall, Goldwater and Beinecke scholarships. The average SAT score for Tulane's 1998-99 freshman class was 1278, which is 261 points above the national average. After earning their degrees Tulane graduates have gone on to become governors, members of Congress, researchers, physicians, jurists, poets, artists and leaders in every field of human endeavor.

Tulane's 1,432 faculty members include professors who have achieved national acclaim and are consistently honored not only for their teaching but also for innovations in fields ranging from ancient civilizations to the latest medical research.

Just across historic St. Charles Ave. from the Tulane campus is Audubon Park, which is home to Audubon Zoo.



## History

Tulane University was founded in 1834 as the Medical College of Louisiana. The school's mission was to find a cure for the Yellow Fever epidemic that gripped mid-19th century New Orleans. The school's first classes consisted of 11 students and 7 faculty members who met in a rented hall. Despite its humble origins, the faculty's dedication and advances soon gained wide recognition.

In 1847 the Medical College merged with the public University of Louisiana, adding a law department and what would become the College of Arts and Science to the school. The university continued to thrive but found itself in financial straits in the years following the Civil War. In the early 1880s Paul Tulane donated more than \$1 million to the school. The Louisiana Legislature then gave the University of Louisiana to the administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund and Tulane University of Louisiana was born.

In 1886, Josephine Louise Newcomb founded Newcomb College, the first degree-granting women's college in the nation to be established as a coordinate division of a men's university.

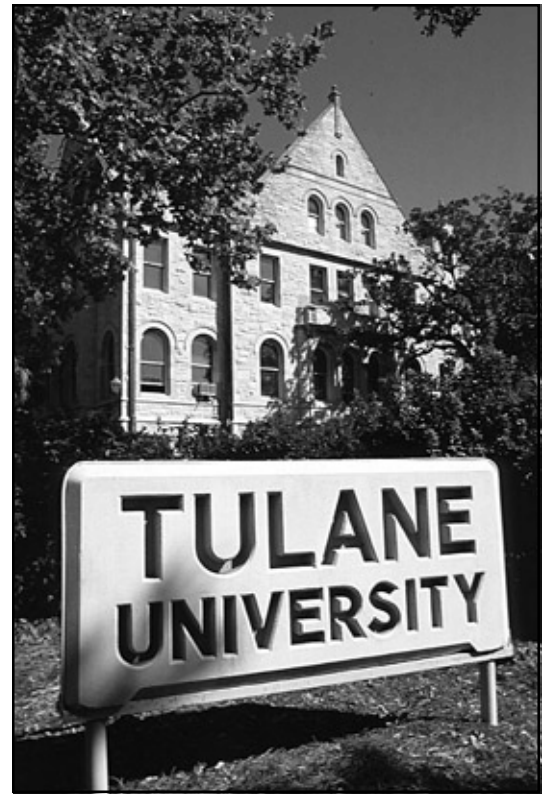
Tulane moved to its present location on St. Charles Avenue in 1894. In 1918 Newcomb moved from the nearby Garden District to join other divisions of the university.

## Tulane Today

Today Tulane is one of only four universities in the South to be accepted into the prestigious Association of American Universities, a group of 58 major American and Canadian research universities. Tulane offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees in law, medicine, architecture, business, engineering, social work, public health and tropical medicine and the liberal arts and sciences.

Tulane's schools and departments are consistently ranked among the top in the nation according to various national publications. The latest college rankings by U.S. News and World Report placed Tulane's undergraduate program at No. 36 among national universities. The magazine also placed Tulane's Law School at No. 40 in the nation and it's A. B. Freeman School of Business at No. 44. Tulane's Environmental Law Program was ranked the 5th best in the country by the magazine.

Tulane's physical presence has kept pace with its academic achievements. More than \$75 million has been



spent on construction and renovation in the last decade alone. The \$7.2 million James W. Wilson, Jr. Center for Intercollegiate Athletics, a \$19.9 million new home for its law school, and \$11.5 million art center at Newcomb College are just a few of the highlights of Tulane's continued growth. The university's endowment is \$529 million. Its operating budget is \$500 million and its gross assets are more than a billion dollars.

With the arrival of its new president Scott Cowen on July 1, 1998, Tulane has initiated an ambitious strategic plan that will chart the University's course into the next century. Dr. Cowen's enthusiasm and energy has inspired the entire Tulane community to embark upon what he calls "A Renaissance of Thought and Action."

## Tulane and the Community

Tulane's activities pump more than \$1.48 billion into the New Orleans economy each year and more than 24,000 residents owe their livelihood, either directly or indirectly, to the university. Tulane is the largest private employer in Orleans Parish and one of the top private employers in Louisiana.

In addition to its economic impact, Tulane faculty, staff and students perform almost 500,000 hours of service throughout the New Orleans community each year. This service comes in the form of literacy programs, after-school tutoring and mentoring, neighborhood revitalization efforts, social services delivery, economic development programs and other initiatives that shape the life of the New Orleans community and carry forth the mission for which Tulane was originally founded.