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NEW ORLEANS UNIVERSITIES SERVE EAGER MINDS

Academics Flourish in Crescent City

New Orleans, LA — Music, cuisine, and historical beauty are the hallmarks of New Orleans' tourism industry, but often hidden from the visitors' view is an active culture of learning. Several universities call the city home. In addition to the intellectual and youthful energy they bring, New Orleans universities contribute immensely to the city's economy and job markets.

Tulane University began in 1834 as a medical school to control epidemics. From this heritage, it still features excellent medical programs. In addition, it has the twelfth oldest law school in the United States, a top-ranked MBA program, the top-ranked School of Architecture, liberal arts programs, and many other acclaimed academic departments. Serving 10,000 students, Tulane is also the single largest private employer in New Orleans.

Across from Audubon Park and immediately adjacent to Tulane is Loyola University. Founded by Jesuits in 1912, Loyola is somewhat smaller than its neighbor but it also contains an acclaimed law school, a business school, and several undergraduate programs.

Another Catholic university in New Orleans is Xavier University of Louisiana; Xavier is unique for being the only historically black Catholic university in North America. Its undergraduate programs are notably strong in the areas of biology, chemistry, business, and pharmacy.

Also a historically black institution, Dillard University offers a four-year liberal arts education. Tracing its origins back to 1869, Dillard has been operating from its present site, a beautiful campus in the Gentilly neighborhood, since 1935.

The University of New Orleans (UNO), part of the public Louisiana State University system, is the largest university in the city. Since 1956, it has educated both undergraduate and graduate students across a wide range of disciplines including a hotel/restaurant training program that delivers many skilled workers to the local tourism industry. Its main campus is a former Navy air station close to Lake Pontchartrain.

Delgado Community College is named for Isaac Delgado, the same benefactor who founded the New Orleans Museum of Art, located in nearby City Park. Originally a vocational school when it opened in 1921, the Delgado became a junior college in the 1950s. Its restaurant program is responsible for many chefs working in the local tourism industry.

Several institutions based in Baton Rouge have satellite schools here. For example, Southern University, a historically black college, has a campus not far from UNO, and Louisiana State University operates medical and dental schools in the city.

In addition to all the wonderful traditions and cultural offerings of this city on the Mississippi, New Orleans would not be New Orleans without its lively academic institutions that have made academic contributions the world-over.

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