

WELCOME TO NEW ORLEANS



**A BRIEF ADVENTURE GUIDE
FROM ONE GRADUATE STUDENT
TO ANOTHER**

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I. HISTORY OF NEW ORLEANS

If you didn't know it already, you are living and studying in a city with a dizzyingly rich and complex history. From sinking cemeteries and gator-filled swamps, to the contested "Creole" identity and world-renowned Cajun cuisine, from the birth of Jazz to Mardi Gras revelry, these features represent just a few of many things that make New Orleans famous (and infamous) and give it such a unique persona.

Established on May 7, 1718 on the *relatively* higher ground formed by natural levees along the Mississippi River, New Orleans began as a French, then Spanish (1763), then French (1801), and finally American outpost and trading port. The shape of these levees, products of continuously deposited river silt, gave rise to New Orleans' original namesake "The Crescent City."

Due to its predominately French-speaking Catholic populace, the city carved a different trajectory than many early American settlements. A living tapestry of ethnicities, New Orleans has seen diverse waves of immigrants arrive on its banks over the past 300 years: French, Spanish, Haitian, Irish, German, Italian, Polish, Cuban, Vietnamese among others. But New Orleans is perhaps most famously known as a place where Africans, American Indians, and European settlers intermingled and overlapped cultures.

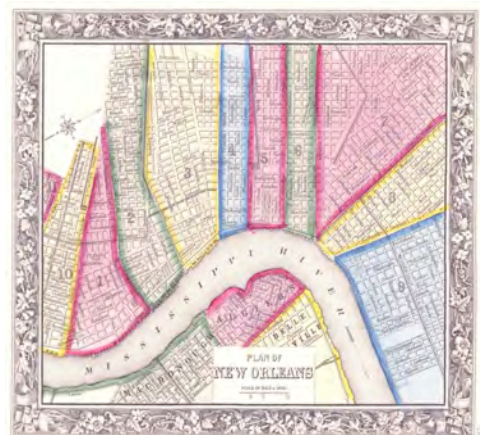
Consequently, New Orleans is brimming with history and traditions, yet it is anything but static. In 2005, the very existence of city was threatened by Hurricanes Katrina & Rita and the ensuing levee breaches. Many residents returned to rebuild and move on with their lives; however, scores of others were scattered across the country, taking a little bit of New Orleans with them. So too, in the years since Katrina, people have arrived from all parts of the U.S. and around the world to be part of the city's restoration... and to some degree its reinvention.

II. NEIGHBORHOODS (*GENERALLY SPEAKING*)

Parishes, Wards, and "the American Sector..." - A note on Orienting Yourself:

Firstly, go ahead and throw your notion of cardinal directions out the window... or at least the temptation to use them when asking directions. The people who have the information you need will likely not entertain inquiries such as, "Is it North of X?". Instead, learning what is "Lakeside," "Riverside," "Uptown," and "Downtown" will be far more useful to you.

Louisiana is the only state in the U.S. to divide governing districts into 'parishes' rather than 'counties.' And though used more culturally today, New Orleans "wards" were originally designed as electoral divisions.



Wards of New Orleans circa 1860

Furthermore, as you may learn if you take GIS (Geographic Information Systems), maps and what they portray, are not value neutral. That is, maps are largely determined by the perceptions and agendas of their creators (e.g. the infamous “Green Dot” Map). With that said, maps of New Orleans – especially those depicting zoning and neighborhoods- are often the subjects of heated debate.



Sources (clockwise from top left): neworleansonline.com, southernspaces.org (from Greater New Orleans Community Data Center), Meghan Weaver for a recent design contest sponsored by Storyville Apparel.

Some maps have 11 neighborhoods while others show 70+. Often you’ll hear people refer to their Ward instead of a neighborhood. Though it’s only part of the rather confusing picture, below are some of the more recognizable ‘neighborhoods’ and a few of their highlights....

❖ UPTOWN AND CARROLLTON

Also called the Riverbend, this area is home to Tulane and Loyola Universities, as well as scenic Audubon Park. Sections of Maple, Freret, and Oak Streets are the places to go Uptown if you need a cup of coffee, a good meal or a last stop after a night on the town. Stop by the Maple Leaf Bar for some funky New Orleans music. If you’re seeking refreshment in the area, Oak is a wine bar with upscale bar food, and Jamila’s is a mid-range Tunisian restaurant. Chill Out Café on Maple offers inexpensive Thai fusion cuisine with good lunch specials and no corking fee on BYOA. There are

also lots of great restaurants on South Carrollton from Riverbend to Jeanette St. La Macarena Pupuseria is down on Hampson, just around the corner from The Camellia Grill (a great place for late-night hunger attacks). Palmer Park, at the corner of Carrollton and Claiborne, hosts an Art Market the last Saturday of every month. The Freret Market, at the intersection of Freret and Napoleon, is held the first Saturday of the month. Though sometimes closed due to construction, the St. Charles streetcar typically runs up St. Charles turns on Carrollton and stops at Claiborne. It costs \$1.25 a ride with an addition \$0.25 for a transfer. Stop by one of New Orleans' loveliest public libraries, Latter Branch, on St. Charles between Dufossat and Soniat.

❖ **GARDEN DISTRICT**

The Garden District is most known for its stately historic Southern mansions. When the weather cools off a little, stop by the Columns Hotel for its popular happy hour and enjoy a cocktail on the veranda. Make sure to explore the shops and restaurants on Magazine Street, the main thoroughfare of the neighborhood. For a taste of some classic New Orleans music, check out Tipitina's. You may take the street car or Tulane Shuttle through this area. Note – most of the Mardi Gras parades will start somewhere in the Garden District and travel down St. Charles to the Central Business District (CBD).

❖ **IRISH CHANNEL/LOWER GARDEN DISTRICT**

The Irish Channel, located riverside of the Garden District, is made up of an eclectic mix of tightly packed houses on narrow lots. The neighborhood goes all out for St. Patrick's Day. Catch edible 'throws' (for an Irish stew, of course) at the annual parade and check out one of the many weekend-long block parties. Parasol's on Constance is a popular place for po-boys. The Lower Garden District is home to several good casual eateries, such as Surrey's (many vegetarian options) and Lilly's Cafe (pho). The city's #11/Magazine St bus route is widely used and runs frequently.

❖ **ARTS DISTRICT**

Also known as the Warehouse District, the Arts District is full of great galleries, museums, and even a few bars. Check out the Julia Street galleries – Art for Arts' Sake is held the first Saturday in October. The WWII Museum, the Contemporary Arts Center, and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art are all interesting stops. And if you get hungry with all that art appreciation, there are numerous great restaurants within walking distance. The St. Charles streetcar conveniently runs right through the Arts District.

❖ **CBD/DOWNTOWN**

The city's Central Business District is home to office buildings, City Hall, the Superdome, and several wonderful hotels and museums. The Aquarium and Insectarium are located at the end of Canal Street. At the Theaters at Canal Place you can enjoy a meal and catch a movie. Stop in the Roosevelt Hotel and check out the architecture. While you're there, why not enjoy a Sazerac at the Sazerac

Bar, a Bollywood dance party at Circle Bar, or a half price pizza & wine at John Besh's Dominica during one of the best happy hours around (3-6pm daily)?! Finally, the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine is located at 1440 Canal Street at LaSalle. The Green Line Shuttle will take you from the Uptown Campus to the Tidewater Building and the Medical School.

❖ **CENTRAL CITY**

Just above the CBD, this neighborhood is often characterized as a bit rough around the edges, but it is a living legacy of decades of social upheaval. A bustling commercial area for people of color during the era of Jim Crow, the neighborhood ironically began to decline following major victories of the Civil Rights movement. During some of the most turbulent periods in recent history, the neighborhood played host to the organizing efforts of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the music and dramatic performances of the Free Southern Theater. This is also the stomping grounds of many Mardi Gras Indian tribes and is the site of their glorious annual display "Super Sunday." Central City has produced both jazz pioneers like Buddy Bolden and civil rights leaders like Oretha Castle Haley. OCH, the boulevard so-named after this feminine firebrand, has re-emerged in recent years as an epicenter of community activity. The Ashé Cultural Center hosts performances, exhibits, workshops, meetings and more. On the next block you'll find Café Reconcile a restaurant as well as training center, facilitating skill development and job placement for some of the city's most at-risk youth. Across the street is Zeitgeist Multi-disciplinary Arts Center, a MUST for anyone seeking off-the-beaten-path & foreign films as well as local events that push the envelope. Casa Borrega for great Latin food and music as well as excellent cocktails and a nice back patio area.

❖ **FRENCH QUARTER**

The French Quarter, also known as Vieux Carré, is the oldest neighborhood in the city, dating back to 1718. Its architecture is a mix of Spanish, French, Creole and American styles. The St. Louis Cathedral (at Jackson Square) is the Quarter's tallest building while the Cabildo (Spanish for "council"), witnessed the signing of the Louisiana Purchase, which transferred control of the territory including New Orleans from France to the United States in 1803. While you're meandering amongst the historic splendor, make sure you stop in the Carousel Bar at Hotel Monteleone and the Napoleon House for a Pimm's Cup in the garden. If your tastebuds are daring, take in an absinthe at the Old Absinthe House. Hungry? Bennachin is a West African restaurant serving inexpensive Gambian and Cameroonian cuisine (plus it's BYOA & has no corking fee). Note – when visiting Café du Monde for beignets and café au lait, don't wait in line for a table – only tourists do that! But do be sure to check out the French Market & the Riverfront while you're there.

❖ **MARIGNY/BYWATER**

Beginning at the Quarter's boundary street, Esplanade, this charmingly bohemian area of the city is most known for its music clubs and nightlife (particularly on Frenchman). But there are tons of great places to eat too! Enjoy a delightful breakfast at the Cake Café & Bakery on Chartres, or at

Satsuma on Dauphine. Stop by Vaughn's Lounge (also on Dauphine) on Thursday nights to catch Kermit Ruffins. At Mimi's in the Marigny, you can enjoy tapas and a game of pool or go across the street to Flora's for some coffee and internet time. There's a plethora of great jazz (and other music) clubs including d.b.a., Blue Nile, the Spotted Cat, and Snug Harbor. For you gourmands out there, some other favorites include The Joint (BBQ), Maurepas, Bacchanal, Lost Love Lounge's Vietnamese kitchen – aka "Pho King", and 13 (on Frenchman). If you need some late night groceries (or just treats), stop by Mardi Gras Zone on Royal.

❖ **N. RAMPART/ST. CLAUDE**

Not a neighborhood so much as a border region between neighborhoods... and as such, subject to a host of influences. This street 'above' the Quarter/Marigny/Bywater and 'below' Treme/St. Roch/7th-Ward sports art spaces, roving food trucks, plenty of coffee shops, junk shops, the Golden Feather Mardi Gras Indian Restaurant, some of New Orleans' more adventurous bars (e.g. The Always Lounge and Siberia), Hank's Seafood & Gene's Po-Boys/Daiquiris (for your late-night cravings), a great bike shop (Gerken's), and NOLA's very own Food Co-op located within the New Orleans Healing Center.

❖ **TREME**

Long before the debut of the HBO series by the same name, and before N. Claiborne became the understorey of I-10, the Tremé was recognized as America's oldest traditionally "black" neighborhood. This area has been the site of significant economic, cultural, political, social and legal events that have shaped the course of events in Black America for the past two centuries. It is home to several museums dedicated to African American life, art, and history, as well as Armstrong Park, a memorial to the great jazz legend Louis Armstrong, and Congo Square. For a deeper look at some of this neighborhood's past and present, check out the locally- produced documentary *Faubourg Treme: The Untold Story of Black New Orleans*.

❖ **7TH WARD/ST. ROCH**

Home to what is probably the largest Creole of Color population in the city, the 7th Ward was the birthplace of many of New Orleans Jazz greats including Jelly Roll Morton and Sidney Bechet, rappers Mia X and MC L, civil rights icon A.P. Tureaud, as well as one of Tulane's most recognizable faculty members, Melissa Harris-Perry.

❖ **MID-CITY/BAYOU ST. JOHN**

Although not as old as other neighborhoods, Mid-City is the heart of the city. Make sure to stop at the Parkway Bakery and Tavern for a po-boy. On Esplanade there's a cluster of delightful restaurants—Café Degas (upscale French), Lola's (casual Spanish—great paella!), Fair Grinds (great coffee), and Swirl (excellent wine bar). Another great Mid-City treat is Angelo Brocato's Italian Ice Cream Parlor (on N. Carrollton near Bienville), known for some of the best Peach Italian Ice EVER.

The glorious & slightly wild City Park is just up the road. Take a (free) walk through Besthoff Sculpture Garden or stop next door at the New Orleans Museum of Art (ask for the student discount, but remember it's free on Wednesdays). For \$35 a year, your canine companion can enjoy City Bark. Over on N. Carrollton you can dance and bowl the night away at Rock 'N Bowl! During Mardi Gras, the Krewe of Endymion roles down Orleans to the CBD. This is one of largest and grandest of the Mardi Gras parades. You can get to Mid-City on the Canal and City Park Streetcars, both accessible on Canal Street. Bayou St. John runs along and below City Park and hosts the annual New Orleans Earth Day Festival.

❖ **ESPLANADE RIDGE**

This architecturally rich neighborhood near the French Quarter has some of the best B&Bs in the city. It is walking distance to the Fair Grounds Race Track, City Park and Bayou St. John. The New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival is held at the Fairgrounds. Make sure to stop by Fair Grinds for a great cup of French-pressed coffee.

❖ **GENTILLY**

This primarily residential area sits along Gentilly Ridge, which was once part of the Old Spanish Trail. It is home to historic Dillard University, the largest collection of California Craftsman-style bungalows in Louisiana, and arguably some of the worst streets in the city!

❖ **LAKEVIEW**

The newer and primarily residential Lakeview area is adjacent to City Park and several famous cemeteries. Check out Harrison Road and stop by the Velvet Cactus or El Gato Negro for a great meal.

❖ **UPPER & LOWER NINTH WARD/HOLY CROSS**

The Lower Ninth Ward has produced some of the city's finest musicians including Fats Domino. The Upper and Lower Ninth, as well as the Holy Cross neighborhoods were devastated by the levee breeches following Hurricanes Katrina & Rita. Holy Cross serves as the staging ground for the revitalization of the Lower Ninth Ward – most remarkably an effort spearheaded by Global Green and a continued effort by the Preservation Resource Center. Brad Pitt's Make it Right Foundation continues to build sustainable houses for residents of the Lower Ninth. Within the Ninth Ward there is the Upper Ninth – notable for the Habitat for Humanity Musician's Village, started after Hurricane Katrina by Branford Marsalis and Harry Connick, Jr.

❖ **NEW ORLEANS EAST**

This newer highly suburban area saw most of its major development following the 1950s. If you head out I-10 East to Chef Mentheur Highway early on a Saturday, you can catch the Vietnamese

farmers' market and enjoy some amazing pho in Village de l'Est. According to our sources it is here that one can find the most authentic French Baguettes... most notably at the Dong Phuong Oriental Bakery.

❖ **ALGIERS**

This largely residential area was rebuilt around the turn of the last century after a devastating fire and is now known for its Victorian charm. It's just a quick ferry ride away (free for pedestrians!) - you can catch the ferry at the end of Canal Street. Enjoy a little lunch at the Dry Dock and take a stroll along the Mississippi. The Crown and Anchor English Pub host trivia pursuits on Thursdays at 8pm.

III. FESTIVALS

Really, there's almost always something happening. In fact, you'd be hard pressed to find a day when there ISN'T some sort of festival. But for the sake of brevity, here's a quick guide to some of the more highly anticipated events in the area. For further information on upcoming festivals check out **NOLA.com** or grab a free copy of the Gambit.

AUGUST	
Satchmo Summer Fest	The premier American jazz festival dedicated to the life, music and legacy of New Orleans' native son, Louis 'Satchmo' Armstrong. And it's FREE!
White Linen Night <i>(First Sat. in August)</i>	It has been called the "SoHo of the South" and every summer on the first Saturday evening in August, five blocks of Julia Street are closed to vehicular traffic from 6 to 9 pm and a huge, festive, uniquely New Orleans-style block party known as Whitney White Linen Night kicks off. The event is FREE and open to the public. (For its rival corollary, keep your ears open for "Dirty Linen Night" - held on Royal St.)
SEPTEMBER	
Southern Decadence	Dubbed "Gay Mardi Gras," this annual celebration of GLBT culture features elaborate costumes and high fashion. Held annually in the Quarter over Labor Day weekend since 1972, typically drawing well over 100,000 revelers and lots of colorful characters. Not to be missed.
Oktoberfest	Enjoy a piece of Germany in the heart of New Orleans at the Deutsches Haus in Mid City. For more information, visit www.deutscheshaus.org . This event begins last weekend in September and continues every weekend in October.
OCTOBER	
Ponderosa Stomp	An American roots music festival dedicated to recognizing the architects of rock & roll, blues, jazz, country, swamp pop, reggae, soul and other indigenous Louisiana and Southern music.
Art for Art's Sake <i>(First Sat. in October)</i>	An annual tradition that opens this city's art season, featuring galleries in the Arts District and Magazine St. Dress is casual to chic, comfortable walking shoes are advised. Galleries are open from 6-9 p.m. The Contemporary Arts Center party is open from 6 p.m.-midnight. Admission to the CAC opening reception and party: \$10.
Louisiana Seafood Festival	This FREE festival will be held in Woldenberg Riverfront Park. Live Local & National Music across two stages. Culinary Demonstrations from Noted Chefs and seafood education sessions. Food and Beverages from some of the best vendors in the state. The festival is produced by the Louisiana Hospitality Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

	organization whose mission is to improve New Orleans communities by providing support for the education, health, and social welfare of children in the community.
New Orleans Film Festival	The NOFF began in 1989 and has since grown to become one of the nation's major film festivals, attracting thousands of producers, directors, writers, actors and actresses and other industry professionals. The films are shown at various venues throughout the city, including the theater at Canal Place, the Joy Theater and the Prytania.
Crescent City Blues & BBQ Festival	This FREE weekend festival at Lafayette Square (540 St. Charles Ave.) presents many of the top performers from southern Louisiana and Mississippi, plus delicious food and unique visual art. Hours of the festival are 10:30 a.m.-8:15 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday.
Halloween	No city does Halloween better than New Orleans. Make sure to check out Frenchman Street on Halloween night.
NOVEMBER	
Voodoo Music Experience	Beginning the day after Halloween and held in magnificent City Park, this festival brings major acts from all over as well as smaller names you should get to know.
Swamp Festival	Enjoy Cajun food and dance to Cajun and Zydeco music at the Audubon Institute's annual Louisiana Swamp Festival located across from Audubon Park on Magazine.
Fringe Festival	This festival began in New Orleans as a way of showcasing the new works of previously unproduced playwrights and nurturing budding writers and performers along in their careers. The New Orleans Fringe Festival bills itself as "the festival of the wild, weird, fresh, and original."
Mirliton Festival	What is a mirliton, you might be asking? Firstly, most locals pronounce it <i>mel-a-tonn</i> . A member of the gourd family, its technical name is chayote, and it is native to Central and South America. Every year the Mirliton Festival is held on the first Saturday in November at Mickey Markey Park, Piety and Royal streets in the Bywater. Admission is free! The festival runs from 11:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m.
Oak Street PoBoy Fest	This FREE one-day-only event features live music, arts and handicrafts and – of course -- booths offering many different types of PoBoys.
DECEMBER	
Christmas New Orleans Style!	Take a tour of the magnificent <i>Celebration in the Oaks at City Park</i> , a festive display of nearly two million lights decorating one-hundred-year-old oak trees. Bundle up and swing by " <i>Caroling in Jackson Square</i> ." If Christmas falls Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, then the event is usually scheduled two Sundays before. Stop by St. Louis Cathedral for one of their Christmas concerts. For a Cajun Christmas experience, take a drive down to Litcher, LA for the <u>Festival of the Bonfires</u> .
New Year's Eve	Come out for the party in Jackson Square and catch the fireworks on the Mississippi at Midnight.
JANUARY	
Carnival Season	The season of festivities which culminates in Mardi Gras actually begins after Twelfth Night on Epiphany (January 6)... Be on the lookout for parades, masquerade balls, and King Cake parties during this time. You can better plan your merrymaking with the aid of this site dedicated entirely to NOLA's Mardi Gras: www.mardigrasneworleans.com
<p>Don't think the celebration doesn't stop when Mardi Gras ends! Keep an eye out for these other events from January on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January: Martin Luther King Day Parade • March: Soul Fest, Wednesdays at the Square, St. Patrick's Day, Congo Square Festival • April: French Quarter Festival, Jazz Fest • May: Bayou Boogaloo, New Orleans Food & Wine Experience, Greek Fest • June: Creole Tomato Fest, Cajun Zydeco Fest • July: Essence Fest, Bastille Day, Running of the Bulls <p style="text-align: right;">...and that's not even Second Line Season!!</p>	

IV. FOR THE FOODIES & THE FINE ART OF THE COCKTAIL

❖ FOOD

If you love to eat, then this is the town for you! New Orleans has a rich gastronomic culture infused with Creole, Cajun, French, and Caribbean traditions. But you can also find great Middle Eastern, Ethiopian, Vietnamese, Sushi, Mexican and Tapas. As a friend likes to say, “There are too many good restaurants in New Orleans to go back to a bad one.” Check out www.neworleansonline.com and [the Gambit](#) for restaurant ideas or ask the locals – everyone has a favorite or ten. www.eater.nola.com is also a great site for all the latest restaurant openings and reviews.

When you’re not dining out, you’ll probably be preparing your meals. *Tip: if you’re not known for your culinary genius, quickly make friends with one of your new classmates who’s got kitchen skills (bribery is entirely acceptable)!* As for places to obtain ingredients (i.e. groceries), there’s a host of options:

- Farmers’ Markets – [Crescent City](#) (3 days/wk at 3 Locations), [Hollygrove](#) (where students receive a 10% discount), and others
- Rouses – Locally Owned grocery chain (city-wide)
- Zara’s Little Giant Supermarket (Prytania & Upperline)
- Whole Foods (Magazine & Joseph)
- Winn Dixie (multiple locations but closest to campus is Tchoupitoulas & Jefferson)
- [New Orleans Food Co-op](#) (St. Claude & St. Roch)

❖ DRINKS

Nowhere in the world has the fine art of the cocktail been more cultivated than New Orleans. We even have an annual (and enormously popular) festival devoted to the cocktail – Tales of the Cocktail held in July. Here is a list of *just a few* of our favorite watering holes and some of New Orleans’ classic drinks.

Great Watering Holes	Neighborhood
Cure	Uptown
Bar Tonique	French Quarter
Pal’s Lounge	Mid-City
Delachaise	Garden District
Carousel Bar	French Quarter
Velvet Cactus	Lakeview
Napoleon House	French Quarter
Bar UnCommon	CBD
Bridge Lounge	Lower Garden District
Bacchanal Fine Wine & Spirits	Bywater
Balcony Bar	Garden District
St. Joe’s (the patio in particular)	Uptown (Magazine)
F&M Patio Bar	Garden District
Dos Jefes Uptown Cigar Bar	Uptown (Tchoupitoulas)
Superior Grille (Margarita Block Party every Wednesday)	Garden District
Casa Borrega	Central City (Oretha Castle Haley)
Avenue Pub (so many great beers!)	Lower Garden
Mimi’s in the Marigny	umm, the Marigny

Must-Try New Orleans Cocktails & Where to Find Them	
Mint Julep	Ideally in some sultry backyard... or perhaps a horserace
Hot Buttered Rum	Molly's at the Market
Sazerac	Sazerac Bar in the Roosevelt Hotel
French 75	French 75 Bar in Arnaud's
Aviation cocktail	Carousel Bar in the Monteleone Hotel
Vieux Carré	Bar Tonique on N. Rampart
Absinthe Frappe	The Old Absinthe House
Pimm's Cup	Napoleon House
Ramos Gin Fizz	The Library Lounge in the Ritz Carlton
Daiquiri	Bridge Lounge or Gene's on Elysian Fields for those on the go (it's the bright pink building)
Café Brûlot Diabolique	Arnaud's
Swizzle Stick	Swizzle Stick Bar in the Loews Hotel
Hurricane	Pat O'Brien's
Side Car	Café Amelie

❖ CAFFEINATION & LATE-NIGHT EATS

It's 12am and I'm Starving...Where Do I Turn?!	
13 (til 4am)	Marigny (on Frenchman)
Avenue Pub (24 hours)	Lower Garden
Balcony Bar (til 3 or 4am)	Irish Channel (on Magazine)
The Bulldog Bar & Grill (til 2am)	Irish Channel (on Magazine) & Midcity locations
Camellia Grill (til 2am)	Uptown/Carrollton
Carrollton Station (til 3am)	Uptown/Carrollton(on Willow)
Chiba (for late night sushi til 12 or 1)	Uptown/Carrollton (on Oak)
clover grill (24 hrs)	French Quarter
Déjà vu (24 hours)	French Quarter
ernst café (til 6am)	CBD
Gene's PoBoys (24 hrs)	St. Claude
Kukhnya in Siberia (til midnight)	St. Claude
little tokyo (til 2am)	Uptown/Carrollton
Lost Love Lounge (12am/2am Fri & Sat)	Marigny
Mardi Gras Zone	Bywater
Mimi's (2am/4am Fri 7 Sat.	Marigny
St. Charles Tavern (24 hours)	Lower Garden
Trolley Stop (Thurs-Sat 24 hrs)	Lower Garden
Verti Marte (24 hrs)	French Quarter
For even more options and details check out <u>Red Cotton's Late Night Eats!!</u>	

Coffee Shops	Neighborhood
Rue de la Course	Uptown (Oak)
Zotz	Uptown (Oak)
Velvet Central	Central City (OCH)
Church Alley	Central City (OCH)
Hey Café	Garden District
Mojo	Uptown (Freret)
PJ's	multiple locations
Neutral Ground	Uptown
Flora's	Marigny
Morning Call	City Park
Royal Blend	French Quarter
Café Envie	French Quarter
First Cup Café	Uptown (Claiborne)
St. Coffee on St. Claude	Marigny/Bywater
The Orange Couch	Marigny
Satsuma (great food too)	Bywater
Village Coffee	Uptown (Freret)

V. What the Heck is a Faubourg Anyway?: Names & Terms You'll Hear in NOLA

Go-cups, Lagniappe, Bounce, and Brees, New Orleans is known for having a vocabulary all its own. Below you'll find some amusing guides to help you make sense of some of it. You probably won't sound like a local, but at least you might avoid some embarrassment when someone asks "Where Y'at?".

- [A Lexicon of New Orleans Terminology and Speech](#)
- [KnowLA Encyclopedia of Louisiana](#)
- [Experience New Orleans: Say What? Glossary](#)
- ["The Urbanist's New Orleans"](#) (...according to NY Magazine)

Brush up on the Who's Who, as well as some basic French (Faubourg, Bon Temps Roulez, Lagniappe), and the impossible to anticipate pronunciation of street names (BurGUNDy, CHARTers). Find out why folks get so excited about Second Lines and why they revile "the Corps" and the MRGO.

VII. Lagniappe

- ❖ **Public Transportation:** New Orleans' public transit hasn't always enjoyed the best reputation but it seems to be improving. Between buses and the streetcar, most of the city is fairly accessible. Buses are generally equipped with bike racks and the one-way fare for both buses and streetcars is \$1.25 while transfers are \$0.25. Recently expanded streetcar lines now include the Canal lines (serving the cemeteries and City Park), the long-running St. Charles line, the Riverfront line, and the newly minted Loyola-Union Passenger Terminal line. Check <http://www.norta.com/> for the most current information and line schedules.
- ❖ **Well, Get Outta Town!:** Looking for a quaint (and pretty cheap) way to get out of town? Consider taking the train! The [Amtrak station](#) is located within the Union Passenger Terminal downtown. Lines from New Orleans include the Crescent City Connection, The City of New Orleans, and the Sunset Limited and offer a relatively painless (not to mention stylish) way to get to Birmingham, Memphis, San Antonio and many places in between. Think about it... 2 carry-ons up to 50 lbs. each, plus up to 4 bags of 50 lbs. each all for free... what wants to go through the pain of the airport?! However, if you must fly and don't have an easy way to get to the airport, you can take the [Tulane Airport Shuttle](#).
- ❖ **Staying Active Outdoors...**
 - New Orleans is a biking city. Go to www.bikeeasy.org for shop listings, events, and bike maps. Here are some area bike shops for maintenance, parts, etc.
 - The Bike Shop - 4711 Freret St - www.thebikeshopnola.com/
 - Plan B Community Bike Project - 1024 Elysian Fields - <http://bikeproject.org/>

- Gerken's - 2803 St Claude Ave - <http://www.gerkensbikeshop.com/>
- GNO Cyclery - 1426 S Carrollton Ave - www.gnocyclery.com/
- Tulane Bike Help Desk - Bike repair tools and instruction are available at the student-run Help Desk. Visit the [Tulane Bike Help Desk](#) on Facebook to see this semester's hours and location. Note: The schedule is somewhat sporadic – contact the [Tulane Juggling Club](#) for more information.
- Runners should head to St. Charles Avenue 'neutral ground,' Audubon Park, or the spacious City Park
- Go hiking or kayaking/boating in the Bayou... check out the *50 Hikes in LA* book below for ideas

VI. Good Books about New Orleans & Beyond the City Limits

50 Hikes in Louisiana: Walks, Hikes, and Backpacks in the Bayou State – Janina Baxley

Written by a Louisiana native and member of the Louisiana Hiking Club, this book is a wonderful resource for hikers looking for places to explore just about anywhere in Louisiana.

A.D.: New Orleans After the Deluge – Josh Neufeld

This *New York Times* best-selling graphic nonfiction masterpiece depicts the lives of seven New Orleanians before, during, and just after Hurricane Katrina.

Authentic New Orleans: Tourism, Culture, and Race in the Big Easy – Kevin Fox Gotham

Mardi Gras, jazz, voodoo, gumbo, Bourbon Street, the French Quarter—all evoke that place that is unlike any other: New Orleans. In *Authentic New Orleans*, Kevin Fox Gotham explains how New Orleans became a tourist town, a spectacular locale known as much for its excesses as for its quirky Southern charm.

Bienville's Dilemma: A Historical Geography of New Orleans & Geographies of New Orleans: Urban Fabrics Before the Storm

Written by Tulane's very own rock-star geographer, Richard Campanella, these books offer some insights into the rich and complicated history of New Orleans as seen through a spatial lens.

A Confederacy of Dunces – John Kennedy Toole

The enduring cult classic written by, and ostensibly about, a son of New Orleans. Known for its sardonic portrayal of life in and around the city, this novel is thought by some to portray New Orleans better than any other work of fiction.

Gumbo Ya-Ya: Folk Tales of Louisiana – Lyle Saxon, Edward Dreyer, Robert Tallant

The fascinating, if often unsettling, collection of folk history and legends from the former Director of the Depression-era Federal Writers' Project. To say this is period piece is something of an understatement.

Lords of Misrule: Mardi Gras and the Politics of Race in New Orleans – James Gill

Gill, a columnist for the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, covers a wealth of little-known history in this chronicle of the recent battle to desegregate Mardi Gras parade groups, or krewes. Mardi Gras is more than this saturnalian city's most famous celebration; it's a crystallization of its unique and volatile cultural mix and its arrogant tradition of formalized prejudice.

Lost Restaurants of New Orleans – Peggy Laborde, Tom Fitzmorris

From Café de Réfugiés, the city's first eatery that later became Antoine's, to Toney's Spaghetti House, Houlihan's, and Bali Hai, this guide recalls restaurants from New Orleans' past. Period photographs provide a glimpse into the history of New Orleans' famous and culturally diverse culinary scene.

New Orleans after the Promises: Poverty, Citizenship, and the Search for the Great Society – Kent Germany

In the 1960s and 1970s, New Orleans experienced one of the greatest transformations in its history. Its people replaced Jim Crow, fought a War on Poverty, and emerged with glittering skyscrapers, professional football, and a building so large it had to be called the Superdome. *New Orleans after the Promises* looks back at that era to explore how a few thousand locals tried to bring the Great Society to Dixie.

New Orleans, Mon Amour: Twenty Years of Writings from the City – Andrei Codrescu

New Orleans, Mon Amour is “an epic love song, a clear-eyed elegy, a cultural celebration, and a thank-you note to New Orleans in its Golden Age” written by a Romanian refugee who has made the city his home for nearly three decades.

Obituary Cocktail: The Great Saloons of New Orleans – Kerri McCaffety

"Obituary Cocktail" pours out the story of New Orleans and of such local phenomena as Mardi Gras, Quadroon Balls, and the world's first cocktail. From the French Quarter's elegant Arnaud's to the Ninth Ward's eccentric Saturn Bar, from the world-famous Pat O'Brien's to the obscure Bud Rip's "Obituary Cocktail" dispels erroneous bar folklore and tells the true stories that prove even more fascinating.

A Streetcar Named Desire - Tennessee Williams

Williams' most famous NOLA-centric play written in 1947 while the author lived in the French Quarter at 722 Toulouse. Captures many of the quintessential qualities of the city: beauty, brutality, determination and delusion.