

# Outdoor classroom provides socially distanced setting in nature

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Tulane University's campus is transforming in anticipation of in-person operations returning this fall, with the construction of [temporary buildings](#), [plexiglass barrier installations](#) and [classroom upgrades](#).

One space that is already being utilized is on Pierson Patio between Norman Mayer and Tilton Memorial halls. The space allows professors and students to work together and socially distance in nature. Pierson Patio was named in honor of alumna and past Board of Tulane chair Catherine Deming Pierson. The outdoor classroom was completed on the uptown campus in spring 2018. (Photos by Paula Burch-Celentano)



Janarthanan Jayawickramarajah, chemistry professor at the School of Science and Engineering, leads a research group meeting for his lab, The Jayawickramarajah Lab, at an outdoor classroom on the Pierson Patio while socially distancing and wearing masks. □



Jayawickramarajah looks on as he and his students discuss their research.