Although the weather was cloudy, rainy and cold, the student spirit was bright on the first day of undergraduate classes of the spring 2022 semester.

Undergraduate classes started on Tuesday, Jan. 25, after a one-week delay to the start of the semester. The week delay allowed the university to ramp up COVID-19 precautions and provided students more time to receive their COVID-19 booster shots in light of the current national surge of omicron cases.

The delayed start of classes did not affect previously scheduled breaks, such as Mardi Gras and spring break along with other holidays. The date of Commencement 2022 was also not affected. The spring 2022 academic calendar can be viewed here.

As the university community continues to navigate through the pandemic, students, faculty and staff will continue to test at Tulane’s COVID-19 Testing Centers. Additionally, all students, faculty and staff are required to receive a COVID-19 booster once they are eligible for one.

(Photos by Paula Burch-Celentano and Rusty Costanza)
Students near The Commons make their way to classes on the cold, wet morning. (Photo by Rusty Costanza)
The energy level is high on the first day in Jerisse Grantham’s Tap III dance class in McWilliams Hall. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Tulane senior Christiann Cannon (center) shields herself from the rain as she crosses Freret Street on her way to Educational Psychology class on the uptown campus. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
With time between classes, Tulane junior Jack Henshaw, who is double majoring in music and political science, plays a rendition of ‘Tea For Two’ in a practice room in Dixon Hall. “It feels good to be back. It was a long break. I like being home, but it’s good to be back and see friends.” (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
Kate Jeffries (top, left), a junior from San Francisco studying marketing, management, and public health; Ella Galaty (center), a sophomore from Denver studying marketing and design; and Aiden Brotman (right), a sophomore from Orange County, California, studying finance and public health, take shelter from the weather to work in the James Lounge of the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life, while other students walk by outside. (Photo by Rusty Costanza)
WTUL disc jockey John Petry, A. B. Freeman School of Business alumnus, gears up for his weekly eclectic progressive music show broadcast from the basement of the Lavin-Bernick Center for University Life every Tuesday morning. Petry became a DJ at the station in 1993, his freshman year at Tulane. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)
A student bikes across Freret Street on the uptown campus during the light rain. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)