Fried dough and a cup-o-Joe

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There's nothing like a little sugar to assist in preparing for finals. Café Du Monde, a local purveyor of famous fried dough since 1862, is on campus this week offering free café au lait and beignets. Look for the food truck from 10 a.m. to noon through Friday, May 11. Fun fact: Beignets are the official state doughnut of Louisiana.







Café au lait, French for "coffee with milk," is New Orleans' blend of coffee and chicory served with an equal amount of steamed milk.

The joy of eating powdered, fried dough is shared among friends, from left, Julia Ferro, Kameron Kane, Kyle Graesser, Stephanie Zhao, Marco Mirnics and Everest Shapiro.

Café Du Monde's food truck serves piping-hot beignets on the spot. The company joined the local food truck community about two years ago.

Sara Shiffman, right, laughs as Frankie Kastenbaum wipes powdered sugar from her face. The two stopped on McAlister Place to eat the beignets while still hot.

Meanwhile, others wait in line for the sweet treat.