

Newcomb-Tulane College forges new academic support resources for fall 2020

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A Zoom room in Newcomb Hall is one of the dedicated spaces for commuter students to attend online classes while they are on campus. The Zoom rooms are part of Newcomb-Tulane College's new resources for students for fall 2020. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

To ease students' adjustment to Tulane's technology-enhanced learning model, Newcomb-Tulane College (NTC) and its on-campus partners have generated new resources for fall 2020: the Tulane Learning Toolkit and Zoom room spaces. These newly launched resources serve as hands-on academic support for our limited

contact world.

The Tulane Learning Toolkit is available to all undergraduate students through Canvas, Tulane's online course management system. The toolkit is composed of various modules that offer specific information centered on academic skill-building and provides resources to help students plan their semester. As students work through these modules, they enhance their learning strategies and cultivate new habits aligned with their individual academic goals. The toolkit also broadens students' knowledge of campus, providing contact information for various department resources that guide students on their academic journey.

The Tulane Learning Toolkit was developed over the summer in partnership with units across campus. NTC's Student Success team, Academic Advising team, Center for Academic Equity, Academic Learning and Tutoring Center, Office of International Students and Scholars, and Tulane's Information Technology team, the Center for Engaged Learning and Teaching, and Tulane Libraries all participated in a Student Success subcommittee to develop and curate content for the toolkit.

NTC also worked with partners such as University Registrar and Campus Services to establish Zoom rooms for commuter students. Zoom rooms are quiet, socially distanced spaces for students who are looking for a place to dial in to an online course between in-person classes. Zoom room spaces are available around campus and are reserved for commuters.

"The Learning Toolkit and the Zoom rooms initiatives are great resources for students," said Dean Lee Skinner. "Newcomb-Tulane College is fully committed to providing our students with all the support they need for a successful semester, whether that's in person, hybrid or online. It was wonderful to see so many people across campus come together to anticipate and meet students' needs."

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