

Choice study spots for finals week

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Students sip coffee while preparing for finals at Rue De La Course. (Photo by Ryan Rivet)

With finals under way, students across the Tulane University uptown campus are building towers of flash cards, putting last touches on presentations and diving into

ever-flowing streams of notes.

Need a change of scenery to boost your focus? Settle into one of these cozy local coffeehouses, and find your new favorite study spot.

Church Alley Coffee Bar

Sharing its space with indie movie theater Zeitgeist, this Central City coffee bar contains a built-in study break.

Each cup of pour-over coffee is meticulously made to order with brews highlighting the nation's new micro-roasters (including Tandem Coffee Roasters from Portland, Maine, and BeanFruit Coffee Co. from Jackson, Mississippi).

The daily menu features paninis filled with assortments of rustic ingredients and gluten-free muffins ranging in seasonal flavors, often paired with cool glasses of house-made rosewater limeade.

Merchant

Merchant's design is a minimalist's dream in the CBD. With simple, streamlined glossy white walls and countertops, the less-is-more atmosphere naturally fosters concentration.

Crack open the books, and sip a signature drink prepared with rich illy Italian espresso, like the tempesta (lightly sweetened espresso and milk blended with ice).

Merchant also serves gourmet sandwiches and crepes. Savor the hearty egg pappa, elegantly layered with egg, red potatoes, arugula and fontina, or create your own delectable crepe using Nutella and fresh fruit.

Rue De La Course

Established in 1990 within a historic uptown bank, Rue De La Course is a good investment for an afternoon of cramming.

The building features high ceilings and two floors lined with wooden tables, ensuring plenty of space to spread out.

Patrons warm up with energizing yerba mate lattes or with cups brimming with locally roasted arabica coffee. If you work up an appetite after long hours of reviewing, grab a specialty bagel sandwich. The Marigny comes loaded with sun-dried tomato cream cheese, avocado and sprouts.

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