

BUT FIRST, Coffee



COLLEGE STUDENTS

68%
drink coffee because they enjoy the taste

39%
enjoy the social aspects of coffee consumption

drink coffee to feel awake
79%

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If we know one thing about college campuses, it's that coffee – and lots of it – is a necessity to navigate through the daily grind of collegiate life.

Since its founding in 1923, the oldest town in Texas has been home to many different coffee shops. From Thumpers, which closed in late 2022, and the eager arrival of Dutch Bro's, coming in the summer of 2023, three have prevailed against the competition; Java Jacks, Starbucks and University Coffee.

You will often see students rushing to class with an Annie Palmer from University Coffee or a breakfast sandwich from Java Jacks. Not only are our coffee shops equipped with great drinks, food and service, but they provide the SFA community with places to study, commune or sit out in the sun.

Caleb Caskey, an avid University Coffee connoisseur, enjoys ordering his favorite drink almost daily, which is the pumpkin chai latte. "Anyone who drinks as much coffee as I do knows you need to find a good coffee shop to go to," he said. **Caskey** truly believes that nothing compares to the atmosphere, aesthetic and people at this local favorite. "Not only do they have delicious food and drinks, but this small town coffee shop has shown me members of the community," **Caskey** added.

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JAVA JACKS: A two-story oasis located on North Street, Java Jacks Coffee House first opened in Nacogdoches in 1996. Today, the owners have two locations, including a storefront in Lufkin, and also operate their own roasting company, Camino Real Coffee Roasters, also located in Nacogdoches. Favorites of SFA students include: the Espresso Blend, the Red Dirt Blend and, of course, the Lumberjack Blend.

STARBUCKS: On-campus dining options most definitely include a Starbucks. Late nights, early mornings and finals weeks keep the location on the second floor of the Baker Pattillo Student Center jiving. If the lines get too long, students have been known to simply walk across North Street to grab a cup from the off-campus location. No matter the reason, coffee on a college campus is always welcome!

UNIVERSITY COFFEE: Freshly brewed, University Coffee arrived on scene in 2019 but exists in a 1937 building that previously served the community as a dance studio and T-shirt print shop. Serving as an extension of the University Baptist Church ministry, this eclectic creation owns their claim of being "3rd place"... the spot between their customers' work and home.