

Coffee shops to discover the first week of school

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In order to preserve that “first week back motivation,” it is imperative to find a study environment that works best for the first week and the rest of the semester. An environment that serves caffeinated beverages is always a bonus, so here are a few coffee shops to try out in Flagstaff for your study prepping needs:

Starbucks – north and south campus

While Starbucks may be the cliché go-to coffee shop, the environment of the shops on campus provides academic support and a relaxing study atmosphere. Students who live on campus and lack transportation can utilize both the north and south Starbucks locations.

One of the benefits of the north campus Starbucks is the location itself. Near a dining hall and within walking distance of most freshmen residence halls, it is an easy place to escape on campus. In terms of study space, this location is not ideal due to the tight spaces, however if a tall table near the window is available it can be an excellent place to hunker down, plug in and get organized for the school year. In comparison, this shop has more of a social atmosphere whereas the south location is more business and study oriented. At the south Starbucks, there are more seating options and larger tables to spread out for academic planning. For students who have more classes on south campus, this can be a great place to study and grab a quick café mocha between classes.



ABOVE: Starbucks on campus can get busy between classes. (PHOTO BY HALIE CHAVEZ)



ABOVE: Kickstand Kafe is north of campus on Humphreys Street. (PHOTO BY HALIE CHAVEZ)

Kickstand Kafe – 719 N. Humphreys St.

Despite the distance from campus, Kickstand is another option for a comfortable study space. With leather couches, bar stools and wide tables, it is easy to find a place for your study needs. Kickstand is known for their friendly customer service, as well as their “fixie,” a blend of tea, cinnamon and almond milk, a soothing pick-me-up during a study break. They are also known for their savory breakfast burritos served with chunky salsa, as well as fresh local pastries. The background noise is a mixture of café music and sounds of preparing food and drinks from behind the counter — overall it is a soft balance of white noise, setting a nice tone for getting work done.

Macy’s – 14 S. Beaver St.

One of Flagstaff’s most iconic locations, Macy’s is the perfect coffee shop to kick back and prepare your planner for the semester to come. This well-known downtown stop is known for its inviting atmosphere and bold coffee blends. While the shop can certainly be crowded due to heavy furniture and tight spaces, the bustling environment is just what some students need to stay focused. The Macy’s crowd is full of locals chatting or typing away on laptops, sipping the Macy’s special, a smooth blend of steamed chocolate with a shot of espresso. Their menu is extensive, with multiple options to satisfy any coffee or tea lover and pastry connoisseurs. Their overall ambiance is coffeehouse cozy, perfect for maintaining motivation. With a welcoming staff and free Wi-Fi, Macy’s is always a good choice to escape home distractions.



ABOVE: Macy’s is a popular stop for both students and locals. (PHOTO BY HALIE CHAVEZ)



BELOW: Campus Coffee Bean is a few minutes away from campus. (PHOTO BY HALIE CHAVEZ)

Campus Coffee Bean – 1800 S. Milton Rd.

If your study space must include a food menu with options other than pastries, Campus Coffee Bean is the place for you. Initially, it might feel like a traditional coffee house, but their lengthy breakfast, lunch and dinner menus make the shop feel more like a comfortable restaurant. Various meals offered include American, Mexican and even Mediterranean dishes, but the menu goes beyond those specific cuisines. Not only is the food menu extensive but the coffee and tea options are seemingly endless. A rack of tea options is available on the back wall as well as various coffee blends, including a Brazilian light roast made with hints of citrus, almond and chocolate flavors. Soft music fills the room, which is peppered with tables and chairs. Campus Coffee Bean is another excellent study space for organizing and studying.