

Welcome to Academics @ Texas State

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Emerging Stars Defined

Who participates?

- Targeted students issued special invitation to participate
- Students meeting criteria are guaranteed admission for fall
- Representatives from across campus assist in facilitating the 5 week program



Participants are required to...

- Attend special Emerging Stars Orientation & Advising
- Attend Bobcat Experience
 - Special “just in time” orientation
- Take 6 hours
 - Effective Learning - EDP 1350
 - Developmental Courses (if needed)- ENG or RDG 1300
 - English Composition I - ENG 1310
 - Ethics & Society - PHIL 1320

That's good to know...

General Info

- What is General Education Core Curriculum?
 - 15-17 hours = a four year plan
 - View the complete core on the Undergraduate Admissions website
- What is safe to take back home?

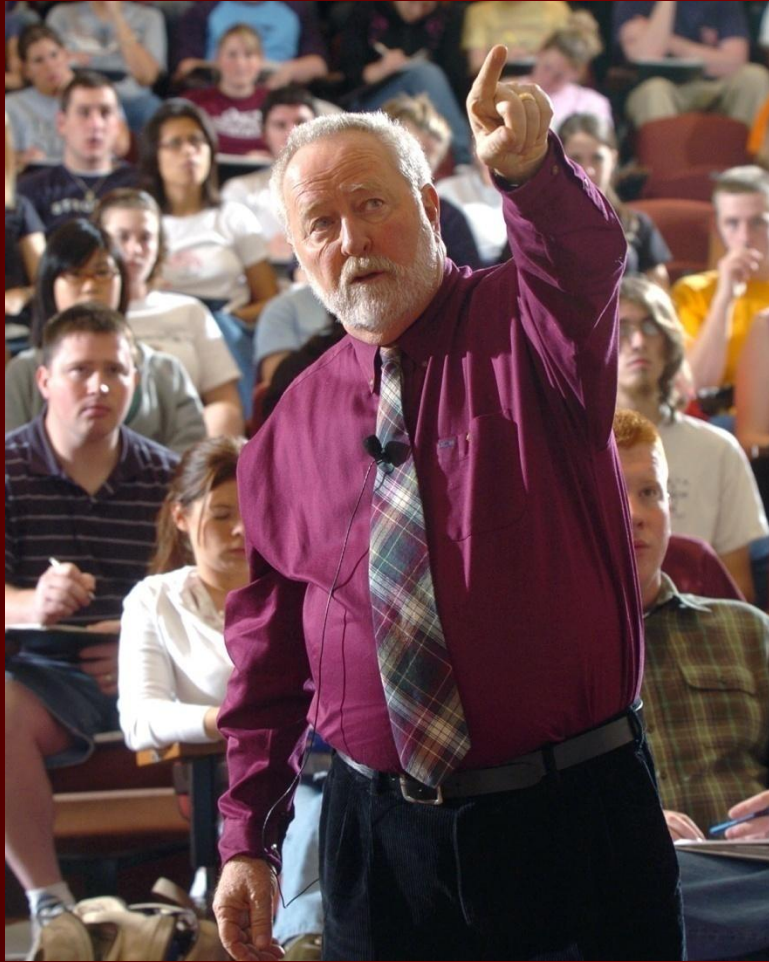
<http://statecore.its.txstate.edu>

Average class size?

- Ranges from 25-380
- Most classes average 60 students



Glad you asked...



What's in a course syllabus?

- Faculty contact info, assignments, due dates, course policies, etc.
- Often available online by faculty (TRACS/faculty site/Texas State Homepage HB 2504)

Attendance policies?

- Vary from class to class
- Daily attendance helps! (so does planning ahead)

How many tests does it take...?

Dual Credit/AP/CLEP

- What's the difference?
- Find testing info at the Testing and Research-Evaluation Center (TREC)

www.txstate.edu/trec

Commons Hall, 1st floor

512-245-2276

Diagnostic Testing

- TSI notation on your task list?
- THEA, COMPASS, ACCPLACER
- These students **MUST** visit TSIP or they will not be allowed to register!!!

Texas Success Initiative Program (TSIP)

Dr. Verna Henson, Director

ASB-North, Room 101

512-245-3942

Math Placement

- Uses COMPASS or ACCUPLACER
- Visit TREC for more information



A Few Last Surprises...

Access to Grades

- Buckley Amendment
- How do I (legally) access this info?
 - Visit www.registrar.txstate.edu and click on Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Dropsies & Repeats

- The Dropsies: The Six Drop Rule
- Repeats: Third time is NOT a charm.

Advising

- Contact info for all advising centers:

www.txstate.edu/ucollege/advising

- EStars will meet with advisor tomorrow & individually 7/11-7/12/11



Summer Reading Program

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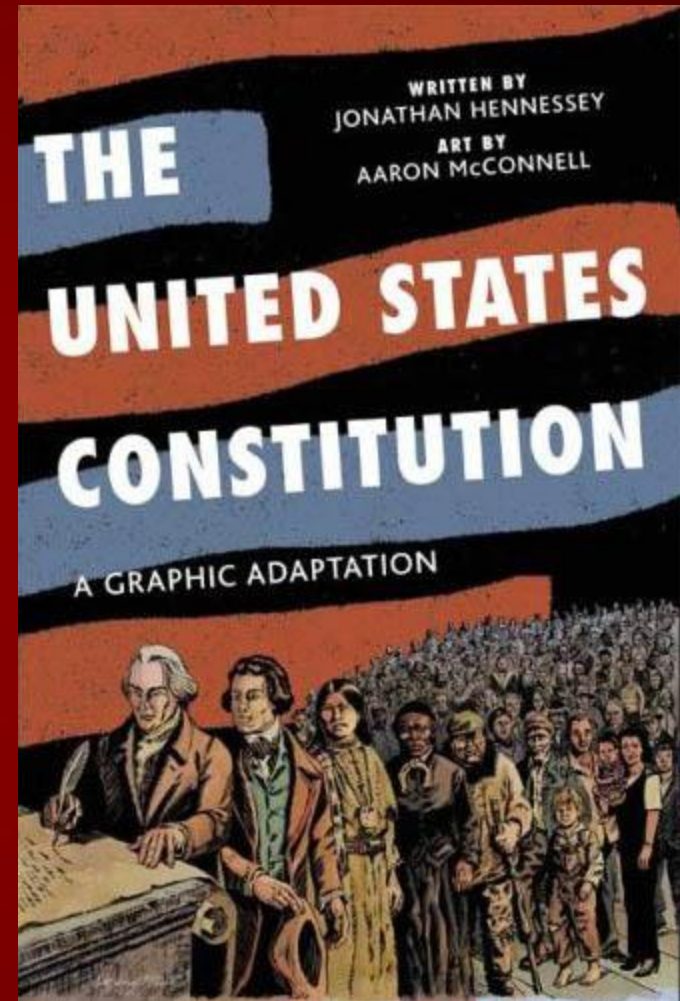
- The 2011-2012 theme is
“Freedoms: The First Amendment”

Soledad O’Brien, CNN

*Hatred, Courage, Water, LBJ, Protest,
Whole Mind, Sustainability. Angelou,
Olmos, Lee, Young, , Allende, Brockovich.*

*“..the First Amendment protects our liberty
both to express and be exposed to ideas and
opinions – especially unpopular ones.”*

-- Johnathan Hennessey



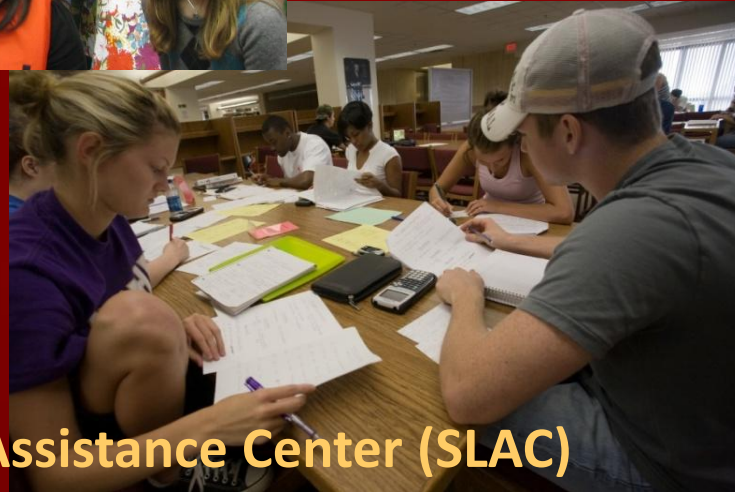
www.txstate.edu/commonexperience

Send us your slackers...er...SLACers



SLAC Resources

- SLAC Learning Lab
- Supplemental Instruction (SI)
- OWL
- Online Test Preparation
- Study Skills Handouts
- Presentations/Outreach



Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC)

Alkek Library, Suite 411

512-245-2515 (ofc) 512-245-2996 (lab)

www.txstate.edu/slac

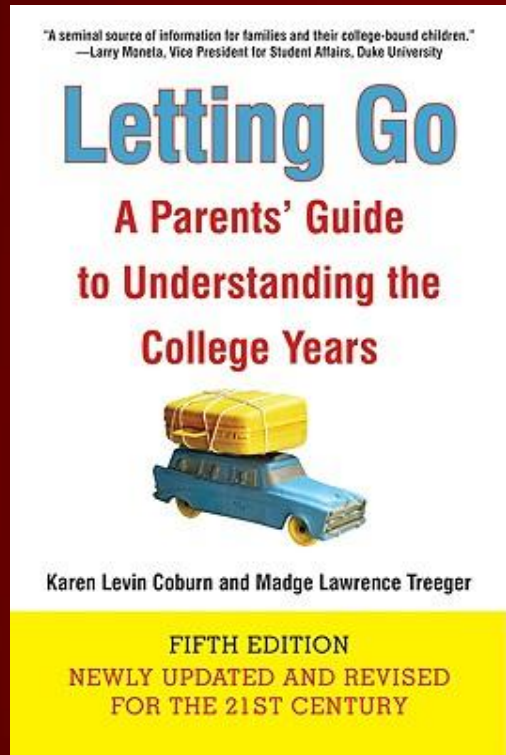
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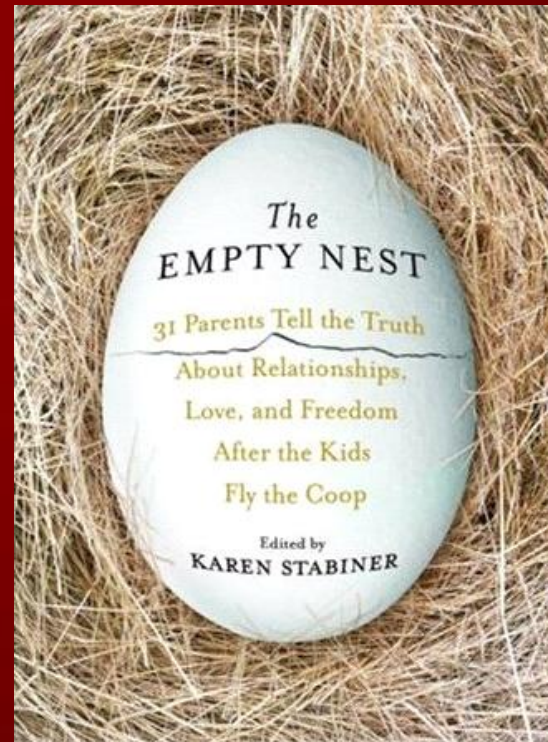


A little parental bedtime reading...



The Empty Nest by Karen Stabiner

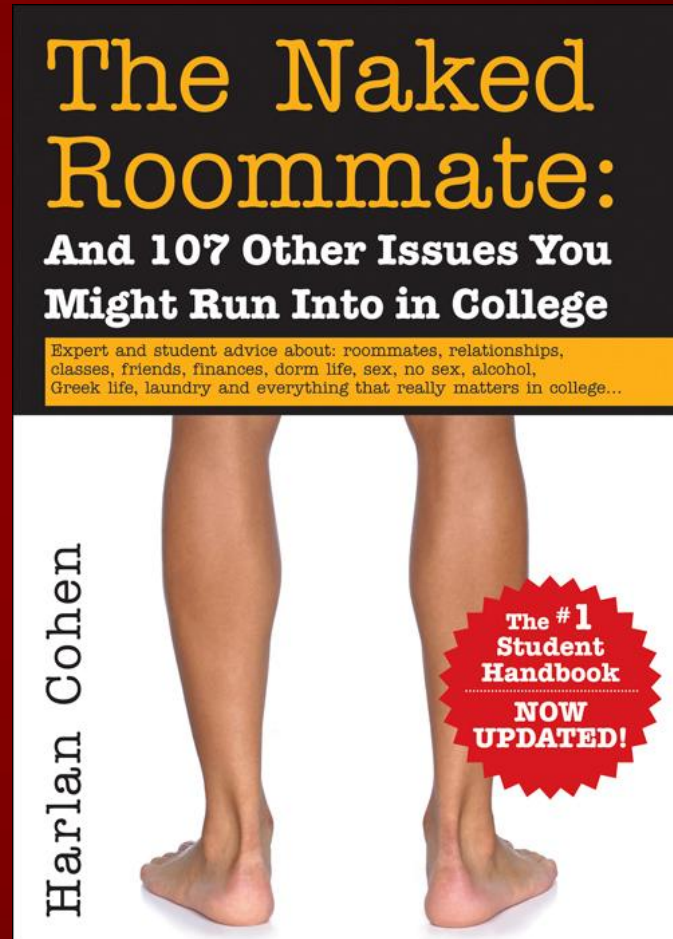
Letting Go: A Parent's Guide to
Understanding the College Years
by Karen Coburn & Madge Treeger



And for the student reader...

The Naked Roommate: And 107 Other
Issues You Might Run Into in College

by Harlan Cohen





**THANKS
for joining
us!**

**Other Questions?
Something we've missed?**

