



# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

NEW STUDENT GUIDE

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## THE QUAD

The Quad is the busy, tree-lined central mall between many major academic buildings on campus. Most students pass through the Quad on the way to class. In the Quad, student organizations host fundraisers and promote upcoming events.

## WELCOME TO THE BOBCAT FAMILY!

We're excited to have you on our beautiful campus for New Student Orientation (NSO). We hope you find this experience informative, helpful, and fun!

While you are here, you'll meet our orientation leaders, find out about the Texas State community, and discover campus resources.

This guide has been designed to give you the information you need to get started at Texas State. We hope it will help you make the most of this exciting experience.

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# ACADEMIC CALENDAR



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR YEAR 2023-2024

As you begin your journey as a Bobcat, make sure to mark your calendar with these important dates. These moments are when you'll start to build a strong future and lasting memories of your time at TXST. [registrar.txst.edu](https://registrar.txst.edu)

### FALL 2023

Bobcat Welcome	AUG 15-19
Classes begin	AUG 21
Labor Day	SEP 4
Thanksgiving break	NOV 22-26
Last class day	NOV 30
Final exams	DEC 1-8
Commencement	DEC 8-9

### SPRING 2024

Martin Luther King Day	JAN 15
First class day	JAN 16
Spring break	MAR 10-17
Last class day	APR 29
Finals	MAY 1-8
Commencement	MAY 9-11



# CAMPUS LIFE

## STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Make new friends and pursue common interests in one or more of Texas State's more than 350 student organizations. Find clubs related to academic majors, religious and cultural interests, community service, and more.

## EXPLORE ORGANIZATIONS

You may decide to give stand-up comedy a try, plan an environmental project, or join a professional networking group. Whatever you choose, you're going to meet new friends and find new ways to have fun. College life is better when you get involved, Bobcat!

## CAMPUS RECREATION

Dozens of programs are available to help students have healthy, active lifestyles. Pick up a game of basketball, take an aerobics class in the Student Recreation Center, or join an intramural sports team or sport club. The Student Recreation Center offers a 20,000-square-foot weight room and cardio area, eight basketball/volleyball courts, the RockWall Climbing Center, a boxing room, racquetball courts, an indoor track, and a natatorium with a six-lane lap pool and leisure pool.

Enjoy free access with your student ID!



## WHEN I SAY TEXAS, YOU SAY STATE

The Texas State chant can be heard at Bobcat athletic events. At any point during a game, fans on one side of the venue may chant "TEXAS," followed by the other side responding "STATE."



## TEXAS STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

You'll always be part of our Bobcat Family, even after you earn your degree. The Alumni Association is here to help you build a network of peers and professionals, forging Texas State pride while engaging you in campus traditions and establishing connections with alumni for career support and guidance as you approach life after graduation.

Just a few ways you can join us before you become an alum are:

### STUDENT ALUMNI COUNCIL

The Student Alumni Council is a student organization that connects Texas State students with the Alumni Association and creates meaningful avenues for continued university support after graduation.

### RING CELEBRATION

Join over 16,000 Bobcats who commemorate their Bobcat Pride by wearing an Official Class Ring. Rings are worn by students with over 75 credit hours. At the Ring Celebration, held each semester, students participate in the tradition of plunging their rings into the waters of the San Marcos River, which flow in a fountain at this special ceremony.

### STEP UP FOR STATE

Celebrate the work of Texas State's incredible students and faculty during Step Up for State, our annual day of giving. The entire Bobcat community comes together to support fellow Bobcats and give back to the university by making gifts to scholarships, study abroad trips, student projects, campus construction, and more.



### JUMP FOR JOY!

New Texas State graduates, still in their gowns, celebrate and say farewell by leaping into the San Marcos River right after crossing the stage.



### THE GAILLARDIA

Texas State's school colors are maroon and gold, like the gaillardia, a beautiful wildflower native to the state of Texas.

## DIVERSITY IN ACTION = INCLUSION

Our demographics define us as diverse, but the people of our community make us inclusive.

Texas State is committed to an inclusive campus community that embraces and celebrates the rich, diverse backgrounds and life experiences of all current and future Bobcats.

The diversity of Bobcat identities, abilities, and belief systems creates a campus climate in which everyone feels engaged and valued. You will find that Texas State is a place where you can have the freedom to express who you are and will be proud to call yourself a Bobcat.

All higher education institutions are governed by **Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, and includes protections against sexual harassment and violence. The protections of Title IX extend to students, faculty, and staff of Texas State University. Protection from discrimination on the basis of sex includes protection from being retaliated against for filing a complaint of discrimination or sexual misconduct to include sexual harassment.

Texas State University is committed to complying with Title IX and enforcing university policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex or gender identity. The director of Equal Opportunity and Title IX serves as Texas State University's coordinator for Title IX and is charged with monitoring compliance, providing education, and serving as a resource for any questions or concerns about sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual misconduct, unequal access to educational programs or activities, or other discrimination on the basis of sex.

University policies (The Texas State University System Sexual Misconduct Policy and UPPS 04.04.46, Prohibition of Discrimination or Harassment) define prohibited conduct, provide informal and formal procedures for filing a complaint and a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints.

### OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND TITLE IX

Elliott Hall A, 3rd Floor  
Phone: 512.245.2539  
Email: [TitleIX@txst.edu](mailto:TitleIX@txst.edu)



## GO BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### EDUCATION ABROAD

One of the best opportunities you will find in college is the chance to immerse yourself in a new culture and experience life in another land. Check programs and destinations around the globe. We have many professor-led, group experiences, and we can help you find great opportunities facilitated through external education abroad programs.

### INTERNSHIPS

An internship can be your first hands-on experience with a potential career path. Internships can be for the summer, over a semester, or longer, but each will give you critical professional experience before you graduate. You can find specific internship opportunities within your college or department or through Career Services.

### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Have a question you want to pursue as a research project?

Texas State has resources available to support motivated students in following their own creative, innovative ideas. You can apply for a fellowship to fund your project or a travel grant to help you present your work at an academic conference. Individual colleges and departments may have additional resources available, so talk to your advisor and professors, too.

### LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

[studentgovernment.dos.txst.edu](http://studentgovernment.dos.txst.edu)

#### ORIENTATION LEADERS

[admissions.txst.edu/admitted-students/nso/staff/future-ol](http://admissions.txst.edu/admitted-students/nso/staff/future-ol)

#### RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

[reslife.txst.edu/experience/rha](http://reslife.txst.edu/experience/rha)

#### STUDENT FOUNDATION

[sfoundation.studentinvolvement.txst.edu](http://sfoundation.studentinvolvement.txst.edu)

## DISCOVER SAN MARCOS

San Marcos is a destination known the world over for its beautiful surroundings. Explore historic downtown, then tube, canoe, or kayak down the San Marcos River. Enjoy a variety of exciting and educational adventures, from the natural marvels of Wonder World Park and Spring Lake to the many cultural and athletic offerings of Texas State. Located conveniently close to both Austin and San Antonio, San Marcos also sits at the heart of the Texas Innovation Corridor, one of the hottest economic growth regions in America.

Through a variety of research and academic partnerships, community outreach projects, and career development programs, our local community provides ample opportunities for new experiences that can inform and shape your future career plans.



#### "EAT 'EM UP, CATS!" HAND SIGN

You can show your school spirit with the "Eat 'em up, Cats" hand sign. Make it by holding up your right hand in the shape of a Bobcat paw while yelling the phrase "Eat 'em up, Cats!"



#### THE HEART OF TEXAS STATE SIGN

Make the "Heart of Texas State" hand sign by holding up your left hand in the shape of Texas with your outside fingers pointing down to the location of the university.

# BOBCAT ATHLETICS



#### SUPERCAT LOGO

Texas State students have used their creativity to give our Bobcat mascot its character. In 2003, student Brad Monk designed the fierce Bobcat athletic logo.

#### GO BOBCATS

*"Go Bobcats all the way,  
Keep that maroon and gold on high!  
Fight on for every play  
Until you hear that Bobcat battle cry!  
We're gonna cheer for our team today  
Until the whole world knows our name.  
No doubt about it,  
We're gonna shout it —  
Bobcats will win this game!"*

Texas State Athletics competes in 14 varsity sports — football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, women's volleyball, women's soccer, cross-country, indoor and outdoor track and field, golf, softball, and women's tennis — at the Division I level in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS), the highest tier of NCAA competition.

Brush up on your hand signs and your fight song and join the roar of the crowd cheering on the Bobcats as they compete in the Sun Belt Conference. You can get in free to all regular season home games just by showing your student ID.



# ACADEMICS

## APPLIED ARTS [appliedarts.txst.edu](http://appliedarts.txst.edu)

### AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

- Agriculture ●
- Animal Science
- Business and Management
- APPLIED ARTS & SCIENCES
- Applied Arts and Science ○

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY

- Criminal Justice ○

### FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

- Consumer Affairs ●
- Fashion Merchandising
- Human Development and Family Sciences ●
- Interior Design
- Nutrition and Foods ●

### SOCIAL WORK

- Social Work

## MCCOY COLLEGE OF BUSINESS [mccoy.txst.edu](http://mccoy.txst.edu)

### ACCOUNTING

- Accounting
- > 5-year Integrated BBA/Macy

### COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS & QUANTITATIVE METHODS

- Computer Information Systems

### FINANCE & ECONOMICS

- Economics
- Finance

### MANAGEMENT

- Management

### MARKETING

- Marketing

## EDUCATION [education.txst.edu](http://education.txst.edu)

### CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- Education
- > (Elementary, Middle School, and Special Education) ●○

### HEALTH & HUMAN PERFORMANCE

- Exercise and Sports Science ●
- Health and Fitness Management
- Public Health
- Recreation Administration

### GENERAL STUDIES

- General Studies

## FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATION [finearts.txst.edu](http://finearts.txst.edu)

### ART & DESIGN

- Art
- Art History
- Communication Design
- Photography
- Studio Art ●

### COMMUNICATION STUDIES

- Communication Studies ●

### JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION

- Advertising
- Digital Media Innovation
- Electronic Media
- Journalism

- Mass Communication ○

- Public Relations

### MUSIC

- Music
- Music Studies ●
- Performance
- Sound Recording Technology

## THEATRE & DANCE

- Dance ●
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre ●

## HEALTH PROFESSIONS [health.txst.edu](http://health.txst.edu)

### CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

- Clinical Laboratory Science

### COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

- Communication Disorders ●

### HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

- Healthcare Administration

- Health Sciences

### HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

- Health Information Management ●

### NURSING

- Nursing ●

### PHYSICAL THERAPY

- Physical Therapy

### RADIATION THERAPY

- Radiation Therapy ●

### RESPIRATORY CARE

- Respiratory Care ●

## LIBERAL ARTS [liberalarts.txst.edu](http://liberalarts.txst.edu)

### ANTHROPOLOGY

- Anthropology

### ENGLISH

- English ●

### GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

- Geographic Information Science
- Geography ●
- Physical Geography
- Resource and Environmental Studies
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Water Resources

### HISTORY

- History ●

## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- International Relations
- International Studies
- > Asian Studies
- > European Studies
- > International Business
- > Latin American Studies
- > Middle East/African Studies
- > Russian/East European Studies
- > Travel and Tourism

### PHILOSOPHY

- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

### POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Political Science ●
- Public Administration

### PSYCHOLOGY

- Psychology ○

### SOCIOLOGY

- Applied Sociology
- Sociology

### WORLD LANGUAGES & LITERATURES

- French ●
- German ●
- Spanish ●

## SCIENCE & ENGINEERING [cose.txst.edu](http://cose.txst.edu)

### BIOLOGY

- Aquatic Biology
- Biology ●
- Microbiology
- Wildlife Biology

### CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY

- Biochemistry
- > 5-year Integrated BS/MS
- Chemistry ●
- > 5-year Integrated BS/MS

### COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Computer Science ○

### ENGINEERING

- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

## ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

- Concrete Industry Management
- Construction Science and Management

### Engineering Technology

## INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE

- Interdisciplinary Science ●

## MATHEMATICS

- Applied Mathematics
- Mathematics ●

## PHYSICS

- Physics ●

## PRE-PROFESSIONAL TRACKS

- Dentistry
- Law
- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Veterinary Medicine

## EXPLORE OUR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES [admissions.txst.edu/majors](http://admissions.txst.edu/majors)

- Teacher certification available
- Also offered at Texas State's Round Rock Campus (RRC)
- Lower-level courses completed in San Marcos, upper-level courses completed in Round Rock



## FIRST-YEAR ADVISING

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

At Texas State, we provide every student with support to achieve their academic goals.

During your first year, you'll be thinking about pursuing a major that will lead to the career and life you imagine, and First-Year Advising will help you create a strategy for a successful future.

Experience the difference our first-year support makes to your success. Our first-year advisors will help you explore your interests, discover our majors, and create and implement a plan that puts you on the path to graduation.

### PEER MENTORING

Your peer mentor will be an upper-level student who provides continued positive peer support to help you socially and academically transition to Texas State. Peer mentors will connect you to the campus community and assist you in using resources and services for your academic success.



## HONORS COLLEGE

Honors College is a special academic experience that is both demanding and lively. Honors students from all majors study in small, interdisciplinary, seminar-style classes. It's a chance to collaborate with other energetic minds while enjoying a variety of extraordinary learning opportunities, including study abroad and unique class options.

You also have the opportunity to work on a capstone project — a research or creative project you design with the guidance of faculty. Completing a capstone project can help you when you apply to graduate or professional school or apply for a job after graduation.

### BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- engaging classes
- connections with faculty
- close-knit Honors community
- opportunities for research and creative projects
- events and activities in the Honors Coffee Forum
- ... and more!

### THE FIGHTING STALLIONS

The *Fighting Stallions* statue is an iconic landmark on the Texas State campus. The 17-foot-high sculpture is located on the west end of the Quad.



## TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE

The state-legislated Texas Success Initiative seeks to improve student success in college-level course work by assessing incoming students' math, reading, and writing proficiencies. The program provides guidance for developmental course work to those needing to strengthen basic academic skills.

## ASSESSMENT TESTING AND EXEMPTIONS

All students entering a public institution of higher education must first be assessed in the areas of reading, writing, and math by completing all three sections of the Texas Success Initiative Assessment 2.0 (TSIA2). The TSIA2 is offered at testing centers located on community college and university campuses across the state. The assessment must be completed prior to attending New Student Orientation, and failure to satisfy TSI requirements will affect a student's class registration process.

Prior to taking the TSIA2, you will take a pre-assessment activity (PAA). Instructions to complete the PAA will be provided by the testing center. This online activity is designed to help students understand the importance and purpose of the assessment, developmental course options, and institutional resources.

Students with exemplary SAT, ACT, or STAAR scores may be exempt from TSI testing. In order to find out if you are exempt, please visit the TSI website or call the office directly.

Students whose TSIA2 scores do not meet the minimum requirements for exemption have two options:

1. Retake the TSIA2 and attempt to meet the minimum required scores. You have the option to retest.
2. Successfully complete the appropriate math, reading, and/or writing developmental courses. Developmental courses do not count toward a degree plan but are designed to prepare students academically for college-level course work.

For more information about TSI requirements and exemptions, visit our website at [txst.edu/tsi](https://txst.edu/tsi) or contact the TSI Office at 512.245.3942.



### THE BOBCAT

The native wildcat, known for its ferocity, was adopted as the school's mascot in 1921.



# REGISTRATION AND PAYMENTS



## ONLINE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

You can find all the information about course registration at [registrar.txst.edu](https://registrar.txst.edu).

## REGISTRATION HOLDS

Registration holds block any modification to your registration. This includes adding and dropping classes. You can see if you have any holds by logging in at [ssb.txst.edu](https://ssb.txst.edu).

## PAYING TUITION

You can view your account online at [sbs.txst.edu](https://sbs.txst.edu)

### ONLINE PAYMENTS

You can make online payments using E-Checks or Credit/Debit Card. Payment by credit or debit card will be assessed a 2.95% convenience fee based on the amount charged with a \$3 minimum fee per transaction. This convenience fee will be added to your total payment and is non-refundable.

### 529 PAYMENTS

For a 529 payment, you will need to get with your plan administrator to determine what they require in order to remit payment to the university. Please have the administrator put your student ID (ex: A01234567) on the check remittance.

### IN-PERSON PAYMENTS

Make payments with personal check, cashier's check, or money order at the Student Business Services Office, J.C. Kellam Building, Room 188, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. Cash payments are not accepted and Credit/Debit card payments are only accepted online.

### MAIL PAYMENTS

Send regular mail, priority, or overnight payments to:

Texas State University  
Student Business Services  
601 University Drive, JCK 188  
San Marcos, TX 78666

Allow five additional business days for delivery if using U.S. Postal Services. Remember that payment must be posted to your account by the end of the business day on the date payment is due regardless of the postmarked date.

## STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL AID

If you have sufficient aid to cover 100% of tuition, fees, and room and board, you are not required to take action upon receiving a semester bill. Your aid will be applied to your bill automatically. If you do not have sufficient financial aid to cover 100% of tuition, fees, and room and board, you must either pay the difference in full or enroll in a payment plan by the due date. Authorized aid will appear on your billing statement as "anticipated aid." Financial aid will begin to disburse 10 days prior to the first class day of the semester. Once financial aid is disbursed, your account balance will reduce accordingly.

## STUDENT BUSINESS SERVICE BILLS

Student Business Services will send a notification to your official university email address once a billing statement is available to view or print. No paper bills will be mailed. In addition to electronic billing, you will be able to allow parental or third-party access to your account or set up alternate email addresses and sign up for text message notification.

## EMERGENCY TUITION LOAN PAYMENT PLAN

The emergency loan program is available for eligible students who do not have sufficient funds to complete their down payment for the payment plan. This loan only assists with the down payment for enrollment into the payment plan. You will automatically be enrolled in the payment plan beginning on the seventh class day of the fall/spring term and second class day of a regular summer term in order to complete the payment process. A \$30 payment plan enrollment fee will be billed to your account. The loans are due within the semester borrowed, and Texas State is your lender. Funds are limited so acceptance of an application does not necessarily indicate that funds are available.

There is a 1.25% origination fee for use of the loan, in lieu of interest. Loans not repaid by the due date are subject to a delinquent charge.



# FINANCIAL AID

## APPLYING FOR STUDENT AID

The first step to secure financial aid from the federal government and from Texas State University is to complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). See [studentaid.gov/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa).

For more information or assistance with financial aid at Texas State, see [finaid.txst.edu](https://finaid.txst.edu) or call 512.245.2315.

## BOBCAT ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP SYSTEM (BOSS)

You can find scholarship opportunities, check eligibility requirements, and apply for scholarships online. Some scholarships use a common application, but BOSS includes info about many other scholarships you may be eligible to receive, including scholarships for transfer students. [finaid.txst.edu/scholarships/boss](https://finaid.txst.edu/scholarships/boss)

## GRANTS

Texas State offers a variety of gift aid in the form of grants. Eligibility for grants may be based on several factors, including, but not limited to, need, academics, and high school curriculum.

## LOANS

### FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS

- Entrance loan counseling and a master promissory note are required and available online at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).
- Current interest rate is 4.99% for subsidized and unsubsidized loans for loans awarded by July 1, 2023.

### FEDERAL DIRECT PARENT LOANS

- Available to parents of dependent students. To apply, the parent must complete the Parent PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) request process at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).
- The maximum amount parents can borrow is the cost of attendance less any financial aid and outside resources like scholarships the student is expected to receive.
- Fixed interest rate of 7.54% applies for loans disbursed before July 1, 2023.

## EMPLOYMENT

Federal and state work-study is available to students who show financial need and indicate interest in work-study on the FAFSA.

- Most jobs begin at minimum wage, but other benefits include flexible hours and working on campus. Availability of funding is limited.
- Visit Career Services on the fifth floor of the LBJ Student Center or at [careerservices.txst.edu](https://careerservices.txst.edu) to learn about work-study job availability.

## DEADLINE

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed to apply for federal and state financial aid. For the best aid, complete your FAFSA by the priority deadline of January 15th.

- Remember to include Texas State in the list of schools on your FAFSA. Texas State's school code is 003615.
- If you need help, contact Financial Aid and Scholarships at 512.245.2315.

## MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

### SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

Regulations require that all students who receive Federal Title IV assistance must maintain certain minimum academic standards. These standards apply to a student's entire academic career, even for periods when the student may not have received financial aid. Find out specifics regarding the requirements at [finaid.txst.edu](https://finaid.txst.edu). Click on Undergraduate Aid and then on Maintain my Eligibility.

- Maintain a minimum Texas State GPA (2.0 for a first undergraduate degree).
- Maintain at least a 67% course completion rate.
- Do not exceed a maximum number of hours (180 hours for a first undergraduate degree)

## WHAT IF YOU'RE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AID?

Contact Financial Aid and Scholarships for options.

If you do not qualify for employment under the federal or state work-study program, you can apply for regular part-time jobs available on and off campus.

Available jobs are posted at [careerservices.txst.edu](https://careerservices.txst.edu).





# TEXAS STATE LIVING



Living on campus has many benefits. Not only are you minutes from your classes and university offices, your residential experience will support your education outside the classroom. You will be living with a group of diverse people with a common goal — to become a graduate of Texas State University.

## HOUSING POLICY

All new students under the age of 20 with fewer than 30 credit hours (by Sept. 1 for fall admission or Jan. 1 for spring admission) are required to live on campus in university housing. All students who graduated from high school within 12 months preceding the semester of their admission are also required to live on campus.

Exceptions to Texas State's on-campus housing policy may be granted if you live at a parent's or legal guardian's permanent home within 60 miles (driving distance) of Texas State University. Submit an exemption request online to the Department of Housing and Residential Life that includes sufficient documentation to support the information.

## HOUSING OPTIONS AND AMENITIES

The Department of Housing and Residential Life offers a variety of accommodations, including an apartment and halls that house as few as 90 residents or more than 500. While most halls are coed, Texas State offers one all-female hall. Each resident will have a bed, dresser, desk, and desk chair. All halls offer:

- ID card key access
- lounges and study rooms
- community kitchens
- laundry rooms
- wireless internet in public areas and student rooms

The department also offers programs that combine residential living with academics. In the signature living-learning communities, including Residential College, you will enroll in classes with your hall mates.

## ON-CAMPUS LIVING

### HALL COUNCILS

Each residence hall has a council that plans hall events and represents student needs. Each council has a representative in the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and is advised by the residence director of their hall.

### RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION (RHA)

RHA is the coordinating body and umbrella organization for all the individual hall councils. Each resident is a member and is welcome to attend meetings. RHA works to improve the physical, social, cultural, recreational, and intellectual atmosphere in the halls.

## OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT SERVICES

If you live off campus, Off-Campus Living in the Department of Housing and Residential Life is where you'll find resources and programs to meet your needs.

Off-campus programs and services include:

- assistance with finding and securing off-campus housing
- understanding leases and contracts
- the Off-Campus Housing Fair

Visit Off-Campus Living at [reslife.txst.edu/off-campus](https://reslife.txst.edu/off-campus) to learn more about off-campus housing.



### THE WITTLIFF COLLECTIONS

Located in the Albert B. Alkek Library, The Wittliff Collections is dedicated to preserving and sharing the unique art and culture of Texas and the Southwest.



## DINING ON CAMPUS

### MEAL PLANS

Texas State's meal plans offer flexibility, variety, affordability, and several exclusive perks. Our campus dining halls, provided by Chartwells, offer a range of meal options for any student. If you live on campus, you are required to select a meal plan each semester, unless you live in Bobcat Village. Not sure which meal plan to choose? Review each meal plan's features and perks at [dineoncampus.com/txstate](https://dineoncampus.com/txstate) to find out more information. Also, enjoy several other dining resources such as:

- menus, ingredients, and nutrition info
- resident dining events and theme meals
- retail promotions and specials
- meal plan balance checker
- special dietary needs resources

Download the "Dine on Campus" mobile app to view all this information on your iPhone or Android device.



### MEAL EQUIVELANCY

Students will have the flexibility to pay for their meal in our food courts and any Jack and Olive product in the Markets by using a Meal Block with the equivalency value of \$7.35. In order to use a meal block to pay, the meal must cost less than \$7.35. Any purchase over the \$7.35 equivalency value can be paid with your Dining Dollars, cash, credit/debit, or Bobcat Bucks.

### ROLLOVER MEALS

Your fall semester On-Campus Meal Plan will roll over only if you purchase On-Campus Meal Plans for both the fall and spring semester.

- Enrollment is required and verified following the 12th class day of the spring semester.
- The rollover meals from the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Meal Plans will be placed in the Rollover Meal Plan account and activated the week following the 12th class day of the spring semester.
- Any remaining Dining Dollars from fall semester for Maroon Meal Plans will be placed in the Rollover Meal Plan account and activated the week following the 12th class day of the spring semester.
- Rollover funds will be available for use once all spring semester funds have been exhausted.
- Rollover funds will be deleted upon withdrawal from the spring semester. All meal plan balances will expire and are forfeited at the end of the spring semester.

### DINING DOLLARS

Dining Dollars work like cash with the added convenience of being accessible from your Texas State ID card (BobcatCard).

Dining Dollars are accepted at all on-campus Chartwells managed dining locations, including the Round Rock Campus and athletic concessions.

- Every On-Campus Meal Plan includes your choice of \$300, \$400, or \$500 Dining Dollars to spend in any Chartwells dining facility on campus. When you present your BobcatCard to the cashier, the purchase amount is immediately subtracted from your prepaid Dining Dollars balance.
- Unused portions of Dining Dollars do NOT carry over to another semester, unless you own the Platinum Meal Plan.

### BOBCAT BUCKS

These are separate from meal plans and can be used at all dining locations on campus as well as locations such as campus Coke vending machines, ID Services, the Performing Arts Center, and off-campus merchant locations such as Jimmy Johns, Taco Cabana, and Bobcat Quickie. These funds are not part of a meal plan, but can be purchased and added to your BobcatCard so you don't need to carry cash. BobcatBuck\$ can be purchased online at [get.cbord.com/txstate](https://get.cbord.com/txstate). Bobcat Buck\$ never expire but can be refunded (less a \$15 administrative fee) when you graduate or leave the university.



# STUDENT RESOURCES

## ACADEMIC RESOURCES

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

[advising.txst.edu](http://advising.txst.edu)

Each college at Texas State also has an advising center that can help keep you on track academically after two semesters of college or if you are not entering as a freshman.

### ADVISING TIPS

It is a good idea to see an advisor each semester, but some students may want to visit at a time other than during registration for advice and information regarding:

- which courses to take for a specific major
- classes that require prerequisites or special approvals
- how to calculate GPA
- whether to drop a class
- registering for the next semester
- requirements for acceptance into majors or programs

### MATH CATS

#### (COMPUTER & TUTORING SERVICE)

[math.txst.edu/resources-forms/student-resources/mathcats](http://math.txst.edu/resources-forms/student-resources/mathcats)

If you're having trouble with math, head over to the Math Lab. In addition to tutoring, the lab has computers available for individual mathematics work, general research, and school use. Tutors are available for both introductory and advanced math courses. Algebra, trigonometry, geometry, statistics, discrete mathematics, calculus, and differential equations are a few of the courses for which tutoring help is available.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTERS

COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS  
512.245.1490 | [advising.appliedarts.txst.edu](http://advising.appliedarts.txst.edu)

MCCOY COLLEGE OF BUSINESS  
512.245.1993 | [advising.mccoy.txst.edu](http://advising.mccoy.txst.edu)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION  
512.245.3050 | [education.txst.edu/advising](http://education.txst.edu/advising)

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND  
COMMUNICATION  
512.245.1932 | [advising.finearts.txst.edu](http://advising.finearts.txst.edu)

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
512.245.3506 | [health.txst.edu/advising](http://health.txst.edu/advising)

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
512.245.1852 | [liberalarts.txst.edu/advising](http://liberalarts.txst.edu/advising)

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING  
512.245.1315 | [cose.txst.edu/advising](http://cose.txst.edu/advising)

FIRST YEAR ADVISING  
512.245.7223 | [firstyear.txst.edu](http://firstyear.txst.edu)

### THE WRITING CENTER

[writingcenter.txst.edu](http://writingcenter.txst.edu)

The Writing Center can help you with one-on-one writing support. The center hires and trains accomplished student writers and thinkers to serve as writing guides. Tutors also offer workshops on a variety of writing-related topics. The Writing Center also offers tutoring online and at the Round Rock Campus.

### STUDENT LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER (SLAC)

[txst.edu/slac](http://txst.edu/slac)

Develop effective learning skills at the Student Learning Assistance Center. Located on the fourth floor of Alkek Library, SLAC provides a drop-in learning lab and Supplemental Instruction (SI) in specified courses.

- SLAC Lab: Student paraprofessional tutors help you develop effective study techniques and skills to become more successful in courses such as mathematics, accounting, science, history, foreign language, and writing.
- SLAC online: Learn more about lab schedules, general information about services, instructions for submitting papers to tutors, downloadable handouts, and study aids.
- Supplemental Instruction (SI): Student SI leaders facilitate the integration of course content with study skills in specific subjects. See the SLAC website for the schedule.
- Success Coaching: Your success coach will empower you to take an active and productive approach to your own learning and become a self-advocate for your education.

## CREATING CONNECTIONS

### CAREER SERVICES

[careerservices.txst.edu](http://careerservices.txst.edu)

Beginning with New Student Orientation and continuing beyond graduation, Career Services assists you in all aspects of career development.

- Handshake: An online job search database and the primary source for college work-study positions
- internships
- workshops on résumé-writing, interviewing, networking, and strategic professional planning
- job fairs and career development events



### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

[international.txst.edu](http://international.txst.edu)

International students, scholars, staff, and faculty receive advising, assistance, information, and referrals related to immigration regulations and cultural issues. Services include advising on maintaining lawful status, travel and work authorization, assistance with immigration-related applications, and providing letters certifying enrollment. We also host programs for international students to assist with acculturation into the campus and community.

## SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELLNESS

### COUNSELING CENTER

[counseling.txst.edu](http://counseling.txst.edu)

All counseling services are confidential and free to currently enrolled students. Psychiatric services, which are offered in collaboration with the Student Health Center, require a small co-payment. Here are just a few ways the Counseling Center can help:

- short-term individual and group counseling
- workshops
- crisis intervention
- consultation
- self-help resources
- referral to other professional services



## OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES

[ods.txst.edu](https://ods.txst.edu)

Students with disabilities can achieve their educational goals and improve their leadership development with equal access to university programs and activities. The Office of Disability Services facilitates access to university programs, services, and activities in the most integrated suitable setting. Appropriate academic accommodations and support services are provided free of charge for qualified, enrolled Texas State students with documented disabilities.

## STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

[healthcenter.txst.edu](https://healthcenter.txst.edu)

512.245.2161 (Appointments)

512.245.3590 (Pharmacy)

You don't have to leave campus if you need healthcare. The Student Health Center is a nationally accredited facility that offers:

- primary care (routine medical problems), urgent care, women's health, sports medicine, LGBTQIA+ health, travel health, immunizations, and psychiatric services
- one-stop healthcare, including on-site laboratory, X-ray, and pharmacy services
- an experienced medical staff, including physicians and nurse practitioners
- on-campus convenience and affordable prices for college students
- private health insurance is accepted and significant discounts are available for uninsured or out-of-network patients

See our website for details about our services and hours of operation for both of our San Marcos clinics and our clinic in Round Rock. Urgent care, walk-in, same day, and future appointments are available.

## UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

[police.txst.edu](https://police.txst.edu)

Emergencies: 911

Nonemergency: 512.245.2805

The University Police Department keeps you safe on campus. UPD officers are commissioned by the state of Texas and patrol the campus by vehicle, foot, and bicycle.

See the UPD website for a list of the services available, including the Student Safety Escort Program (SSE), an on-campus safety escort service.

## SUICIDE AWARENESS

Counseling Center: 512.245.2208 (option 2 if after hours)  
24/7 Crisis Hotline: 1.877.466.0660 (indicate you are a Texas State student)

National Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741

UPD: 512.245.2805 and 911

Today's students face increasing pressures, sometimes leading to emotional distress, depression, anxiety, and even thoughts of suicide that may also compromise a student's academic achievements and affect their ability to stay in school. It is important to know what to do if you or someone you know experiences a crisis or has thoughts of suicide. If this happens, please do not be afraid to ask for help. You do not have to go through this alone. Recognizing these warning signs might help prevent a suicide attempt:

- statements indicating suicidal thinking
- references indicating a desire to die
- depression or other mood changes
- withdrawal from friends/family
- drug or alcohol abuse
- impulsivity or recklessness
- anger and anxiety
- feeling trapped and hopeless
- suffering a major loss or life change
- access to self-destructive means

If you think someone you know may be considering suicide:

- Take all comments about suicide seriously.
- Ask directly, "Are you thinking about killing yourself?"
- Listen to the person and acknowledge their pain.
- Help the person feel understood
- Let them know you care.
- Avoid judging or inducing guilt.
- Avoid being pledged to secrecy.
- Do not leave an actively suicidal person alone.
- Refer the individual to professional help.

## TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

### DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DOIT)

[doit.txst.edu/services](https://doit.txst.edu/services)

### IT ASSISTANCE CENTER (ITAC)

[itac.txst.edu](https://itac.txst.edu)

Visit the DOIT Services website to learn about the 150+ tech services offered to Bobcats!

ITAC is your convenient one-stop shop for tech support needs. Phone and LiveChat are available. Also, email or stop by one of our ITAC Service Centers in San Marcos and Round Rock.

### TEXAS STATE EMAIL ACCOUNT

Your BobcatMail email address is YourNetID@txst.edu (e.g., zzz99@txst.edu). Log in with your NetID password. This is how the university communicates with you. Set up email on your mobile device and check your BobcatMail daily.

### WIRELESS CAMPUS

Virtually every area on the Texas State campus has Wi-Fi. Use your NetID and password to log into the secure and fast TXST-Bobcats network.

## OTHER RESOURCES

### PARKING SERVICES

[parking.txst.edu](https://parking.txst.edu)

Students who drive and park on campus are required to purchase a parking permit and register their vehicle with Parking Services. Students living in residence halls may purchase a Green Residence Hall Permit or a Mill Street Residence Hall Permit. Off-campus residents are encouraged to use the park-and-ride Texas State Bobcat Shuttle, but are also eligible for a Purple Perimeter Permit.

### THE BOBCAT STORE

[texasstatestore.com](https://texasstatestore.com)

Get your Bobcat gear here! The Bobcat Store, located in the LBJ Student Center, and the Fan Shop at Bobcat Stadium have the largest selection of Texas State apparel and gifts in the state.

Located inside the store is the iCats official Apple technology store. Follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest for great deals, sales, and events.

### BOOKSMART

[auxiliaryservices.txst.edu/book-smart](https://auxiliaryservices.txst.edu/book-smart)

BookSmart is TXST's digital textbook program that provides undergraduate Bobcats with quick and easy access to all academic course materials via Canvas, starting on day one of each semester. The costs for required course materials will be conveniently included in your tuition and fees, saving you time and money.

How it works:

1. Register for class.
2. All course materials are digitally loaded onto Canvas.
3. Non-digital materials can be picked up at The Bobcat Store in LBJ Student center.
4. That's it! You are ready for day one of classes.

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!

Stay up to date on campus life, including:

- great, original student stories
- important TXST dates and fun events
- campus emergency updates and closures

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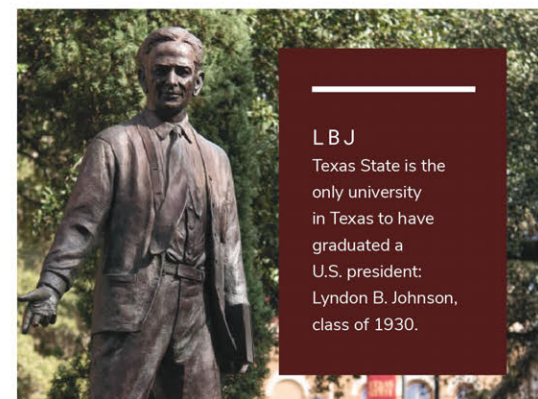
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# TRANSFER BASICS



You might think your transfer is complete once you've been through orientation and registered for classes, but there's more. You may still be wondering how your transfer credits have been evaluated and how your previous course work will be used toward your degree at Texas State.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions evaluates your transfer credits, assigns your catalog designation and provides you with a printout of your evaluated course work. In evaluating your previous courses, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions reviews three things:

- the accreditation of the schools where you completed course work
- the nature and content of the courses you've taken
- the applicability of your courses to a Texas State degree program

Your previous college courses may be applied to core curriculum or major requirements, or they may be designated as electives.

## ADVISING TIPS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

1. If you're interested in teaching at the secondary level (high school), you should meet with the academic advisors in the subject area you would like to teach. For example, a future history teacher would be best served by the College of Liberal Arts advising center.
2. If you are interested in pre-professional (i.e., pre-medical, pre-law) advising you should contact your academic advisor for guidance and additional information.

3. If you are considering a major but are still unsure, you are encouraged to seek academic advising from the area you are considering (except business and communication design). You are not committing to a major if you receive academic advising; it may, however, help you with the decision process.

## ACCREDITATION

### REGIONAL ACCREDITATION

Texas State will consider for transfer credit (subject to other provisions outlined below) the course work you completed at institutions that have been granted membership or candidacy status in a regional association of the Association of Colleges and Schools, excluding accrediting commissions for vocational or occupational training.

### NO REGIONAL ACCREDITATION

Course work you completed at an institution that is neither regionally accredited nor a candidate for such accreditation will not be recognized for transfer purposes. However, appeals will be reviewed on an individual basis.

## EVALUATION OF TRANSFER CREDIT

YOUR TRANSFER CREDIT IS ASSIGNED ONE OF FIVE EVALUATIONS:

### DIRECT EQUIVALENT

Courses that have direct Texas State equivalents will be given a Texas State course number, e.g., 1310, 2315, etc.

- The first digit represents the level of the course (freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior).
- The second digit is the number of semester hours.
- The third and fourth digits are departmental sequence or identification codes.

### ELNA OR ELADV

ELNA stands for elective credit, nonadvanced (freshman and sophomore level) and ELADV stands for elective credit, advanced (junior and senior level).

- The elective designation is given for courses that

transfer but don't have a Texas State direct equivalent.

- Elective courses transfer on the same level and with the corresponding grade and number of hours as earned at the previous college.
- Courses transferred at the lower level cannot be credited as an equivalent for an upper-level course.

You may have more ELNAs and ELADVs than will be useful to you as electives. Some of them may, upon further evaluation, fill general education core curriculum requirements and others may be acceptable to your major.

A three-digit core component code number in front of the course prefix identifies an ELNA or ELADV course that fulfills core curriculum requirements at Texas State.

- Such a course will be used to satisfy that portion of the core curriculum.
- Other courses labeled ELNA or ELADV may meet requirements in the major or minor you choose. Your advisor will make that determination.

### VOCED

VocEd denotes course work that is vocational education. This course work does not transfer and is not computed in your GPA for admission purposes. VocEd course work is not applicable toward a degree at Texas State.

- If you have courses that you think may apply toward a degree at Texas State, you may request a course-by-course review by the chair of your major.
- If approved for credit, these courses will then be added to your academic record for that particular major.
- If you change your major, the applicability of the VocEd credit toward your new major will be subject to review.

### NOCRED

NOCRED stands for nontransferable. No credit is accepted for admission or degree purposes. Generally these courses are remedial, preparatory, or developmental in nature.

### ACT

The ACT evaluation indicates physical fitness and wellness activity courses.



## THE ROLE OF YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Your academic advisor will assist you with academic-related questions, including your degree outline, course selection, and determination of how elective courses can be used to meet requirements in your major or minor.



### SOAP BOX DERBY

During Homecoming, student organizations build homemade cars and race them against each other for the annual Soap Box Derby.

## TRANSFER CREDIT POLICIES

### GRADES

The grade you earned at the previous institution is the grade transferred to Texas State. A grade of D or F transfers for admission purposes and is calculated in the GPA but may not be accepted by your major department.

Courses evaluated as NOCRED (nontransferable) or VocEd (vocational education) are not computed. Nonpunitive grades such as W or P are disregarded, while grades of WF and I are computed as F.

At Texas State, an "incomplete" designation for a course is entirely the instructor's option, not the student's right. Incompletes are granted only when students do not complete final assignments due to circumstances beyond their control.

### REPEATED COURSES

When you repeat a course, all grades except the first one earned for the course are computed in your GPA.

- You must repeat a Texas State course at Texas State to replace the first grade. Retaking it at another school will not erase the low grade at Texas State.
- Repeating a course at Texas State will not erase a grade from a previous college. To replace a low grade earned at another institution, you must repeat the same course at another institution and transfer the new grade to Texas State.

It makes sense to repeat courses at Texas State for which you received poor grades at Texas State. Doing so not only puts a new, and hopefully higher, grade on your record, but it also removes the bad grade from the GPA calculations.

### BOBCAT BUILD

Bobcat Build is a one-day community service event where Texas State students help residents in San Marcos and surrounding communities with the cleanup, build-out, and restoration of many diverse projects.



## THE ROLE OF YOUR COLLEGE DEAN

Your college dean has the final authority for determining how transferred credit applies toward your degree at Texas State.

### SEWELL PARK

The six-acre park features grassy banks for soaking up sun or playing Frisbee with friends. The park also features a basketball court, volleyball courts, and picnic and barbecue areas. You can swim or snorkel in the cool, clear water of the San Marcos River.





Be aware that if it takes more than one repeat to succeed, the university's policy requires that all grades except the first one count. State law requires that you be charged a fee, in addition to tuition, for any course you attempt more than twice at Texas State. Refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for details.

### TRANSCRIPTS

Texas State transcripts separate transfer course work and grades from Texas State course work and grades. Your transfer GPA and Texas State GPA will also remain separate. The transfer GPA will appear on your evaluated transcript.

Your GPA is computed on a four-point system for all transferable hours attempted:

<b>A = 4 points</b>	<b>B = 3 points</b>	<b>C = 2 points</b>
<b>D = 1 point</b>	<b>F = 0 points</b>	<b>NC = no credit</b>

### MAXIMUM HOURS ACCEPTED

Texas State will apply no more than 66 transferable semester hours from an accredited junior/community college to a degree at Texas State. With the approval of the dean, six to eight hours may be added.

- At the time of transfer, all transferable work attempted will be recorded on your official transcript.
- If the number of hours transferred from a junior or community college exceeds 66 hours, your academic advisor will determine which courses may be used to satisfy degree requirements.

There is no limit on the number of hours you may transfer from a four-year institution. However, your advisor will determine which courses satisfy degree requirements.

You must complete at least 24 of your last 30 credit hours in residence. Also, at least 25% of the credit hours required for your degree must be completed at Texas State.

### CATALOG DESIGNATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Your catalog designation will be identified on your advising transcript. If you are transferring from a private school in Texas or any out-of-state institution, or if you began college more than six years ago, you will be assigned the current catalog. If you are transferring solely from Texas public institutions (two-year and/or four-year), you will be assigned the catalog in effect when you started college.

### NONTRADITIONAL CREDIT

#### CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

Credit earned by examination may be awarded for meeting minimum score requirements on any of several standard exams for credit, such as CLEP, AP, or IB. For more information on the tests accepted for credit by Texas State and the minimum scores required to award credit, refer to the Testing, Evaluation, and Measurement Center (TEMC) website at [txst.edu/temc](http://txst.edu/temc).

Credits also may be awarded as transfer credit when listed on an official transcript of another college or university where you have been enrolled. Such credits are evaluated by the admissions office according to transfer credit criteria and awarded grades of credit (CR) only.

Credits earned through examinations satisfy degree requirements in the same way as earning credit by passing courses. However, credit by exam does not count as credit earned in residence.

#### MILITARY CREDIT

Eligible former members of the armed forces admitted or readmitted as undergraduate students could be given course credit for:

- all physical education courses required by Texas State
- additional semester credit hours (not to exceed 12) that may satisfy elective course requirements
- two hours of physical activity credit upon receipt of Form DD214 verifying two years of active military duty

Other military course work may be considered for transfer credit. You should submit Form DD214, Joint Services Transcript (JST), or Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Texas State grants credit for both lower- and upper-division baccalaureate catalog courses but not for vocational or graduate-level work.

The "Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services" will be used for evaluating the course work. Evaluations will be completed after your enrollment, and transfer credit is subject to approval by the chair of your major department.

### CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

The Department of Organization, Workforce, and Leadership Studies (OWLS) is the only academic unit at Texas State that awards academic credit for prior learning assessment. Credit for prior learning assessment is further determined through the required portfolio in OCED 4350. Should you change majors, the validation of extra-institutional credit will be reevaluated. Credit for prior learning assessment is evaluated after enrollment.



#### FREEMAN CENTER

A 10-minute drive from campus is 3,500 acres of wildland and ranchland, commonly known as Freeman Ranch. It's our sprawling, organic lab, used to study land and resource management, veterinary medicine, forensic anthropology, and much more.



# PARENTS AND FAMILIES

## JOIN THE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The Family Association is a great way for your family to stay in touch and informed about what's happening at Texas State. Joining the association gives you regular information from the university and helps you connect with other Bobcat families. Family Association contributions also help fund scholarships for students and student programs.

## FOR PARENTS: UNIVERSITY STUDENT PRIVACY RIGHTS

### HOW CAN I LEARN HOW MY STUDENT IS DOING?

The best approach is to ask your student directly. Communicating with young adults isn't easy. They are not always as forthcoming as you would like. The college years, however, are a period of remarkable growth and maturation.

### DOES THE UNIVERSITY HAVE ANY WRITTEN POLICY ABOUT STUDENT RECORDS THAT CAN BE SHARED WITH PARENTS?

Yes, FERPA sets privacy standards for student educational records and requires institutions to publish a compliance statement, including a statement of institutional policies.

### WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FERPA?

FERPA is enforced by the U.S. Department of Education. See the FERPA website at [www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html).

### WHAT RECORDS DOES FERPA COVER?

The privacy protection FERPA gives a student is very broad. With limited exceptions, Part 99.3 of the FERPA regulations gives privacy protection to all students' "educational records." Educational records are defined as "those records that are directly related to a student and are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency of instruction."



## FAMILY WEEKEND

Family Weekend is a time for you to spend with your Bobcat enjoying activities planned for the whole family. You can also explore the great city of San Marcos through partner events.

Attendees enjoy a welcome dinner, picnic in Sewell Park, home football game, and many other activities on campus and in the San Marcos community.



## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SAY A RECORD IS “PROTECTED” BY FERPA?

Unless personally identifiable information from a student’s educational records falls under a specified exception, the information cannot be released to third parties (including parents) without a signed and dated written consent from the student.

## WHAT ARE THE EXCEPTIONS TO FERPA’S COVERAGE?

There is a detailed list of exceptions in Part 99.3 of the FERPA regulations and in Part 99.31. Perhaps the most important exception allows — but does not require — “disclosure [of information in student educational records] to the parents of a dependent student, as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”

## I HAD EASY ACCESS TO MY CHILD’S HIGH SCHOOL RECORD. WHY DON’T I HAVE THE SAME ACCESS TO RECORDS KEPT BY TEXAS STATE?

At the K-12 school level, parents have the right to inspect and review their children’s education records. But when a student enters the university at any age, these FERPA rights transfer to the student.

## FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

— Buckley Amendment, 1974

Notification Rights under FERPA — The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records.

### THESE RIGHTS INCLUDE:

- the right to inspect and review their educational records within 45 days of the day Texas State receives a request for access
- the right to request the amendment of any of their education records that they believe are inaccurate or misleading
- the right to consent to disclosures of personally

identifiable information contained in their educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent

- the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Texas State to comply with the requirements of FERPA
- the right to know the types of personally identifiable information that Texas State deems directory information that it may release without consent
- the right to refuse to let Texas State designate the types of directory information

## GREAT WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED

### ATTEND FAMILY EVENTS

In the fall, join us for Family Weekend and cheer on the Bobcat football team. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your Bobcat in the charming city of San Marcos.

### CONNECT WITH US

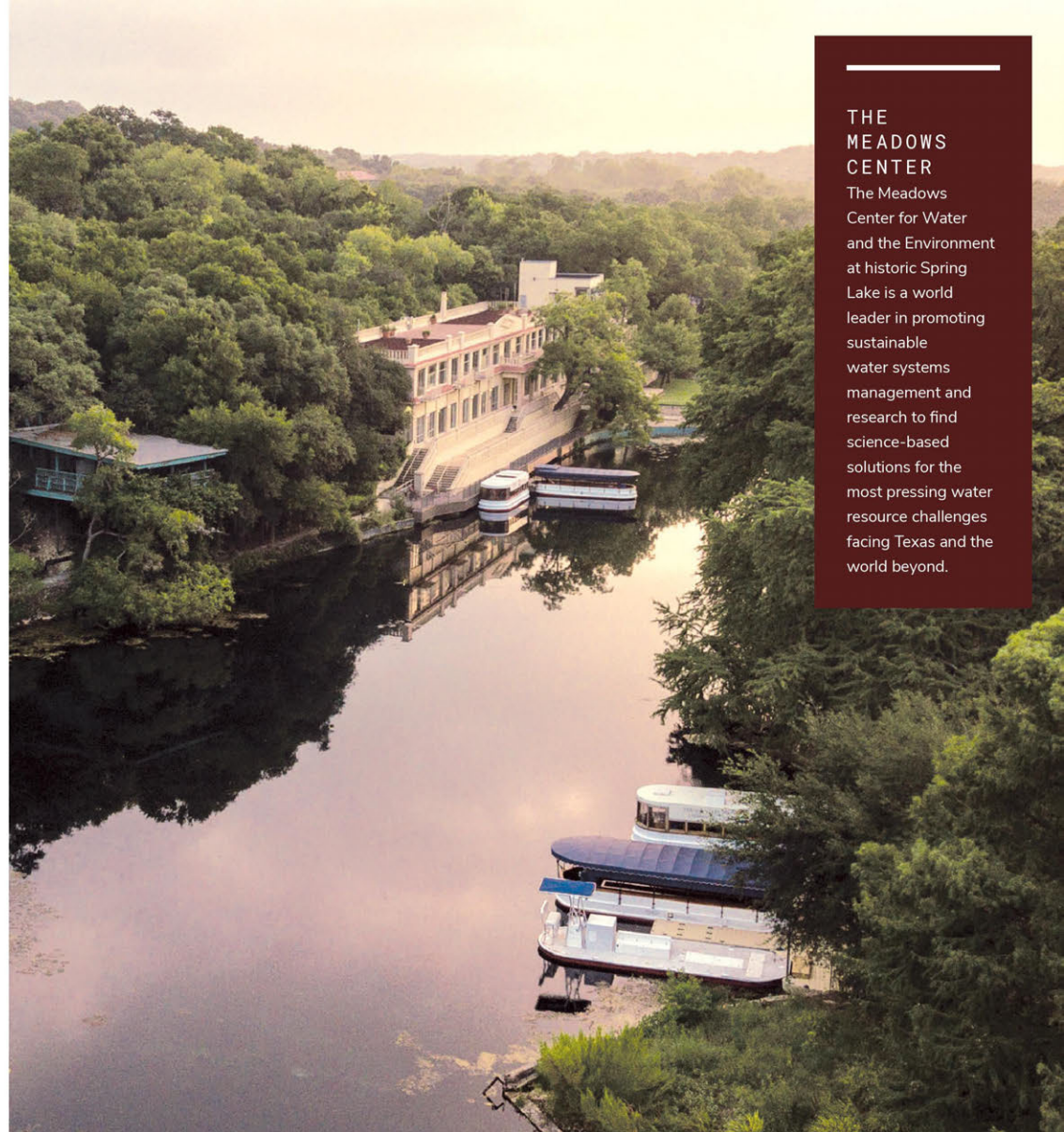
Subscribe to our free monthly e-newsletters, follow us on Facebook for weekly tips and university information, and visit [parentandfamily.txst.edu](http://parentandfamily.txst.edu) for helpful links.

### BOBCAT FAMILY PORTAL

The BFP is a great way to stay informed on what’s happening at TXST. The portal includes helpful information on dates, deadlines, campus life, etc. Sign up at [txstate.campusesp.com](http://txstate.campusesp.com).

## WE’RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR STUDENT

While the first year of college brings excitement and a new sense of independence, it also can present some challenges. Not every student will experience all of these feelings, but it’s important for families to be aware of the potential anxieties and emotions their students may feel so they can offer support. If your student needs assistance at any point during the school year, encourage them to contact The Family Association at 512.245.4326.



## THE MEADOWS CENTER

The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at historic Spring Lake is a world leader in promoting sustainable water systems management and research to find science-based solutions for the most pressing water resource challenges facing Texas and the world beyond.



# APPENDIX

## UNIVERSITY POLICIES

### DEAN OF STUDENTS

[dos.txst.edu/services/adcs](https://dos.txst.edu/services/adcs)

The Dean of Students is a primary link between student life and University Administration and oversees a variety of programs designed to cultivate a friendly, supportive, and caring learning environment on campus.

### DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY PARENT NOTIFICATION

The university reserves the right to disclose to the parent or legal guardian of a student under the age of 21 a violation of rules governing the possession of alcohol or a controlled substance.

### STUDENT BUSINESS SERVICES

[sbs.txst.edu](https://sbs.txst.edu)

Student Business Services is responsible for handling financial transactions including paying tuition and fees, etc., but also distributes financial aid checks and student payroll.

### EXCESSIVE UNDERGRADUATE HOURS

Resident undergraduate students may be subject to a higher tuition rate for attempting excessive hours.

### REPEATED COURSE ATTEMPTS

Students attempting a course for the third or more time may be charged a fee in addition to the tuition charged for the course.

### THE STUDENT HANDBOOK

[studenthandbook.txst.edu](https://studenthandbook.txst.edu)

This is your guide to student resources and the many offices and services available throughout the university.

### ABSENCE BECAUSE OF ILLNESS

Students who are confined because of illness for an extended period of time should report this absence to the Office of the Dean of Students. Such absences may be excused by professors.

### ACADEMIC HONOR CODE

Students, faculty and administration uphold the principles in the Texas State Academic Honor Code.

### DRUG POLICY

Texas State University enforces a strict drug policy. The Texas State University Code of Student Conduct strictly prohibits illegal drugs, narcotics, and controlled substances.

### HAZING

The university reserves the right to take disciplinary action against individual students and/or groups who are involved in hazing activities.

### UNIVERSITY CATALOG

[mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate](https://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate)

The catalog is a general information resource that lists majors, minors, and courses, university regulations, student codes of conduct, and more.

### ACADEMIC PROBATION

Academic probation is an emphatic warning that the quality of a student's work has not met the university's minimum academic standards and that the quality must improve during the probationary semester for the student to continue at Texas State.

### ACADEMIC SUSPENSION

Students who fail to adequately improve their grades during academic probation may be placed on academic suspension.

### UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

[policies.txst.edu](https://policies.txst.edu)

Visit the Policies and Procedures website for a detailed listing of policies and procedures governing Texas State and the Texas State University System.

### RACIAL HARASSMENT, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, DENIAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS

UPPS NO. 04.04.46

The university has specific policies prohibiting racial and sexual harassment.

### RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS

UPPS NO. 02.06.01

The university allows students who are absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day to take an examination or complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.

### TUITION REBATE PROGRAM

UPPS NO. 03.01.13

Qualified students may receive a tuition rebate up to a maximum of \$1,000.

### UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

[registrar.txst.edu/registration](https://registrar.txst.edu/registration)

The Registrar is responsible for the creation of class schedules, student registration, enrollment, degree verifications, and final grades, as well as transcript requests.

### DROPPING A CLASS

The deadlines for dropping classes change each semester, so students should consult the Academic Calendar for specific dates. Drop fees are charged to students' accounts.



### THE STRUTTERS

The Texas State Strutters are one of the university's longest-running and proudest traditions, dazzling audiences since 1960. They hold the distinction of being the first dance team organized on any major university campus in Texas and have become known internationally for their sharp performances.



# DIRECTORY

## OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

512.245.2364  
[admissions.txst.edu](mailto:admissions.txst.edu)  
Transcript and transfer course evaluations

## ALKEK LIBRARY

512.245.2686  
[library.txst.edu](http://library.txst.edu)

## ATHLETICS

512.245.2114  
[txst.com](http://txst.com)

## CAREER SERVICES

512.245.2645  
[careerservices.txst.edu](http://careerservices.txst.edu)  
Major selection counseling, job placement, career counseling

## CATSWEB HELPLINE

512.245.7888  
[catsweb.txst.edu](http://catsweb.txst.edu)  
Online registration help

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

512.245.2621  
[fcs.txst.edu/cdc](http://fcs.txst.edu/cdc)

## COUNSELING CENTER

512.245.2208  
[counseling.txst.edu](http://counseling.txst.edu)  
Therapy, psychological help, counseling (individual and group)

## DEAN OF STUDENTS

512.245.2124  
[dos.txst.edu](http://dos.txst.edu)

## DEPT. OF HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE

512.245.HOME (4663)  
[reslife.txst.edu](http://reslife.txst.edu)  
Residence halls, residential college, off-campus living exemptions

## OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES

512.245.3451  
[ods.txst.edu](http://ods.txst.edu)  
Elevator keys, taped textbooks, accessible parking

## FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

512.245.2315  
[finaid.txst.edu](http://finaid.txst.edu)

## HONORS COLLEGE

512.245.2266  
[txst.edu/honors](http://txst.edu/honors)

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

512.245.7966  
[international.txst.edu](http://international.txst.edu)  
Visa information, work permits (international), overseas studies

## IT ASSISTANCE CENTER

512.245.ITAC (4822)  
[itac.txst.edu](http://itac.txst.edu)  
Computer and telephone help

## PARENT AND FAMILY RELATIONS

512.245.4326  
[parentandfamily.txst.edu](http://parentandfamily.txst.edu)  
Resources for parents and families

## PARKING SERVICES

512.245.2887  
[parking.txst.edu](http://parking.txst.edu)

## OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

512.245.2367  
[registrar.txst.edu](http://registrar.txst.edu)  
Drop courses, withdrawals, transcripts

## LBJ STUDENT CENTER

512.245.8686  
[lbjsc.txst.edu](http://lbjsc.txst.edu)

## STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

512.245.2161  
[healthcenter.txst.edu](http://healthcenter.txst.edu)  
Student health, immunizations, insurance

## STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

512.245.3219  
[getinvolved.lbjsc.txst.edu](http://getinvolved.lbjsc.txst.edu)  
Extracurricular activities

## STUDENT LEARNING ASSISTANCE CENTER

512.245.2515  
[txst.edu/slac](http://txst.edu/slac)  
Test preparation, test anxiety, tutoring, and LSAT, GRE, and GMAT help

## STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

512.245.2940  
[campusrecreation.txst.edu](http://campusrecreation.txst.edu)

## TESTING, EVALUATION, AND MEASUREMENT CENTER (TEMC)

512.245.2276  
[txst.edu/temc](http://txst.edu/temc)  
Credit by examination

## TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE OFFICE

512.245.3942  
[txst.edu/tsip](http://txst.edu/tsip)

## UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE

512.245.2273  
[texasstatestore.com](http://texasstatestore.com)  
Textbooks, software, gifts, apparel

## UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Assistance 512.245.2805  
[police.txst.edu](http://police.txst.edu)  
Emergencies, dial 911

## OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

512.245.2641  
[va.txst.edu](http://va.txst.edu)

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

512.245.2205  
[provost.txst.edu](http://provost.txst.edu)

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

512.245.2152  
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