



Making the Transition

College is a time for a fresh start, a clean academic slate, and a new found independence. However, it can also be filled with tons of critical decision as students make the transition from high school into adulthood. The decisions that you make during your first few months in college can have a huge impact on the outcome of your college experience.

Luckily, for students at Texas Tech, the university offers many services and requirement that help to ease the transition.

Red Raider Orientation (RRO) is a registration prerequisite for all Texas Tech incoming freshmen or transfer students. This orientation is usually a three day program (depending on the session you attend) that is designed to welcome each new student to the university. While at RRO, students meet other students, listen to advice from current students, meet their advisor, and learn Tech Traditions.

Exercise and sports science major from Stamford, Texas, Jason Rodriquez, said RRO is something he was not looking forward to, but he is glad that he was required to attend.

“Honestly, I was dreading Red Raider Orientation because I was a transfer student, and I thought it was going to pointless since I wasn’t new to college life,” Rodriquez said.

Rodriquez said although he was already a college student, he learned things at RRO that helped him transition to Tech specifically. He said he felt like he fit in at the university after he learned about Texas Tech’s rich traditions.

“One thing I always remember about orientation is all the traditions that we were taught,” Rodriquez said. “I’ll never forget the feeling of pride I had attending my first Red Raider football game as a student and being able to join in on the traditional cheers and chants with the rest of the fans, that wouldn’t have been possible without Red Raider Orientation.”**T**

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