

RED RAIDER FAMILY WEBINAR SERIES



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Test Optional Does Not Apply to TSI

Entering college students must demonstrate their college readiness by meeting minimum standards on TSI Assessments in math, reading, and writing or by demonstrating an exemption for each area. Those students who do not meet these standards must enroll in appropriate developmental courses designed to improve their academic skills and prepare them for college-level courses.

In accordance with Texas state legislation, TSI scores must be on file with any Texas higher educational institute you attend. These scores may not be used to determine admittance, only to help develop a personalized learning plan if needed.

College Prep and College Bridge

Texas Tech University does not accept College Bridge or College Prep coursework to exempt a student from TSI classes.

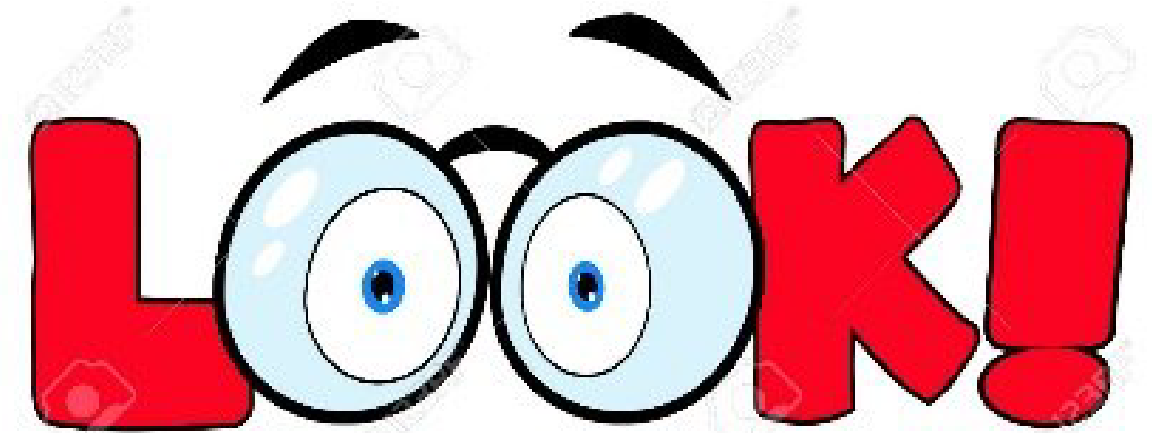
If a student takes either of these programs in high school, it is important that the student understands Texas Tech will still require TSI scores or another acceptable exemption.

How can I talk to my student about College Readiness?

- **Do you know what TSI is?**
- **Do you know what TSI measures and why it is important?**
- **Have you thought about your goals?**
 - What is your math skill set?
 - What is your Literacy (RLA) skill set?
- **Are you participating in any TSI exempt pathways**
 - Military
 - Dual Credit
 - Qualifying AP scores
 - Qualifying ACT/SAT scores
 - Qualifying College Credits

FAQ for TSIA

- We have TSIA study materials available on our TSI website.
- You can retake the TSIA as many times as you want. We do not encourage more than 3 times.
- The cost of a TSI class at Tech is \$50.00. You take the TSI class at the same time as you take the math or English core class. They are co-requisites.
- TSI classes have 30 students or fewer, allowing students to receive individual attention and support on coursework throughout the semester.



**WHAT STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT
TSI**

“Your teaching has genuinely been the best thing that has happened to me in my math career, and I finally feel like I am able to understand math that meant nothing to me previously.”

“Just want to say thanks for helping me become college ready in Math. I was so overwhelmed when I first walked into your class. I could barely use the blackboard much less understand Logic. But you found a way to connect with me and help me understand the work. You're the reason I have an A in my Contemporary math class. I'll be forever grateful for your teaching. I can do math again! Thank You.”

““I learn more in these TSI classes than in my regular classes.” English is going great because of my TSI class and I took TSI math last semester with Pablo. He helped me so much!”

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RAIDER READY PROGRAM
(RRP)



FROM HERE, IT'S POSSIBLE.™



TALKING POINTS

- 01** Raider Ready Program (RRP) Purpose
- 02** What is Raider Ready 1100 Course
- 03** What our recent students said about Ready Ready 1100
- 04** Raider Ready Questions and hopefully answers
- 05** Meet our Team

RAIDER READY PROGRAM

OUR PURPOSE

- Community
- Transitions
- Social Interactions
- Campus Resources

The Raider Ready Program also referred to as RRP or just simply Raider Ready, offers optional one-credit-hour courses for students who are apprehensive about the next stage of college life, whether it's their first semester at TTU or their first time entering a career after graduation. Raider Ready courses focus on transitions in life as students need safe, accepting, and nonjudgmental spaces in which to learn coping and studying tools, express successes and concerns, and ask for help. Students who take the courses feel more connected to Texas Tech and more prepared for their futures. They can become Raider Ready today for their lives tomorrow.

RAIDER READY **1100** (RRP 1100)

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR COURSE (CLASS INFORMATION)

- 1-hour credit academic course
- 12 weeks; once a week in person
- Benefits include:
 - Success support/higher GPA
 - Essential skills/campus resources
 - No homework/tests/assignments
 - Emphasis on attendance
 - Focus on overall student well being
 - Campus communication for extra support
 - Community building with fellow Red Raiders
 - Safe, judgment-free space to ask first-year questions



RAIDER READY 1100 (RRP 1100)

FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR COURSE 1-HOUR CREDIT

- 22 students per class to build a safe, community with other new Red Raiders
- Week by week guidance and resources for your New Red Raider, let's make sure we all know what's going on
- Students who completed Raider Ready 1100 in **Fall 2024** started their **Spring 2025** with the following Grade Point Averages (GPAs)



Grade Point Average % of Students

GPA range of 2.0 to 2.49	9.08%
GPA range of 2.5 to 2.99	13.27%

WHAT STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT RRP 1100

- **Community**

“I would tell my friends that it is a very easy credit, you get to interact with new people and learn about what Tech has to offer. You also will have an instructor that cares for you and how you are doing.”

- **Transitions**

“This class is extremely helpful as a new student and prepares you for what is expected from a student at Texas Tech.”

“It’s an easy A and helps you transition from high school and living at home to college and living by yourself.”

- **Social Interactions**

“It is very helpful to hear others’ challenges and how they overcame them. It also is a fun environment to interact with new people.”

- **Campus Resources**

“This class gave me resources I will use throughout college!”

STUDENTS' FAVORITE PARTS OF RRP 1100

- “Having a class where I wasn’t stressed out every day!”
- “I appreciated learning new study techniques that are helpful when adjusting from high school to college.”
- “The lessons, it’s very apparent that the teachers care.”
- “The way the teacher really wanted to get to know you; she was very interactive and knew everyone’s name.”
- “The small size of the classes.”
- “I liked having a small group to interact with every week. It made me feel like I wasn’t as alone as I thought.”

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR RAIDER READY 1100?

IT'S SIMPLE...

**Please be sure to let your advisor
know when you begin registering
during Red Raider Orientation (RRO)
or you can contact anyone from our
Raider Ready Team (contact info will be on next slide)!**

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Questions?

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