Welcome to the Bulldog Nation!
Keeping it Real and Focused on Success

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The Best Four Years of Your Life???

20 Must-See College Movies

fastweb.com (2017)
Keeping it Real: Meeting UGA Student Needs

**Academic Integrity**
- Careers: UGA Career Center
  - Phone: (706) 542-8719 | drc.uga.edu
- Academic Integrity: Office of the Vice President for Academic Enhancement
  - Phone: (706) 542-7575 | tutor.uga.edu

**General Concerns**
- Conduct/Behavior: Office of Student Conduct
  - Phone: (706) 542-1131 | conduct.uga.edu
- Hardship Withdrawals: Student Care and Outreach
  - Phone: (706) 542-7774 | dos.uga.edu
- Relationship & Sexual Violence Prevention (RSVP)
  - 24-hour hotline
  - Phone: (706) 542-SAFE | uhs.uga.edu

**ACADEMIC**

**CARE**
- Disability: Disability Resource Center
  - Phone: (706) 542-8719 | drc.uga.edu
- Health & Wellness

**ADVOCACY**

**CRISIS**
- Mental Health: Counseling and Psychiatric Services
  - Phone: (706) 542-2273
  - After hours: (706) 542-2200
  - Office of the Dean of Students
- Personal Financial Crisis
  - Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
  - studentaffairs.uga.edu/wp/content_page/emergency-fund
- Sexual Violence/Assault
  - University Health Center: Relationship & Sexual Violence Prevention
    - Phone: (706) 542-SAFE | uhs.uga.edu

**Disability**
- Threatening Behavior: Student Care and Outreach
  - Phone: (706) 542-7774 | sco.uga.edu
- Health Center: Alcohol and Other Drugs
  - Phone: (706) 542-8690 | uhs.uga.edu
- Collegiate Recovery Community
  - Phone: (706) 542-0285 | crc@uhs.uga.edu

**UGA Police**
- Threats or Acts of Violence
  - Phone: 911
- UGA Police
  - Phone: (706) 542-2200 | police.uga.edu
- Counseling and Psychiatric Services
  - Phone: (706) 542-2273
  - After hours: (706) 542-2200
- Office of the Dean of Students
  - Phone: (706) 542-7774 | dos.uga.edu
Using Your Clicker

- Make your selection only when prompted
- No help from others
- It’s completely anonymous
Students: What is your greatest concern about your transition to UGA?

A. Succeeding academically
B. Making new friends
C. Finances
D. Homesickness
E. Navigating a large campus
Student Words of Wisdom

Advice to Incoming Students…
Families: What is going to be your greatest challenge in this transition?

A. Providing financial assistance
B. Learning to trust in a new environment
C. Providing guidance for major and/or career path decisions
D. Being able to “let go”
E. Being patient in the transition
Student Words of Wisdom

Advice to Families…
Keeping it Real

- Set realistic expectations
- Expect change, so be patient and flexible
- Some homesickness is natural
- Ask questions and advocate for yourself
- Autonomy and trust; keep the lines of communication open
Steps to Ensure Your Bulldog Success!

Develop a relationship each semester with at least one faculty member.
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Challenge yourself to break out of your comfort zone.
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Satisfy your curiosity by learning about something that intrigues you.
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Be aware of the basics... attend class without fail, manage time wisely, budget carefully, and learn how to use a washer and dryer.
Of the four “steps,” which do you think will be most difficult for you?

A. Developing faculty relationships
B. Challenging yourself
C. Satisfying your curiosity
D. Being aware of the basics
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