

English 102: Inquiry into *Your* University Experience  
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Every college student has had that experience—often an annoyingly many times—of talking to someone older and hearing, “College was the best four years of my life!” This exclamation is often followed with a nostalgic invocation of the “glory days” gone by, and a lamentation that it is, now, all over and was, at the time, underappreciated. This class is designed to make students more aware of their university experience and, perhaps, more appreciative. Students will already be experts on their own experiences and can use their knowledge to engage in conversation with other students about larger issues and concerns at our university and at universities in general. We will begin by exploring university culture inside and outside the classroom. By understanding the way different aspects of university life work together, we will, then, be able to look at the more serious parts of university life: underage and binge drinking, eating disorders, date rape, campus violence, depression, etc.