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ACT	DOCTORAL	GRANT	SAT	TRANSCRIPT
ALUMNI	FACULTY	LOAN	SCHOLARSHIP	TUITION
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College Terminology Glossary

Academic Advisor - This person will help you select the correct courses, review the course requirements in the field you have selected to pursue and help you with any academic problems you may encounter. At some institutions, academic advisement is conducted by faculty as part of their job duties. Other institutions may designate specific staff as academic counselors.

ACT - These letters are acronyms for the American College Test designed to measure a student's level of knowledge in basic areas such as math, science, English and social studies. This test may be a requirement for applying to a 4-year institution.

Alumni - people who have graduated from the institution.

Associate's Degree - Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees are conferred upon students who successfully complete programs designed for transfer to a senior college, which usually takes full-time students 2-years to complete. The Associate Degree requires completion of a minimum of 60 credit hours, with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 (a "C" average).

Bachelor's Degree - This is the undergraduate degree offered by four-year colleges and universities. The minimum credit hour requirement for a Bachelor's Degree is 120 credit hours. There are both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees based on the types of courses taken.

Common Application - The Common Application is widely used among colleges and universities for potential students to complete in order to be admitted to the institution. The cost is \$50/per college or university that the application is sent to, with an option of a fee-waiver for students who qualify financially.

Credit Hours - Courses taken in college are measured in terms of credit hours. To earn one credit hour, a student must attend a class for one classroom hour (usually 50 minutes) per week for the whole semester (usually 16 weeks). Classes are offered in 1 - 5 credit hour increments, and sometimes larger amounts. A typical course is 3-credits.

Degrees - Degrees are rewards for the successful completion of a prescribed program of study. There are three basic types of degrees: Associate - obtainable at a two-year community or junior college, Baccalaureate or Bachelor's - offered by four-year colleges and universities, and Graduate - Obtained after the bachelor's degree, i.e., Masters or Doctorate.

Doctoral Degree - A doctoral degree is the highest level of academic degrees. For example, a doctor will receive an M.D. or a medical doctorate degree. Other types of doctoral degrees include a PhD which is a type of professional doctorate degree.

Extra-Curricular Activities - these are non-classroom activities that can contribute to a well-rounded education. They can include such activities as athletics, clubs, student government, recreational and social organizations and events.

Faculty - The faculty is composed of all persons who teach classes for colleges.

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The almost universal application for financial aid, including loans, grants, college work-study and other federal and state programs.

Fees - Fees are additional charges not included in the tuition. Fees may be charged to cover the cost of materials and equipment needed in certain courses, and they may be assessed for student events, programs, and publications.

Financial Aid - Aid is made available from grants, scholarships, loans, and part-time employment from federal, state, institutional, and private sources. Awards from these programs may be combined in an "award package" to meet the cost of education. The types and amounts of aid awarded are determined by *financial need*, which is determined by the information provided on the FAFSA.

Fraternalities/Sororities - Fraternalities (for men) and sororities (for women) are social organizations that are active in various activities.

Grant - A type of financial aid that is money awarded to a student based on financial need. These funds awarded in the form of a grant do not need to be paid back at any time, unless otherwise stated in the grant restrictions.

Humanities Courses - Humanities courses are classes covering subjects such as literature, philosophy, and the fine arts. Most undergraduate degrees require a certain number of humanities credit hours.

Loan - A type of financial aid that is money awarded to a student based on information provided on the FAFSA. These funds awarded in the form of a loan need to be paid back upon graduation from college, or if a student stops attending college before degree completion. Student Loans have interest rates that vary.

Major - major is a student's chosen field of study. It usually requires the successful completion of a specified number of credit hours.

Master's Degree - a type of professional degree worth at least 60-credit hours that is earned after the completion of a bachelor's degree.

Minor - A minor is designated as a specific number of credit hours in a secondary field of study.

SAT - these letters are acronyms for the Scholastic Aptitude Test, which is designed to measure a student's level of knowledge in basic areas such as math, science, English and social studies. Colleges may require the results this test for admission.

Scholarship - a type of financial aid awarded to students based on qualifications such as merit, or academic performance, financial need, athletic ability, special talent, leadership, volunteerism or others. Scholarship funds do not need to be paid back, as they are considered gift funds.

SUNY Application - the SUNY Application is the admission application used for all State University of New York institutions. The cost is \$50/per college or university that the application is sent to, with an option of a fee-waiver for students who qualify financially.

SUNY - State University of New York. The state school system for the state of New York.

Super Score - super scoring refers to the SAT and ACT test scores. If a student takes the SAT multiple times, or the ACT multiple times, some institutions may take the highest sections of all of the tests taken to create the best overall test score for that student.

Syllabus - An outline of the important information about a course. Written by the professor or instructor, it usually includes important dates, assignments, expectations and policies specific to that course.

Transcript - The transcript is a permanent academic record of a student at college. It may show courses taken, grades received, academic status and honors received. Transcripts are not released by the college if the student owes any money to the college.

Tuition - Tuition is the amount paid for each credit hour of enrollment. Tuition does not include the cost of books, fees, or room and board. Tuition charges vary from college to college and are dependent on such factors as resident or out-of-state status, level of classes enrolled in (lower, upper or graduate division), and whether the institution is publicly or privately financed.

Undergraduate - An undergraduate is a student who is pursuing either a one-, two-, or four-year degree.

University - A university is composed of undergraduate, graduate, and professional colleges and offers degrees in each.

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