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A. GENERAL INFORMATION**A0. Respondent Information**

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Are your responses to the CDS posted for reference on your institution's website?
Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please provide the URL of the corresponding webpage:

<https://www.wpi.edu/offices/strategic-initiatives-university-analytics/data-resources>

A1. Address Information

Name of College/University:	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
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Homepage:	https://www.wpi.edu/
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A2. Source of institutional control

- ☐ Public
- ☒ Private (nonprofit)
- ☐ Proprietary

A3. Classify your undergraduate institution:

- ☒ Coeducational college
- ☐ Men's college
- ☐ Women's college

A4. Academic year calendar

- ☐ Semester
- ☐ Quarter
- ☐ Trimester
- ☐ 4-1-4
- ☐ Continuous
- ☐ Differs by program
- ☒ Other *Four 7-week terms (two per semester)*

A5. Degrees offered by your institution

- ☐ Certificate
- ☐ Diploma
- ☐ Associate
- ☐ Transfer Associate
- ☐ Terminal Associate
- ☒ Bachelor's
- ☒ Post-bachelor's certificate
- ☒ Master's
- ☒ Post-master's certificate
- ☒ Doctoral degree – research/scholarship
- ☐ Doctoral degree – professional practice
- ☐ Doctoral degree – other

A6. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

If you have a diversity, equity, and inclusion office or department, please provide the URL of the corresponding web page: <https://www.wpi.edu/offices/diversity>

B. ENROLLMENT AND PERSISTENCE

B1. Institutional Enrollment: Provide numbers of students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of **October 15, 2024**.

	FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		
	Men	Women	Men	Women	TOTAL
Undergraduate Students					
Degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students	995	370	1	0	1,366
Other first-year, degree-seeking students	52	24	0	0	76
All other degree-seeking undergraduate students	2,536	1,353	90	26	4,005
<i>Total degree-seeking undergraduate students</i>	3,583	1,747	91	26	5,447
All other undergraduates enrolled in credit courses	37	22	28	24	111
<i>Total Undergraduate Students</i>	3,620	1,769	119	50	5,558
Graduate Students					
Degree-seeking, first-time	264	108	112	50	534
All other degree-seeking	388	211	579	261	1,439
All other graduates enrolled in credit courses	10	5	28	10	53
<i>Total Graduate Students</i>	662	324	719	321	2,026
<i>Total All Students</i>	4,282	2,093	838	371	7,584

Total All Undergraduate Students	5,558
Total All Graduate Students	2,026
Grand Total of All Students	7,584

B2. Enrollment by Racial/Ethnic Category

Provide numbers of undergraduate students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of **October 15, 2024**. Include international students only in the category "Nonresidents." Report as your institution reports to IPEDS: persons who are Hispanic should be reported only on the Hispanic line, not under any race, and persons who are non-Hispanic multi-racial should be reported only under "Two or more races."

	Degree-seeking First-time, First-year	Degree-seeking Undergraduates (including first-time, first-year)	Total Undergraduates (both degree- and non-degree- seeking)
International (nonresidents)	69	349	353
Hispanic/Latino	117	464	467
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	28	147	149
White, non-Hispanic	875	3,498	3,506
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	1	5	5
Asian, non-Hispanic	157	688	694
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	1	2	2
Two or more races, non-Hispanic	60	197	197
Race and/or ethnicity unknown	58	97	185
Total	1,366	5,447	5,558

B3. Persistence

Number of degrees awarded by your institution from **July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**.

Certificate/diploma	
Associate degrees	
Bachelor's degrees	1,170
Post-bachelor's certificates	28
Master's degrees	788
Post-master's certificates	
Doctoral degrees – research/scholarship	69
Doctoral degrees – professional practice	
Doctoral degrees – other	
Total	2,055

B4–B21: Graduation Rates

The items in this section correspond to data elements collected by the IPEDS Web-based Data Collection System's Graduation Rate Survey (GRS). For complete instructions and definitions of data elements, see the IPEDS GRS Forms and Instructions for the 2024-25 Survey.

In the following section for bachelor's or equivalent programs, please disaggregate the Fall 2017 and Fall 2018 cohorts (formerly CDS B4-B11) into four groups:

- Students who received a Federal Pell Grant*
- Recipients of a subsidized Stafford Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant
- Students who did not receive either a Pell Grant or a subsidized Stafford Loan
- Total (all students, regardless of Pell Grant or subsidized loan status)

*Students who received both a Federal Pell Grant and a subsidized Stafford Loan should be reported in the "Recipients of a Federal Pell Grant" column.

Fall 2018 Cohort	Recipients of a Federal Pell Grant	Recipients of a Subsidized Stafford Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant	Students who did not receive either a Pell Grant or a subsidized Stafford Loan	TOTAL
A - Initial 2018 cohort of first-time, full-time, bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students	150	399	727	1,276
B - Of the initial 2018 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: deceased, permanently disabled, armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions	0	1	2	3
C - Final 2018 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions	150	398	725	1,273
D - Of the initial 2018 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by Aug. 31, 2022)	117	341	617	1,075
E - Of the initial 2018 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after Aug. 31, 2022 and by Aug. 31, 2023)	7	13	34	54
F - Of the initial 2018 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after Aug. 31, 2023 and by Aug. 31, 2024)	3	3	7	13
G - Total graduating within six years (sum of lines D, E, and F)	127	357	658	1,142
H - Six-year graduation rate for 2018 cohort (G divided by C)	85%	90%	91%	90%

Fall 2017 Cohort	Recipients of a Federal Pell Grant	Recipients of a Subsidized Stafford Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant	Students who did not receive either a Pell Grant or a subsidized Stafford Loan	TOTAL
A - Initial 2017 cohort of first-time, full-time, bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students	117	324	683	1,124
B - Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: deceased, permanently disabled, armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions	0	0	0	0
C - Final 2017 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions	117	324	683	1,124
D - Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by Aug. 31, 2021)	85	279	565	929
E - Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after Aug. 31, 2021 and by Aug. 31, 2022)	10	17	30	57
F - Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after Aug. 31, 2022 and by Aug. 31, 2023)	0	2	6	8
G - Total graduating within six years (sum of lines D, E, and F)	95	298	601	994
H - Six-year graduation rate for 2017 cohort (G divided by C)	81%	92%	88%	88%

B22. Retention Rates

Report for the cohort of all full-time, first-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered in Fall 2023 (or the preceding summer term). The initial cohort may be adjusted for students who departed for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, or service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government or official church missions. No other adjustments to the initial cohort should be made.

For the cohort of all full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered your institution as **freshmen in Fall 2023** (or the preceding summer term), what percentage was enrolled at your institution as of the date your institution calculates its official enrollment in **Fall 2024**? **94%**

C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) ADMISSION

Applications

C1. First-time, first-year students: Provide the number of degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled (full- or part-time) in **Fall 2024**. Include early decision, early action, and students who began studies during summer in this cohort. Applicants should include only those students who fulfilled the requirements for consideration for admission (i.e., who completed actionable applications) and who have been notified of one of the following actions: admission, non-admission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution). Admitted applicants should include wait-listed students who were subsequently offered admission. Since the total may include students who did not provide gender data, the detail need not sum to the total.

Fall 2024	Men	Women	Another Gender	Total
Total first-time, first-year students who applied	8,795	3,752	12	12,559
Total first-time, first-year students admitted	5,105	2,439	11	7,555
Total first-time, first-year students enrolled	995	369	2	1,366
Full-time , first-time, first-year students enrolled	994	369	2	1,365
Part-time , first-time, first-year students enrolled	1			1

Fall 2024	In-State	Out-of-State	International	Total
Total first-time, first-year who applied	4,171	6,790	1,598	12,559
Total first-time, first-year admitted	2,511	4,384	660	7,555
Total first-time, first-year enrolled	641	656	69	1,366

C2. First-time, first-year wait-listed students (students who met admission requirements but whose final admission was contingent on space availability)

Do you have a policy of placing students on a waiting list? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please answer the questions below for **Fall 2024** admissions:

Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list	2,475
Number accepting a place on waiting list	1,111
Number of wait-listed students admitted	392

Is your waiting list ranked?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, do you release that information to students?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you release that information to counselors?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Admission Requirements

C3. High school completion requirement

- ☒ High school diploma is required and GED is accepted
☐ High school diploma is required and GED is not accepted
☐ High school diploma or equivalent is not required

C4. Does your institution require or recommend a general college-preparatory program for degree-seeking students?

- ☒ Require
☐ Recommend
☐ Neither require nor recommend

C5. Distribution of high school units required and/or recommended. Specify the distribution of academic high school course units required and/or recommended of all or most degree-seeking students using Carnegie units (one unit equals one year of study or its equivalent). If you use a different system for calculating units, please convert to Carnegie.

	Units Required	Units Recommended
Total Academic Units	10	
English	4	
Mathematics	4	
Science	2	4
Of these, units that must be lab	2	
Foreign Language		2
Social Studies		2
History		1
Academic Electives		
Computer Science		1
Visual/Performing Arts		
Other (<i>specify</i>)		

Basis for Selection

C6. Do you have an open admission policy, under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED equivalency diplomas are admitted without regard to academic record, test scores, or other qualifications? Yes ☐ No ☒

C7. Relative importance of factors in admission decisions:

	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Academic				
Rigor of secondary school record	X			
Class rank		X		
Academic GPA	X			
Recommendations		X		
Standardized test scores			X	
Application Essay			X	
Nonacademic				
Interview				X
Extracurricular activities		X		
Talent/ability			X	
Character/personal qualities		X		
First generation			X	
Alumni/ae relation			X	
Geographical residence			X	
State residency				X
Religious affiliation/commitment				X
Volunteer work			X	
Work experience			X	
Level of applicant's interest			X	

SAT and ACT Policies**C8. Entrance Exams**

Does your institution make use of SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Test scores in **admission** decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, place check marks in the appropriate boxes below to reflect your institution's policies for use in admission for **Fall 2026**.

	ADMISSION				
	Require	Recommend	Require for Some	Consider if Submitted	Not Used
SAT or ACT				X	
ACT only					
SAT only					

Does your institution use applicants' test scores for academic advising? Yes ☐ No ☒

Latest date by which SAT or ACT scores must be received for fall-term admission: ____

If necessary, use this space to clarify your test policies (e.g., if tests are recommended for some students, or if tests are not required of some students): **Test-optional**

Please indicate which tests your institution uses for **placement** (e.g., state tests):

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|--|--|
| ☐ SAT | ☐ CLEP |
| ☐ ACT | ☒ Institutional Exam |
| ☐ SAT Subject Tests | ☐ State Exam |
| ☒ AP | |

First-time, First-year Profile

Provide information for **ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, full-time and part-time, first-time, first-year students** enrolled in **Fall 2024**, including students who began studies during summer, international students/nonresident aliens, and students admitted under special arrangements.

C9. National standardized test scores (SAT/ACT). Include information for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted test scores. Do not include partial test scores (e.g., mathematics scores but not critical reading for a category of students) or combine other standardized test results (such as TOEFL) in this item. Do not convert SAT scores to ACT scores and vice versa.

	Percent	Number
Submitting SAT Scores		
Submitting ACT Scores		

For each assessment listed below, report the score that represents the 25th percentile (the score that 25% of the freshman population scored at or below) and the 75th percentile score (the score that 25% scored at or above).

	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile	75 th Percentile
SAT Composite			
SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing			
SAT Math			
ACT Composite			
ACT Math			
ACT English			
ACT Reading			
ACT Science			
ACT Writing			

Percent of first-time, first-year (freshman) students with scores in each range:

	SAT EBRW	SAT Math
700-800		
600-699		
500-599		
400-499		
300-399		
200-299		

	SAT Composite		
1400-1600			
1200-1399			
1000-1199			
800-999			
600-799			
400-599			
	ACT Composite	ACT English	ACT Math
30-36			
24-29			
18-23			
12-17			
6-11			
Below 6			

C10. Class rank ranges. Percent of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who had high school class rank within each of the following ranges (report information for those students from whom you collected high school rank information).

Percent in top tenth of high school graduating class:	56%
Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class:	85%
Percent in top half of high school graduating class:	99%
Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class:	1%
Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduating class:	0%
Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted high school class rank:	30%

C11. High school grade point ranges. Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who had high school grade-point averages within each of the following ranges (using 4.0 scale). Report information only for those students from whom you collected high school GPA.

Percent who had GPA of 4.0	63%
Percent who had GPA between 3.75 and 3.99	17%
Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74	14%

Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49	4%
Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24	2%
Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99	0%
Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.49	0%
Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99	0%
Percent who had GPA below 1.0	0%

C12. Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted GPA: **3.9**

Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted high school GPA: **84%**

Admission Policies

C13. Application fee

Does your institution have an application fee? Yes ☐ No ☒

Amount of application fee:

Can it be waived for applicants with financial need? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have an application fee and an on-line application option, please indicate policy for students who apply on-line:

☐ Same Fee ☐ Free ☐ Reduced

Can online application fee be waived for applicants with financial need? Yes ☐ No ☐

C14. Application closing date

Does your institution have an application closing date? Yes ☒ No ☐

☒ Application closing date (fall): **2/1**

☐ Priority date

C15. First-time, first-year student acceptance other than Fall

Are first-time, first-year students accepted for terms other than the fall? Yes ☐ No ☒

C16. Notification to applicants of admission decision sent

☐ On a rolling basis beginning (date)

☒ By (date): **4/1**

☐ Other

C17. Reply policy for admitted applicants

☐ Must reply by (date)

☐ No set date

☒ Must reply by May 1 or within **1 week** if notified thereafter

☐ Other

Deadline for housing deposit: N/A
Amount of housing deposit: N/A
Refundable if student does not enroll? N/A

C18. Deferred admission

Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after admission? Yes ☒ No ☐
If yes, maximum period of postponement: 1 year

C19. Early admission of high school students

Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students one year or more before high school graduation? Yes ☒ No ☐

C20. Removed from CDS.

Early Decision and Early Action Plans

C21. Early decision: Does your institution offer an early decision plan (an admission plan that permits students to apply and be notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date and that asks students to commit to attending if accepted) for first-time, first-year (freshman) applicants for fall enrollment? Yes ☒ No ☐

First or only early decision plan closing date: 11/1
First or only early decision plan notification date: 12/15

Other early decision plan closing date: 1/5
Other early decision plan notification date: 2/15

For the Fall 2024 entering class:

Number of early decision applications received by your institution: 279
Number of applicants admitted under early decision plan: 211

Please provide significant details about your early decision plan:

C22. Early action: Do you have a nonbinding early action plan whereby students are notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date but do not have to commit to attending your college? Yes ☒ No ☐

Early action closing date: 11/1
Early action notification date: 2/1

Other early action plan closing date: 1/5
Other early action plan notification date: 3/1

Is your early action plan a "restrictive" plan under which you limit students from applying to other early plans? Yes ☐ No ☒

For the Fall 2024 entering class:Number of early action applications received by your institution: **9,020**Number of applicants admitted under early action plan: **6,214**Number of applicants enrolled under early action plan: **1,019****D. TRANSFER ADMISSION****Fall Applicants****D1.** Does your institution enroll transfer students? Yes ☒ No ☐May transfer students earn advanced standing credit by transferring credits earned from course work completed at other colleges/universities? Yes ☒ No ☐**D2. Student counts.** Provide the number of students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled as degree-seeking transfer students in **Fall 2024**:

	Applicants	Admitted Applicants	Enrolled Applicants
Men	211	133	52
Women	78	54	24
Another Gender			
TOTAL	289	187	76

Application for Admission**D3. Indicate terms for which transfers may enroll:**☒ Fall ☐ Winter ☒ Spring ☐ Summer**D4. Transfer applicants minimum credits.** Must a transfer applicant have a minimum number of credits completed or else must apply as an entering freshman? Yes ☐ No ☒**D5. Requirements for admissions.** Indicate all items required of transfer students to apply for admission:

	Required of All	Recommended of All	Recommended of Some	Required of Some	Not required
High school transcript	X				
College transcript(s)	X				
Essay or personal statement	X				
Interview					X
Standardized test scores					X
Statement of good standing from prior institution(s)	X				

D6. Minimum high school GPA required. If a minimum high school grade point average is required of transfer applicants, specify (on a 4.0 scale): **N/A**

D7. Minimum College GPA required. If a minimum college grade point average is required of transfer applicants, specify (on a 4.0 scale): **N/A**

D8. List any other application requirements specific to transfer applicants: **Should have completed or be enrolled in college-level precalculus (with a preference for college-level calculus) and laboratory science course work.**

D9. Application specific dates. List application priority, closing, notification, and candidate reply dates for transfer students:

	Priority Date	Closing Date	Notification Date	Reply Date	Rolling Admission
Fall		6/10		7/10	X
Winter					
Spring		11/1		12/3	X
Summer					

D10. Open admission policy. Does an open admission policy, if reported, apply to transfer students? Yes ☐ No ☒

D11. Additional requirements. Describe additional requirements for transfer admission, if applicable: **Recommendation from a current or recent college-level instructor or advisor; WPI Conduct Record Release Form**

Transfer Credit Policies

D12. Lowest grade allowable for transfer credit. Report the lowest grade earned for any course that may be transferred for credit: **B-**

D13. Maximum credits transferred from two-year institutions. Report the maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a two-year institution:

- ☐ Number
☐ Unit type:

D14. Maximum credits transferred from four-year institutions. Report the maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a four-year institution:

- ☐ Number
☐ Unit type:

D15. Minimum credits to earn associate degree. Report the minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn an associate degree: **N/A**

D16. Minimum credits to earn bachelor's degree. Report the minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn a bachelor's degree: **72**

D17. Other credit policies. Describe other transfer credit policies: **Require completed Transfer Credit Review Request form and official college transcripts. Additional documentation may be required to complete the review. Courses evaluated by WPI faculty.**

Military Service Transfer Credit Policies

D18. Does your institution accept the following military/veteran transfer credits:

American Council on Education (ACE)	Yes ☐ No ☒
College Level Examination Program (CLEP)	Yes ☐ No ☒
DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)	Yes ☐ No ☒

D19. Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred based on military education evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE):

Number _____ Unit type _____

D20. Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred based on Department of Defense supported prior learning assessments (College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)):

Number _____ Unit type _____

D21. Are the military/veteran credit transfer policies published on your website?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the URL where the policy can be located: _____

D22. Describe other military/veteran transfer credit policies unique to your institution:

E. ACADEMIC OFFERINGS AND POLICIES

E1. Special study options: Please identify those programs available at your institution.

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|--|---|
| ☒ Accelerated program | ☐ Honors program |
| ☒ Cooperative education program | ☒ Independent study |
| ☒ Cross-registration | ☒ Internships |
| ☒ Distance learning | ☒ Liberal arts/career combination |
| ☒ Double major | ☒ Student-designed major |
| ☐ Dual enrollment | ☒ Study abroad |
| ☒ English as a Second Language (ESL) | ☒ Teacher certification program |
| ☐ Exchange student program (domestic) | ☒ Undergraduate research |
| ☐ External degree program | ☐ Weekend college |
| ☒ Other: <u>Completion of degree-required projects at off-campus locations (international and domestic) supervised by WPI faculty. This program requires the students to reside at the site for 2 months after having prepared for the experience for 2 months while on campus.</u> | |

E2. Removed from CDS.

E3. Required coursework. Please indicate areas in which all, or most, students are required to complete some course work prior to graduation:

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Arts/fine arts | ☒ Mathematics |
| ☐ Computer literacy | ☐ Philosophy |
| ☐ English (including composition) | ☒ Physical education |
| ☐ Foreign languages | ☒ Sciences (biological or physical) |
| ☐ History | ☒ Social science |
| ☒ Humanities | ☐ Other |

F. STUDENT LIFE

F1. First-time, first-year degree-seeking students and undergraduates enrolled. Percentages or average age of first-time, first-year degree-seeking students and degree-seeking undergraduates enrolled in **Fall 2024** who fit the following categories:

	Full-time, First-year	All Degree- Seeking
Percent who are from out of state (exclude international/nonresident aliens from the numerator and denominator)	51%	51%
Percent of men who join fraternities	26%	22%
Percent of women who join sororities	25%	27%
Percent who live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing	93%	45%
Percent who live off campus or commute	7%	55%
Percent of students age 25 and older	0%	1%
Average age of full-time students	18	20
Average age of all students (full- and part-time)	18	20

F2. Activities offered. Identify those programs available at your institution:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| ☒ Campus Ministries | ☒ Literary magazine | ☒ Radio station |
| ☒ Choral groups | ☒ Marching band | ☒ Student government |
| ☒ Concert band | ☒ Model UN | ☒ Student newspaper |
| ☒ Dance | ☒ Music ensembles | ☐ Student-run film society |
| ☒ Drama/theater | ☒ Musical theater | ☒ Symphony orchestra |
| ☒ Int'l Student Organization | ☐ Opera | ☐ Television station |
| ☒ Jazz band | ☒ Pep band | ☒ Yearbook |

F3. ROTC (program offered in cooperation with Reserve Officers' Training Corps)

Army ROTC is offered:

- ☒ On campus
☐ At cooperating institution

Naval ROTC is offered:

- ☐ On campus
☒ At cooperating institution: **College of the Holy Cross**

Air Force ROTC is offered:

- ☒ On campus
☐ At cooperating institution:

F4. Housing: Check all types of college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing available for undergraduates at your institution.

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|--|--|
| ☐ Apartments for married students | ☐ Men's residence halls |
| ☒ Apartments for single students | ☐ Special housing for international students |
| ☒ Coed residence halls | ☒ Special housing for students with disabilities |
| ☐ Cooperative housing | ☒ Theme housing |
| ☒ Fraternity/sorority housing | ☐ Women's residence halls |
| ☐ Living Learning Communities | ☒ Other housing options: <u>13 co-ed residential houses</u> |

G. ANNUAL EXPENSES

G0. Please provide the URL of your institution's net price calculator:

<https://www.wpi.edu/admissions/tuition-aid/financial-need/net-price-calculator>

Provide 2025-2026 academic year costs of attendance for the following categories that are applicable to your institution.

- ☒ Check here if your institution's **2025-2026** academic year costs of attendance are not available at this time and provide an approximate date (i.e., month/day) when your institution's final **2025-2026** academic year costs of attendance will be available:

G1. Undergraduate full-time tuition, required fees, room and board

List the typical tuition, required fees, and room and board for a full-time undergraduate student for the FULL **2025-2026** academic year (30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours for institutions that derive annual tuition by multiplying credit hour cost by number of credits). A full academic year refers to the period of time generally extending from September to June; usually equated to two semesters, two trimesters, three quarters, or the period covered by a four-one-four plan. Room and board is defined as double occupancy and 19 meals per week or the maximum meal plan. Required fees include only charges that all full-time students must pay that are *not* included in tuition (e.g., registration, health, or activity fees.) Do *not* include optional fees (e.g., parking, laboratory use).

2024-2025 Tuition & Fees	First-Year	Undergraduates
PRIVATE INSTITUTION Tuition:	\$59,700	\$59,700
PUBLIC INSTITUTION Tuition:		
In-district:		
In-state (out-of-district):		
Out-of-state:		
NONRESIDENT ALIEN Tuition:		
REQUIRED FEES:	\$1,265	\$1,065
ROOM AND BOARD (on-campus):	\$17,906	\$17,906
ROOM ONLY (on-campus):	\$10,000	\$10,000
BOARD ONLY (on-campus meal plan):	\$7,906	\$7,906

G2. Number of credits per term a student can take for the stated full-time tuition:

12 Minimum **21** Maximum

G3. Do tuition and fees vary by year of study (e.g., sophomore, junior)? Yes ☐ No ☒

G4. Do tuition and fees vary by undergraduate instructional program? Yes ☐ No ☒

G5. Provide the estimated expenses for a typical full-time undergraduate student:

2024-2025 figures shown	Residents	Commuters (living at home)	Commuters (not living at home)
Books and supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Room only			\$10,000
Board only		\$3,462	\$8,386
Transportation	varies	\$1,500	varies
Other expenses	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200

G6. Undergraduate per-credit-hour charges (tuition only):

PRIVATE INSTITUTION Tuition:	\$1,658
PUBLIC INSTITUTION Tuition:	
In-district:	
In-state (out-of-district):	
Out-of-state:	
NONRESIDENT ALIEN Tuition:	

H. FINANCIAL AID

Aid Awarded to Enrolled Undergraduates

H1. Enter total dollar amounts awarded to enrolled full-time and less than full-time degree-seeking undergraduates (using the same cohort reported in CDS Question B1, "total degree-seeking" undergraduates) in the following categories. (Note: If the data being reported are final figures for the 2023-2024 academic year (see the next item below), use the 2023-2024 academic year's CDS Question B1 cohort.) Include aid awarded to international students (i.e., those not qualifying for federal aid). Aid that is non-need-based but that was used to meet need should be reported in the need-based aid column. (For a suggested order of precedence in assigning categories of aid to cover need, see the entry for "non-need-based scholarship or grant aid" on the last page of the definitions section.) Do NOT include any aid related to the CARES Act or unique to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Indicate the academic year for which data are reported for items **H1**, **H2**, **H2A**, and **H6** below:

☐ 2024-2025 estimated ☒ 2023-2024 final

Which needs-analysis methodology does your institution use in awarding institutional aid?

☐ Federal methodology (FM) ☐ Institutional methodology (IM) ☒ Both FM and IM

	Need-based (Include non-need-based aid use to meet need)	Non-need-based (Exclude non-need-based aid use to meet need)
SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS		
Federal	\$ 4,398,143	\$0
State (i.e., all states, not only the state in which your institution is located)	\$ 1,618,550	\$0
Institutional: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants, awarded by the college, excluding athletic aid and tuition waivers (which are reported below)	\$ 85,357,955	\$ 57,900,457
Scholarships/grants from external sources (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit) not awarded by the college	\$ 4,257,277	\$ 8,044,790
<i>Total Scholarships/Grants</i>	\$95,631,925	\$65,945,247
SELF-HELP		
Student loans from all sources (excluding parent loans)	\$ 23,313,024	\$ 19,523,885
Federal Work-Study	\$ 1,799,704	
State and other (e.g., institutional) work-study/employment (Note: Excludes Federal Work-Study captured above.)	\$0	\$0
<i>Total Self-Help</i>	\$25,112,728	\$19,523,885
PARENT LOANS	\$0	\$ 10,821,657
TUITION WAIVERS	\$0	\$0
ATHLETIC AWARDS	\$0	\$0

H2. Number of Enrolled Students Awarded Aid: List the number of degree-seeking full-time and less-than-full-time undergraduates who applied for and were awarded financial aid from any source. Aid that is non-need-based but that was used to meet need should be counted as need-based aid. Numbers should reflect the cohort awarded the dollars reported in H1. Note: In the chart below, students may be counted in more than one row, and full-time freshmen should also be counted as full-time undergraduates. Do NOT include any aid related to the CARES Act or unique to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	Full-time First-time First-year	Full-time Undergrad (Incl. First- year)	Less Than Full-time Undergrad
a) Number of degree-seeking undergraduate students (CDS Item B1 if reporting on Fall 2024 cohort)	1357	5245	99
b) Number of students in line a who applied for need-based financial aid	1170	3699	24
c) Number of students in line b who were determined to have financial need	798	2855	19
d) Number of students in line c who were awarded any financial aid	798	2853	17
e) Number of students in line d who were awarded any need-based scholarship or grant aid	794	2845	16
f) Number of students in line d who were awarded any need-based self-help aid	590	2179	11
g) Number of students in line d who were awarded any non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	253	607	4
h) Number of students in line d whose need was fully met (<u>exclude PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u>)	256	680	5
i) On average, the percentage of need that was met of students who were awarded any need-based aid. Exclude any aid that was awarded in excess of need as well as any resources that were awarded to replace EFC (<u>PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u>)	81.9%	73.3%	41.3%
j) The average financial aid package of those in line d . Exclude any resources that were awarded to replace EFC (<u>PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u>)	\$ 38,924	\$ 37,984	\$ 16,880
k) Average need-based scholarship or grant award of those in line e	\$ 36,218	\$ 33,525	\$ 14,100
l) Average need-based self-help award (<u>excluding PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u>) of those in line f	\$ 3,905	\$ 5,961	\$ 5,577
m) Average need-based loan (<u>excluding PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u>) of those in line f who were awarded a need-based loan	\$ 3,175	\$ 5,135	\$ 5,577

H2A. Number of Enrolled Students Awarded Non-need-based Scholarships and Grants: List the number of degree-seeking full-time and less-than-full-time undergraduates who had no financial need and who were awarded institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid. Numbers should reflect the cohort awarded the dollars reported in H1. Note: In the chart below, students may be counted in more than one row, and full-time freshmen should also be counted as full-time undergraduates. Do NOT include any aid related to the CARES Act or unique to the COVID-19 pandemic.

	Full-time First-time First-year	Full-time Undergrad (Incl. First- year)	Less Than Full-time Undergrad
n) Number of students in line a who had no financial need and who were awarded institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid (exclude those who were awarded athletic awards and tuition benefits)	558	2347	9
o) Average dollar amount of institutional non-need-based scholarship and grant aid awarded to students in line n	\$ 22,761	\$ 22,149	\$ 13,040
p) Number of students in line a who were awarded an institutional non-need-based athletic scholarship or grant	-	-	-
q) Average dollar amount of institutional non-need-based athletic scholarships and grants awarded to students in line p	-	-	-

Note: These are the graduates and loan types to include and exclude in order to fill out CDS H4 and H5.

Include:

- 2024 undergraduate class: all students who started at your institution as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024
- only loans made to students who borrowed while enrolled at your institution
- co-signed loans

Exclude:

- students who transferred in
- money borrowed at other institutions
- parent loans
- students who did not graduate or who graduated with another degree or certificate (but no bachelor's degree)
- any aid related to the CARE Act or unique to the COVID-19 pandemic

H4. Provide the number of students in the 2024 undergraduate class who started at your institution as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Exclude students who transferred into your institution. **1,114**

H5. Number and percent of students in class (defined in H4 above) borrowing from federal, non-federal, and any loan sources, and the average (or mean) amount borrowed. NOTE: The "Average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed," is designed to provide better information about student borrowing from federal and nonfederal (institutional, state, commercial) sources. The numbers, percentages, and averages for each row should be based only on the loan source specified for the particular row. For example, the federal loans average (row b) should only be the cumulative average of federal loans and the private loans average (row e) should only be the cumulative average of private loans.

Source/Type of Loan	Number in the class (defined in H4 above) who borrowed from the types of loans specified in the first column	Percent of the class (defined above) who borrowed from the types of loans specified in the first column (nearest 1%)	Average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed from the types of loans specified in the first column (nearest \$1)
a) Any loan program: Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized, institutional, state, private loans that your institution is aware of, etc. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans	-	-	-
b) Federal loan programs: Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans	656	59%	\$ 22,553
c) Institutional loan programs	375	34%	\$ 8,639
d) State loan programs	58	5%	\$ 4,177
e) Private student loans made by a bank or lender	-	-	-

Aid to Undergraduate Degree-seeking Nonresident Aliens

(Note: Report numbers and dollar amounts for the same academic year checked in item H1.)

H6. Indicate your institution's policy regarding institutional scholarship and grant aid for undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:

- ☒ Institutional need-based scholarship or grant aid is available
- ☒ Institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid is available
- ☐ Institutional scholarship and grant aid is not available

If institutional financial aid is available for undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens, provide the number of undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens who were awarded need-based or non-need-based aid: **332**

Average dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens: **\$24,801**

Total dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens: **\$8,233,926**

H7. Check off all financial aid forms nonresident alien first-year financial aid applicants must submit:

- ☐ Institution's own financial aid form
- ☒ CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
- ☐ International Student's Financial Aid Application
- ☐ International Student's Certification of Finances
- ☐ Other

Process for First-Year Students

H8. Check off all financial aid forms domestic first-year financial aid applicants must submit:

- ☒ FAFSA
- ☐ Institution's own financial aid form
- ☒ CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
- ☐ State aid form
- ☒ Noncustodial PROFILE
- ☐ Business/Farm Supplement
- ☐ Other

H9. Indicate filing dates for first-year students:

- ☒ Priority date for filing required financial aid forms: **3/1**
- ☐ Deadline for filing required financial aid forms
- ☐ No deadline for filing required forms (applications processed on a rolling basis)

H10. Indicate notification dates for first-year students (answer a or b):

- a.) Students notified on or about (date):
- b.) Students notified on a rolling basis: Yes ☒ No ☐
Starting date: **12/15**

H11. Indicate reply dates:

Students must reply by (date) **5/1** or within ____ weeks of notification.

Types of Aid Available

Please check off all types of aid available to undergraduates at your institution:

H12. Loans

- ☒ Federal Direct Subsidized Loans
- ☒ Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans
- ☒ Federal Direct PLUS Loans
- ☐ Federal Nursing Loans
- ☒ State Loans
- ☒ College/university loans from institutional funds
- ☐ Other

H13. Need Based Scholarships and Grants

- ☒ Federal Pell
- ☒ SEOG
- ☒ State scholarships/grants
- ☒ Private scholarships
- ☒ College/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds
- ☐ United Negro College Fund
- ☐ Federal Nursing Scholarship
- ☐ Other

H14. Check off criteria used in awarding institutional aid.

	Non-Need-Based	Need-Based
Academics	X	X
Alumni affiliation		
Art		
Athletics		
Job skills		
ROTC	X	
Leadership	X	X
Minority status		
Music/drama		
Religious affiliation		
State/district residency		

H15. If your institution has recently implemented any major financial aid policy, program, or initiative to make your institution more affordable to incoming students such as replacing loans with grants, or waiving costs for families below a certain income level please provide details below:

I. INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY AND CLASS SIZE

I-1. Please report the number of instructional faculty members in each category for Fall 2024. Include faculty who are on your institution's payroll on the census date your institution uses for IPEDS/AAUP.

The following definition of full-time instructional faculty is used by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in its annual Faculty Compensation Survey (the part time definitions are not used by AAUP). Instructional Faculty is defined as those members of the instructional-research staff whose major regular assignment is instruction, including those with released time for research. Use the chart below to determine inclusions and exclusions:

	Full-time	Part-time
(a) instructional faculty in preclinical and clinical medicine, faculty who are not paid (e.g., those who donate their services or are in the military), or research-only faculty, post-doctoral fellows, or pre-doctoral fellows	Exclude	Include only if they teach one or more non-clinical credit courses
(b) administrative officers with titles such as dean of students, librarian, registrar, coach, and the like, even though they may devote part of their time to classroom instruction and may have faculty status	Exclude	Include if they teach one or more non-clinical credit courses
(c) other administrators/staff who teach one or more non-clinical credit courses even though they do not have faculty status	Exclude	Include
(d) undergraduate or graduate students who assist in the instruction of courses, but have titles such as teaching assistant, teaching fellow, and the like	Exclude	Exclude
(e) faculty on sabbatical or leave with pay	Include	Exclude
(f) faculty on leave without pay	Exclude	Exclude
(g) replacement faculty for faculty on sabbatical leave or leave with pay	Exclude	Include

Full-time instructional faculty: faculty employed on a full-time basis for instruction (including those with released time for research)

Part-time instructional faculty: adjuncts and other instructors being paid solely for part-time classroom instruction. Also includes full-time faculty teaching less than two semesters, three quarters, two trimesters, or two four-month sessions. Employees who are not considered full-time instruction faculty but who teach one or more non-clinical credit courses may be counted as part-time faculty.

Minority faculty: includes faculty who designate themselves as Black, non-Hispanic; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or Hispanic.

Doctorate: includes such degrees as Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Juridical Science, and Doctor of Public Health in any field such as arts, sciences, education, engineering, business, and public administration. Also includes terminal degrees formerly designated as "first professional," including dentistry (DDS or DMD), medicine (MD), optometry (OD), osteopathic medicine (DO), pharmacy (DPharm or BPharm), podiatric medicine (DPM), veterinary medicine (DVM), chiropractic (DC or DCM), or law (JD).

Terminal master's degree: a master's degree that is considered the highest degree in a field: example, M. Arch (in architecture) and MFA (master of fine arts in art or theater).

Instructional Faculty Headcounts as of November 1, 2024			
	Full-time	Part-time	TOTAL
a) Total number of instructional faculty	446	189	635
b) Total number who are members of minority groups	91	28	119
c) Total number who are women	147	80	227
d) Total number who are men	299	109	408
e) Total number who are nonresidents (international)	68	11	79
f) Total number with doctorate, or other terminal degree	411	95	506
g) Total number whose highest degree is a master's but not a terminal master's	21	41	62
h) Total number whose highest degree is a bachelor's	7	16	23
i) Total number whose highest degree is unknown or other	7	37	44
j) Total number in stand-alone graduate/professional programs in which faculty teach virtually only graduate-level students	0	0	0

I-2. Student to Faculty Ratio

Report the **Fall 2024** ratio of full-time equivalent students (full-time plus 1/3 part time) to full-time equivalent instructional faculty (full time plus 1/3 part time). In the ratio calculations, exclude both faculty and students in stand-alone graduate or professional programs such as medicine, law, veterinary, dentistry, social work, business, or public health in which faculty teach virtually only graduate level students. Do not count undergraduate or graduate student teaching assistants as faculty.

Fall 2024 Student to Faculty ratio: 13 to 1 (based on **6,778** Students FTE/**509** Faculty FTE).

Student FTE Calculation	Headcount	Total FTE
Full-time Students		
Undergraduate Students	5,389	-
Graduate Students	986	-
Full-time Total	6,375	6,375
Part-time Students		
Undergraduate Students	169	-
Graduate Students	1,040	-
Part-time Total	1,209	403
TOTAL	7,584	6,778

Faculty FTE Calculation	Headcount	Total FTE
Full-time Instructional Faculty	446	446
Part-time Instructional Faculty	189	63
TOTAL	635	509

I-3. Undergraduate Class Size

In the table below, please use the following definitions to report information about the size of classes and class sections offered in the **Fall 2024** term. Please include classes that have been moved online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Class Sections: A class section is an organized course offered for credit, identified by discipline and number, meeting at a stated time or times in a classroom or similar setting, and not a subsection such as a laboratory or discussion session. Undergraduate class sections are defined as any sections in which at least one degree-seeking undergraduate student is enrolled for credit. Exclude distance learning classes and noncredit classes and individual instruction such as dissertation or thesis research, music instruction, or one-to-one readings. Exclude students in independent study, co-operative programs, internships, foreign language taped tutor sessions, practicums, and all students in one-on-one classes. Each class section should be counted only once and should not be duplicated because of course catalog cross-listings.

Class Subsections: A class subsection includes any subsection of a course, such as laboratory, recitation, and discussion subsections that are supplementary in nature and are scheduled to meet separately from the lecture portion of the course. Undergraduate subsections are defined as any subsections of courses in which degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled for credit. As above, exclude noncredit classes and individual instruction such as dissertation or thesis research, music instruction, or one-to-one readings. Each class subsection should be counted only once and should not be duplicated because of cross-listings.

Using the above definitions, please report for each of the following class-size intervals the number of *class sections* and *class subsections* offered in **Fall 2024**. For example, a lecture class with 800 students who met at another time in 40 separate labs with 20 students should be counted once in the "100+" column in the class section column and 40 times under the "20-29" column of the class subsections table.

Number of Class Sections with Undergraduates Enrolled

Undergraduate Class Size

	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
CLASS SECTIONS	959	205	247	126	53	149	37	1,776

	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
CLASS SUB-SECTIONS	103	150	183	202	11	30	4	683

J. DISCIPLINARY AREAS OF DEGREES CONFERRED

Degrees conferred between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024

For each of the following discipline areas, provide the percentage of diplomas/certificates, associate, and bachelor's degrees awarded. To determine the percentage, use majors, not headcount (e.g., students with one degree but a double major will be represented twice). Calculate the percentage from your institution's IPEDS Completions by using the sum of 1st and 2nd majors for each CIP code as the numerator and the sum of the Grand Total by 1st Majors and the Grand Total by 2nd major as the denominator. If you prefer, you can compute the percentages using 1st majors only.

Category	Bachelor's*	CIP Categories
Agriculture		1
Natural resources and conservation		3
Architecture		4
Area, ethnic, and gender studies		5
Communication/journalism	0.8%	9
Communication technologies		10
Computer and information sciences	20.7%	11
Personal and culinary services		12
Education		13
Engineering	60.0%	14
Engineering technologies	0.8%	15
Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics		16
Family and consumer sciences		19
Law/legal studies		22
English		23
Liberal arts/general studies	0.4%	24
Library science		25
Biological/life sciences	5.3%	26
Mathematics and statistics	2.3%	27
Military science and military technologies		28 and 29
Interdisciplinary studies	4.9%	30
Parks and recreation		31
Philosophy and religious studies		38
Theology and religious vocations		39
Physical sciences	1.2%	40
Science technologies		41
Psychology	0.5%	42
Homeland Security, law enforcement, firefighting, and protective services		43
Public administration and social services		44
Social sciences	0.3%	45
Construction trades		46
Mechanic and repair technologies		47
Precision production		48
Transportation and materials moving		49
Visual and performing arts	1.5%	50
Health professions and related programs		51
Business/marketing	1.2%	52
History		54
Other		
TOTAL	100%	

*Calculated using sum of 1st and 2nd major

COMMON DATA SET DEFINITIONS

All definitions related to the financial aid section appear at the end of the Definitions document.

Items preceded by an asterisk (*) represent definitions agreed to among publishers which do not appear on the CDS document but may be present on individual publishers' surveys.

Additional guidance for some terms, particularly those common with the IPEDS survey, may be found here: <https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/glossary>

***Academic advisement:** Plan under which each student is assigned to a faculty member or a trained adviser, who, through regular meetings, helps the student plan and implement immediate and long-term academic and vocational goals.

Accelerated program: Completion of a college program of study in fewer than the usual number of years, most often by attending summer sessions and carrying extra courses during the regular academic term.

Admitted student: Applicant who is offered admission to a degree-granting program at your institution.

***Adult student services:** Admission assistance, support, orientation, and other services expressly for adults who have started college for the first time, or who are re-entering after a lapse of a few years.

American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and maintaining tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Applicant (first-time, first year): An individual who has fulfilled the institution's requirements to be considered for admission (including payment or waiving of the application fee, if any) and who has been notified of one of the following actions: admission, nonadmission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution).

Application fee: That amount of money that an institution charges for processing a student's application for acceptance. This amount is *not* creditable toward tuition and required fees, nor is it refundable if the student is not admitted to the institution.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Associate degree: An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.

Bachelor's degree: An award (baccalaureate or equivalent degree, as determined by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education) that normally requires at least four years but *not* more than five years of full-time equivalent college-level work. This includes ALL bachelor's degrees conferred in a five-year cooperative (work-study plan) program. (A cooperative plan provides for alternate class attendance and employment in business, industry, or government; thus, it allows students to combine actual work experience with their college studies.) Also, it includes bachelor's degrees in which the normal four years of work are completed in three years.

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Board (charges): Assume average cost for 19 meals per week or the maximum meal plan.

Books and supplies (costs): Average cost of books and supplies. Do not include unusual costs for special groups of students (e.g., engineering or art majors), unless they constitute the majority of students at your institution.

Calendar system: The method by which an institution structures most of its courses for the academic year.

Campus Ministry: Religious student organizations (denominational or nondenominational) devoted to fostering religious life on college campuses. May also refer to Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational Christian organization.

***Career and placement services:** A range of services, including (often) the following: coordination of visits of employers to campus; aptitude and vocational testing; interest inventories, personal counseling; help in resume writing, interviewing, launching the job search; listings for those students desiring employment and those seeking permanent positions; establishment of a permanent reference folder; career resource materials.

Carnegie units: One year of study or the equivalent in a secondary school subject.

Certificate: See **Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma.**

Class rank: The relative numerical position of a student in his or her graduating class, calculated by the high school on the basis of grade-point average, whether weighted or unweighted.

College-preparatory program: Courses in academic subjects (English, history and social studies, foreign languages, mathematics, science, and the arts) that stress preparation for college or university study.

Common Application: The standard application form distributed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals for a large number of private colleges who are members of the Common Application Group.

***Community service program:** Referral center for students wishing to perform volunteer work in the community or participate in volunteer activities coordinated by academic departments.

Commuter: A student who lives off campus in housing that is not owned by, operated by, or affiliated with the college. This category includes students who commute from home and students who have moved to the area to attend college.

Contact hour: A unit of measure that represents an hour of scheduled instruction given to students. Also referred to as clock hour.

Continuous basis (for program enrollment): A calendar system classification that is used by institutions that enroll students at any time during the academic year. For example, a cosmetology school or a word processing school might allow students to enroll and begin studies at various times, with no requirement that classes begin on a certain date.

Cooperative education program: A program that provides for alternate class attendance and employment in business, industry, or government.

Cooperative housing: College-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing in which students share room and board expenses and participate in household chores to reduce living expenses.

***Counseling service:** Activities designed to assist students in making plans and decisions related to their education, career, or personal development.

Credit: Recognition of attendance or performance in an instructional activity (course or program) that can be applied by a recipient toward the requirements for a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

Credit course: A course that, if successfully completed, can be applied toward the number of courses required for achieving a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

Credit hour: A unit of measure representing an hour (50 minutes) of instruction over a 15-week period in a semester or trimester system or a 10-week period in a quarter system. It is applied toward the total number of hours needed for completing the requirements of a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

Cross-registration: A system whereby students enrolled at one institution may take courses at another institution without having to apply to the second institution.

Deferred admission: The practice of permitting admitted students to postpone enrollment, usually for a period of one academic term or one year.

Degree: An award conferred by a college, university, or other postsecondary education institution as official recognition for the successful completion of a program of studies.

Degree-seeking students: Students enrolled in courses for credit who are recognized by the institution as seeking a degree or formal award. At the undergraduate level, this is intended to include students enrolled in vocational or occupational programs.

Differs by program (calendar system): A calendar system classification that is used by institutions that have occupational/vocational programs of varying length. These schools may enroll students at specific times depending on the program desired. For example, a school might offer a two-month program in January, March, May, September, and November; and a three-month program in January, April, and October.

Diploma: See **Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma.**

Distance learning: An option for earning course credit at off-campus locations via cable television, internet, satellite classes, videotapes, correspondence courses, or other means.

Doctor's degree-research/scholarship: A Ph.D. or other doctor's degree that requires advanced work beyond the master's level, including the preparation and defense of a dissertation based on original research, or the planning and execution of an original project demonstrating substantial artistic or scholarly achievement. Some examples of this type of degree may include Ed.D., D.M.A., D.B.A., D.Sc., D.A., or D.M., and others, as designated by the awarding institution.

Doctor's degree-professional practice: A doctor's degree that is conferred upon completion of a program providing the knowledge and skills for the recognition, credential, or license required for professional practice. The degree is awarded after a period of study such that the total time to the degree, including both pre-professional and professional preparation, equals at least six full-time equivalent academic years. Some of these degrees were formerly classified as "first-professional" and may include: Chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.); Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.); Law (L.L.B. or J.D.); Medicine (M.D.); Optometry (O.D.); Osteopathic Medicine (D.O); Pharmacy (Pharm.D.); Podiatry (D.P.M., Pod.D., D.P.); or, Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), and others, as designated by the awarding institution.

Doctor's degree-other: A doctor's degree that does not meet the definition of a doctor's degree - research/scholarship or a doctor's degree - professional practice.

Double major: Program in which students may complete two undergraduate programs of study simultaneously.

Dual enrollment: A program through which high school students may enroll in college courses while still enrolled in high school. Students are not required to apply for admission to the college in order to participate.

Early action plan: An admission plan that allows students to apply and be notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification dates. If admitted, the candidate is not committed to enroll; the student may reply to the offer under the college's regular reply policy.

Early admission: A policy under which students who have not completed high school are admitted and enroll full time in college, usually after completion of their junior year.

Early decision plan: A plan that permits students to apply and be notified of an admission decision (and financial aid offer if applicable) well in advance of the regular notification date. Applicants agree to accept an offer of admission and, if admitted, to withdraw their applications from other colleges. There are three possible decisions for early decision applicants: admitted, denied, or not admitted but forwarded for consideration with the regular applicant pool, without prejudice.

English as a Second Language (ESL): A course of study designed specifically for students whose native language is not English.

Exchange student program-domestic: Any arrangement between a student and a college that permits study for a semester or more at another college **in the United States** without extending the amount of time required for a degree. **See also Study abroad.**

External degree program: A program of study in which students earn credits toward a degree through independent study, college courses, proficiency examinations, and personal experience. External degree programs require minimal or no classroom attendance.

Extracurricular activities (as admission factor): Special consideration in the admissions process given for participation in both school and nonschool-related activities of interest to the college, such as clubs, hobbies, student government, athletics, performing arts, etc.

First-time student: A student attending any institution for the first time at the level enrolled. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended a postsecondary institution for the first time at the same level in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credit earned before graduation from high school).

First-time, first-year (freshman) student: A student attending any institution for the first time at the undergraduate level. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school).

First-year student: A student who has completed less than the equivalent of 1 full year of undergraduate work; that is, less than 30 semester hours (in a 120-hour degree program) or less than 900 contact hours.

Freshman: A first-year undergraduate student.

***Freshman/new student orientation:** Orientation addressing the academic, social, emotional, and intellectual issues involved in beginning college. May be a few hours or a few days in length; at some colleges, there is a fee.

Full-time student (undergraduate): A student enrolled for 12 or more semester credits, 12 or more quarter credits, or 24 or more contact hours a week each term.

Geographical residence (as admission factor): Special consideration in the admission process given to students from a particular region, state, or country of residence.

Grade-point average (academic high school GPA): The sum of grade points a student has earned in secondary school divided by the number of courses taken. The most common system of assigning numbers to grades counts four points for an A, three points for a B, two points for a C, one point for a D, and no points for an E or F. Unweighted GPA's assign the same weight to each course. Weighting gives students additional points for their grades in advanced or honors courses.

Graduate student: A student who holds a bachelor's or equivalent, and is taking courses at the post-baccalaureate level.

***Health services:** Free or low cost on-campus primary and preventive health care available to students.

High school diploma or recognized equivalent: A document certifying the successful completion of a prescribed secondary school program of studies, or the attainment of satisfactory scores on the Tests of General Educational Development (GED), or another state-specified examination.

Hispanic or Latino: A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Honors program: Any special program for very able students offering the opportunity for educational enrichment, independent study, acceleration, or some combination of these.

Independent study: Academic work chosen or designed by the student with the approval of the department concerned, under an instructor's supervision, and usually undertaken outside of the regular classroom structure.

In-state tuition: The tuition charged by institutions to those students who meet the state's or institution's residency requirements.

International student: See **Nonresident alien**.

International student group: Student groups that facilitate cultural dialogue, support a diverse campus, assist international students in acclimation and creating a social network.

Internship: Any short-term, supervised work experience usually related to a student's major field, for which the student earns academic credit. The work can be full- or part-time, on- or off-campus, paid or unpaid.

***Learning center:** Center offering assistance through tutors, workshops, computer programs, or audiovisual equipment in reading, writing, math, and skills such as taking notes, managing time, taking tests.

***Legal services:** Free or low cost legal advice for a range of issues (personal and other).

Liberal arts/career combination: Program in which a student earns undergraduate degrees in two separate fields, one in a liberal arts major and the other in a professional or specialized major, whether on campus or through cross-registration.

Master's degree: An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study of generally one or two full-time equivalent academic years of work beyond the bachelor's degree. Some of these degrees, such as those in Theology (M.Div., M.H.L./Rav) that were formerly classified as "first-professional", may require more than two full-time equivalent academic years of work.

Minority affiliation (as admission factor): Special consideration in the admission process for members of designated racial/ethnic minority groups.

***Minority student center:** Center with programs, activities, and/or services intended to enhance the college experience of students of color.

Model United Nations: A simulation activity focusing on conflict resolution, globalization, and diplomacy. Assuming roles as foreign ambassadors and "delegates," students conduct research, engage in debate, draft resolutions, and may participate in a national Model UN conference.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Nonresident alien: A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a visa or temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.

***On-campus day care:** Licensed day care for students' children (usually age 3 and up); usually for a fee.

Open admission: Admission policy under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED equivalency diplomas are admitted without regard to academic record, test scores, or other qualifications.

Other expenses (costs): Include average costs for clothing, laundry, entertainment, medical (if not a required fee), and furnishings.

Out-of-state tuition: The tuition charged by institutions to those students who do not meet the institution's or state's residency requirements.

Part-time student (undergraduate): A student enrolled for fewer than 12 credits per semester or quarter, or fewer than 24 contact hours a week each term.

***Personal counseling:** One-on-one or group counseling with trained professionals for students who want to explore personal, educational, or vocational issues.

Post-baccalaureate certificate: An award that requires completion of an organized program of study requiring 18 credit hours beyond the bachelor's; designed for persons who have completed a baccalaureate degree but do not meet the requirements of academic degrees carrying the title of master.

Post-master's certificate: An award that requires completion of an organized program of study of 24 credit hours beyond the master's degree but does not meet the requirements of academic degrees at the doctoral level.

Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma: Includes the following three IPEDS definitions for postsecondary awards, certificates, and diplomas of varying durations and credit/contact hour requirements—

Less Than 1 Academic Year: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in less than 1 academic year (2 semesters or 3 quarters) or in less than 900 contact hours by a student enrolled full-time.

At Least 1 But Less Than 2 Academic Years: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 1 but less than 2 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 30 but less than 60 credit hours, or in at least 900 but less than 1,800 contact hours.

At Least 2 But Less Than 4 Academic Years: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 2 but less than 4 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 60 but less than 120 credit hours, or in at least 1,800 but less than 3,600 contact hours.

Private institution: An educational institution controlled by a private individual(s) or by a nongovernmental agency, usually supported primarily by other than public funds, and operated by other than publicly elected or appointed officials.

Private for-profit institution: A private institution in which the individual(s) or agency in control receives compensation, other than wages, rent, or other expenses for the assumption of risk.

Private nonprofit institution: A private institution in which the individual(s) or agency in control receives no compensation, other than wages, rent, or other expenses for the assumption of risk. These include both independent nonprofit schools and those affiliated with a religious organization.

Proprietary institution: See **Private for-profit institution**.

Public institution: An educational institution whose programs and activities are operated by publicly elected or appointed school officials, and which is supported primarily by public funds.

Quarter calendar system: A calendar system in which the academic year consists of three sessions called quarters of about 12 weeks each. The range may be from 10 to 15 weeks. There may be an additional quarter in the summer.

Race/ethnicity: Category used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community. The categories do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. A person may be counted in only one group.

Race/ethnicity unknown: Category used to classify students or employees whose race/ethnicity is not known and whom institutions are unable to place in one of the specified racial/ethnic categories.

Religious affiliation/commitment (as admission factor): Special consideration given in the admission process for affiliation with a certain church or faith/religion, commitment to a religious vocation, or observance of certain religious tenets/lifestyle.

***Religious counseling:** One-on-one or group counseling with trained professionals for students who want to explore religious problems or issues.

***Remedial services:** Instructional courses designed for students deficient in the general competencies necessary for a regular postsecondary curriculum and educational setting.

Required fees: Fixed sum charged to students for items not covered by tuition and required of such a large proportion of all students that the student who does NOT pay is the exception. Do not include application fees or optional fees such as lab fees or parking fees.

Resident alien or other eligible non-citizen: A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who has been admitted as a legal immigrant for the purpose of obtaining permanent resident alien status (and who holds either an alien registration card [Form I-551 or I-151], a Temporary Resident Card [Form I-688], or an Arrival-Departure Record [Form I-94] with a notation

that conveys legal immigrant status, such as Section 207 Refugee, Section 208 Asylee, Conditional Entrant Parolee or Cuban-Haitian).

Room and board (charges)—on campus: Assume double occupancy in institutional housing and 19 meals per week (or maximum meal plan).

Secondary school record (as admission factor): Information maintained by the secondary school that may include such things as the student's high school transcript, class rank, GPA, and teacher and counselor recommendations.

Semester calendar system: A calendar system that consists of two semesters during the academic year with about 16 weeks for each semester of instruction. There may be an additional summer session.

Student-designed major: A program of study based on individual interests, designed with the assistance of an adviser.

Study abroad: Any arrangement by which a student completes part of the college program studying in another country. Can be at a campus abroad or through a cooperative agreement with some other U.S. college or an institution of another country.

***Summer session:** A summer session is shorter than a regular semester and not considered part of the academic year. It is not the third term of an institution operating on a trimester system or the fourth term of an institution operating on a quarter calendar system. The institution may have 2 or more sessions occurring in the summer months. Some schools, such as vocational and beauty schools, have year-round classes with no separate summer session.

Talent/ability (as admission factor): Special consideration given to students with demonstrated talent/abilities in areas of interest to the institution (e.g., sports, the arts, languages, etc.).

Teacher certification program: Program designed to prepare students to meet the requirements for certification as teachers in elementary, middle/junior high, and secondary schools.

Transfer applicant: An individual who has fulfilled the institution's requirements to be considered for admission (including payment or waiving of the application fee, if any) and who has previously attended another college or university and earned college-level credit.

Transfer student: A student entering the institution for the first time but known to have previously attended a postsecondary institution at the same level (e.g., undergraduate). The student may transfer with or without credit.

Transportation (costs): Assume two round trips to student's hometown per year for students in institutional housing or daily travel to and from your institution for commuter students.

Trimester calendar system: An academic year consisting of 3 terms of about 15 weeks each.

Tuition: Amount of money charged to students for instructional services. Tuition may be charged per term, per course, or per credit.

***Tutoring:** May range from one-on-one tutoring in specific subjects to tutoring in an area such as math, reading, or writing. Most tutors are college students; at some colleges, they are specially trained and certified.

Unit: a standard of measurement representing hours of academic instruction (e.g., semester credit, quarter credit, contact hour).

Undergraduate: A student enrolled in a four- or five-year bachelor's degree program, an associate degree program, or a vocational or technical program below the baccalaureate.

***Veteran's counseling:** Helps veterans and their dependents obtain benefits for their selected program and provides certifications to the Veteran's Administration. May also provide personal counseling on the transition from the military to a civilian life.

***Visually impaired:** Any person whose sight loss is not correctable and is sufficiently severe as to adversely affect educational performance.

Volunteer work (as admission factor): Special consideration given to students for activity done on a volunteer basis (e.g., tutoring, hospital care, working with the elderly or disabled) as a service to the community or the public in general.

Wait list: List of students who meet the admission requirements but will only be offered a place in the class if space becomes available.

Weekend college: A program that allows students to take a complete course of study and attend classes only on weekends.

White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

***Women's center:** Center with programs, academic activities, and/or services intended to promote an understanding of the evolving roles of women.

Work experience (as admission factor): Special consideration given to students who have been employed prior to application, whether for relevance to major, demonstration of employment-related skills, or as explanation of student's academic and extracurricular record.

FINANCIAL AID DEFINITIONS

Awarded aid: The dollar amounts offered to financial aid applicants.

Financial aid applicant: Any applicant who submits any one of the institutionally required financial aid applications/forms, such as the FAFSA.

Indebtedness: Aggregate dollar amount borrowed through any loan program (federal, state, subsidized, unsubsidized, private, etc.; excluding parent loans) while the student was enrolled at an institution. Student loans co-signed by a parent are assumed to be the responsibility of the student and should be included.

Institutional scholarships and grants: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants for which the institution determines the recipient.

Financial need: As determined by your institution using the federal methodology and/or your institution's own standards.

Need-based aid: College-funded or college-administered award from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify. This includes both institutional and non-institutional student aid (grants, jobs, and loans).

Need-based scholarship or grant aid: Scholarships and grants from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify.

Need-based self-help aid: Loans and jobs from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must demonstrate financial need to qualify.

Non-need-based scholarship or grant aid: Scholarships and grants, gifts, or merit-based aid from institutional, state, federal, or other sources (including unrestricted funds or gifts and endowment income) awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement, merit, or any other non-need-based reason. When reporting questions H1 and H2, non-need-based aid that is used to meet need should be counted as need-based aid.

Note: Suggested order of precedence for counting non-need money as need-based:

- Non-need institutional grants
- Non-need tuition waivers
- Non-need athletic awards
- Non-need federal grants
- Non-need state grants
- Non-need outside grants
- Non-need student loans
- Non-need parent loans
- Non-need work

Non-need-based self-help aid: Loans and jobs from institutional, state, or other sources for which a student need not demonstrate financial need to qualify.

Private student loans: A nonfederal loan made by a lender such as a bank, credit union or private lender used to pay for up to the annual cost of education, less any financial aid received.

External scholarships and grants: Scholarships and grants received from outside (private) sources that students bring with them (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit scholarships). The institution may process paperwork to receive the dollars, but it has no role in determining the recipient or the dollar amount awarded.

Work study and employment: Federal and state work study aid, and any employment packaged by your institution in financial aid awards.