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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
Address:	100 Institute Road Worcester, MA 01609 USA
Main Phone:	508-831-5000
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, 2025**.

	FULL-TIME		PART-TIME		TOTAL
	Men	Women	Men	Women	
Undergraduate Students					
Degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students	950	350	0	0	1,300
Other first-year, degree-seeking students	48	15	0	0	63
All other degree-seeking undergraduate students	2,740	1,150	79	21	3,990
<i>Total degree-seeking undergraduate students</i>	3,738	1,515	79	21	5,353
All other undergraduates enrolled in credit courses	23	26	41	18	108
<i>Total Undergraduate Students</i>	3,761	1,541	120	39	5,461
Graduate Students					
Degree-seeking, first-time	181	91	87	46	405
All other degree-seeking	461	251	513	239	1,464
All other graduates enrolled in credit courses	5	0	28	25	58
<i>Total Graduate Students</i>	647	342	628	310	1,927
<i>Total All Students</i>	4,408	1,883	748	349	7,388

Total All Undergraduate Students	5,461
Total All Graduate Students	1,927
<i>Grand Total of All Students</i>	7,388

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, 2025**. 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)	66	338	338
Hispanic/Latino	130	446	448
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	47	161	163
White, non-Hispanic	782	3,389	3,394
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	0	4	4
Asian, non-Hispanic	166	671	676
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	0	1	1
Two or more races, non-Hispanic	77	223	223
Race and/or ethnicity unknown	32	120	214
Total	1,300	5,353	5,461

B3. Persistence

Number of degrees awarded by your institution from **July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025**.

Certificate/diploma	
Associate degrees	
Bachelor's degrees	1,298
Post-bachelor's certificates	25
Master's degrees	867
Post-master's certificates	
Doctoral degrees – research/scholarship	87
Doctoral degrees – professional practice	
Doctoral degrees – other	
Total	2,277

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 2025-26 Survey.

In the following section for bachelor's or equivalent programs, please disaggregate the Fall 2018 and Fall 2019 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 2019 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 2019 cohort of first-time, full-time, bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students	111	418	670	1,199
B - Of the initial 2019 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	1	2
C - Final 2019 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions	111	417	669	1,197
D - Of the initial 2019 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by Aug. 31, 2023)	81	363	550	994
E - Of the initial 2019 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after Aug. 31, 2023 and by Aug. 31, 2024)	9	15	40	64
F - Of the initial 2019 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after Aug. 31, 2024 and by Aug. 31, 2025)	2	3	14	19
G - Total graduating within six years (sum of lines D, E, and F)	92	381	604	1,077
H - Six-year graduation rate for 2019 cohort (G divided by C)	83%	91%	90%	90%

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%

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 2024 (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 2024** (or the preceding summer term), what percentage was enrolled at your institution as of the date your institution calculates its official enrollment in **Fall 2025**? **95%**

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 2025**. 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 2025	Men	Women	Unknown Sex	Total
Total first-time, first-year students who applied	8,522	3,820	13	12,355
Total first-time, first-year students admitted	5,158	2,482	7	7,647
Total first-time, first-year students enrolled	948	350	2	1,300
Full-time, first-time, first-year students enrolled	948	350	2	1,300
Part-time, first-time, first-year students enrolled				

Fall 2025	In-State	Out-of-State	International	Total
Total first-time, first-year who applied	3,920	6,735	1,700	12,355
Total first-time, first-year admitted	2,571	4,414	662	7,647
Total first-time, first-year enrolled	605	629	66	1,300

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 2025** admissions:

Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list	2,293
Number accepting a place on waiting list	980
Number of wait-listed students admitted	460

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 2027**.

	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):

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAT | <input type="checkbox"/> CLEP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional Exam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAT Subject Tests | <input type="checkbox"/> State Exam |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 2025**, 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:	51%
Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class:	83%
Percent in top half of high school graduating class:	98%
Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class:	2%
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:	33%

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	60%
Percent who had GPA between 3.75 and 3.99	19%
Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74	15%

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: **88%**

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 2025 entering class:

Number of early decision applications received by your institution: **397**
Number of applicants admitted under early decision plan: **310**

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 2025 entering class:Number of early action applications received by your institution: **8,882**Number of applicants admitted under early action plan: **6,151**Number of applicants enrolled under early action plan: **858****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 2025**:

	Applicants	Admitted Applicants	Enrolled Applicants
Men	175	140	48
Women	73	58	15
Another Gender			
TOTAL	248	198	63

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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
College Level Examination Program (CLEP)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accelerated program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperative education program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cross-registration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distance learning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Double major
<input type="checkbox"/> Dual enrollment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English as a Second Language (ESL)
<input type="checkbox"/> Exchange student program (domestic)
<input type="checkbox"/> External degree program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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> | <input type="checkbox"/> Honors program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internships
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liberal arts/career combination
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student-designed major
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Study abroad
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teacher certification program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate research
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekend college |
|---|---|

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:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/fine arts
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer literacy
<input type="checkbox"/> English (including composition)
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign languages
<input type="checkbox"/> History
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Humanities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mathematics
<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical education
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sciences (biological or physical)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social science
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 2025** 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%	50%
Percent of men who join fraternities	23%	21%
Percent of women who join sororities	38%	31%
Percent who live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing	96%	44%
Percent who live off campus or commute	4%	56%
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:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Campus Ministries | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literary magazine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio station |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Choral groups | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marching band | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student government |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concert band | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Model UN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student newspaper |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music ensembles | <input type="checkbox"/> Student-run film society |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drama/theater | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Musical theater | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Symphony orchestra |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Int'l Student Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Opera | <input type="checkbox"/> Television station |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jazz band | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pep band | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apartments for married students | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's residence halls |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apartments for single students | <input type="checkbox"/> Special housing for international students |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coed residence halls | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special housing for students with disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative housing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theme housing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fraternity/sorority housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's residence halls |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living Learning Communities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 2026-2027 academic year costs of attendance for the following categories that are applicable to your institution.

- Check here if your institution's **2026-2027** 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 **2026-2027** 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 **2026-2027** 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).

2026-2027 Tuition & Fees	First-Year	Undergraduates
PRIVATE INSTITUTION Tuition:	\$63,936	\$63,936
PUBLIC INSTITUTION Tuition:		
In-district:		
In-state (out-of-district):		
Out-of-state:		
NONRESIDENT ALIEN Tuition:		
REQUIRED FEES:	\$1,502	\$1,302
ROOM AND BOARD (on-campus):	\$19,252	\$19,252
ROOM ONLY (on-campus):	\$10,660	\$10,660
BOARD ONLY (on-campus meal plan):	\$8,592	\$8,592

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:

2026-2027 figures shown	Residents	Commuters (living at home)	Commuters (not living at home)
Books and supplies	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Room only			\$10,660
Board only		\$3,690	\$9,072
Transportation	varies	\$1,500	varies
Other expenses	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200

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

PRIVATE INSTITUTION Tuition:	\$1,776
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 2024-2025 academic year (see the next item below), use the 2024-2025 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:

- 2025-2026 estimated 2024-2025 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 <small>(Include non-need-based aid use to meet need)</small>	Non-need-based <small>(Exclude non-need-based aid use to meet need)</small>
SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS		
Federal	\$ 5,701,628	\$0
State (i.e., all states, not only the state in which your institution is located)	\$ 2,397,950	\$0
Institutional: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants, awarded by the college, excluding athletic aid and tuition waivers (which are reported below)	\$ 87,552,111	\$ 65,834,081
Scholarships/grants from external sources (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit) not awarded by the college	\$ 4,415,973	\$ 7,799,314
<i>Total Scholarships/Grants</i>	\$100,067,662	\$73,633,395
SELF-HELP		
Student loans from all sources (excluding parent loans)	\$ 20,471,563	\$ 21,138,178
Federal Work-Study	\$ 1,121,691	
State and other (e.g., institutional) work-study/employment (Note: Excludes Federal Work-Study captured above.)	\$0	\$0
<i>Total Self-Help</i>	\$21,593,254	\$21,138,178
PARENT LOANS	\$0	\$ 11,220,127
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 2025 cohort)	1365	5330	117
b) Number of students in line a who applied for need-based financial aid	1188	3738	4
c) Number of students in line b who were determined to have financial need	796	2748	4
d) Number of students in line c who were awarded any financial aid	795	2746	4
e) Number of students in line d who were awarded any need-based scholarship or grant aid	794	2738	4
f) Number of students in line d who were awarded any need-based self-help aid	575	2026	4
g) Number of students in line d who were awarded any non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	230	619	0
h) Number of students in line d whose need was fully met (<u>exclude PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u>)	232	678	0
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>)	80.8%	74.0%	40.0%
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>)	\$ 39,298	\$ 40,158	\$ 21,532
k) Average need-based scholarship or grant award of those in line e	\$ 36,963	\$ 36,485	\$ 17,555
l) Average need-based self-help award (<u>excluding PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans</u>) of those in line f	\$ 3,291	\$ 5,122	\$ 3,976
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	\$ 2,796	\$ 4,569	\$ 3,687

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)	561	2499	1
o) Average dollar amount of institutional non-need-based scholarship and grant aid awarded to students in line n	\$ 24,266	\$ 23,660	\$ 17,000
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:

- 2025 undergraduate class: all students who started at your institution as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025
- 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 2025 undergraduate class who started at your institution as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Exclude students who transferred into your institution. **1,241**

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	729	59%	\$ 23,446
c) Institutional loan programs	336	27%	\$ 9,060
d) State loan programs	57	5%	\$ 5,247
e) Private student loans made by a bank or lender	-	-	-

Aid to Undergraduate Degree-seeking Nonresidents

(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 nonresidents:

- 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 nonresidents, provide the number of undergraduate degree-seeking nonresidents who were awarded need-based or non-need-based aid: **325**

Average dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresidents: **\$26,749**

Total dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresidents: **\$8,693,352**

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

- Institution's own financial aid form
- CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
- Other (specify):

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 (specify):

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 (specify):

H13. Need Based Scholarships and Grants

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

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	X	

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 2025. 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, 2025			
	Full-time	Part-time	TOTAL
a) Total number of instructional faculty	435	221	656
b) Total number who are members of minority groups	94	31	125
c) Total number who are women	148	84	232
d) Total number who are men	287	137	424
e) Total number who are nonresidents (international)	67	15	82
f) Total number with doctorate, or other terminal degree	406	113	519
g) Total number whose highest degree is a master's but not a terminal master's	21	54	75
h) Total number whose highest degree is a bachelor's	7	24	31
i) Total number whose highest degree is unknown or other	1	30	31
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 2025** 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 2025 Student to Faculty ratio: 13 to 1 (based on 6,657 Students FTE/509 Faculty FTE).

Student FTE Calculation	Headcount	Total FTE
Full-time Students		
Undergraduate Students	5,302	-
Graduate Students	989	-
Full-time Total	6,291	6,291
Part-time Students		
Undergraduate Students	159	-
Graduate Students	938	-
Part-time Total	1,097	366
TOTAL	7,388	6,657

Faculty FTE Calculation	Headcount	Total FTE
Full-time Instructional Faculty	435	435
Part-time Instructional Faculty	221	74
TOTAL	656	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 2025** 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 2025**. 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	915	233	252	113	55	151	34	1,753

	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
CLASS SUB-SECTIONS	97	152	187	184	7	24	4	655

J. DISCIPLINARY AREAS OF DEGREES CONFERRED

Degrees conferred between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025

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	0.6%	9
Communication technologies		10
Computer and information sciences	20.5%	11
Personal and culinary services		12
Education		13
Engineering	56.6%	14
Engineering technologies	1.1%	15
Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics		16
Family and consumer sciences		19
Law/legal studies		22
English		23
Liberal arts/general studies	0.3%	24
Library science		25
Biological/life sciences	6.6%	26
Mathematics and statistics	2.1%	27
Military science and military technologies		28 and 29
Interdisciplinary studies	5.6%	30
Parks and recreation		31
Philosophy and religious studies		38
Theology and religious vocations		39
Physical sciences	2.3%	40
Science technologies		41
Psychology	0.3%	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	2.1%	50
Health professions and related programs		51
Business/marketing	1.4%	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.