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GENERAL INFORMATION

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If yes, please provide the URL of the corresponding Web page: <http://www.unco.edu/obia/index.html>

A0A. We invite you to indicate if there are items on the CDS for which you cannot use the requested analytic convention, cannot provide data for the cohort requested, whose methodology is unclear, or about which you have questions or comments in general. This information will not be published but will help the publishers further refine CDS items.

A1. Address Information

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If there is a separate URL for your school's online application, please specify: www.unco.edu/decide.html
If you have a mailing address other than the above to which applications should be sent, please provide:

A2. Source of institutional control (check one only)

- Public
 Private (nonprofit)
 Proprietary

A3. Classify your undergraduate institution:

- Coeducational college
 Men's college
 Women's college

A4. Academic year calendar

- Semester 4-1-4
 Quarter Continuous
 Trimester Differs by program (describe):
 Other (describe):

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A5. Degrees offered by your institution

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Postbachelor's certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Master's |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post-master's certificate
(Specialist) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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B5. Of the initial **2002** cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, or service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:

_____ 2 _____

B6. Final **2002** cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions: _____ 1940 _____

B5. Of the initial **2003** cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, or service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:

_____ 0 _____

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

C1. First-time, first-year (freshman) students: Provide the number of degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled (full- or part-time) in fall 2009. 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.

Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who applied	<u>2,407</u>
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who applied	<u>3,729</u>
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who were admitted	<u>2,163</u>
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who were admitted	<u>3,498</u>
Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	<u>920</u>
Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	<u>16</u>
Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	<u>1,393</u>
Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	<u>22</u>

C2. Freshman 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 2009 admissions:

Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list _____
 Number accepting a place on the waiting list _____
 Number of wait-listed students admitted _____

Is your waiting list ranked?

If yes, do you release that information to students?

Do you release that information to school counselors?

Admission Requirements

C3. High school completion requirement

Check the appropriate box to identify your high school completion requirement for degree-seeking entering students:

- 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

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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.

	Units Required	Units Recommended
Total academic units	15	
English	4	
Mathematics	3	4
Science	3	

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Level of applicant's interest

SAT and ACT Policies

C8. Entrance exams

A. 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

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

- SAT
- ACT
- SAT Subject Tests
- AP
- CLEP
- Institutional Exam
- State Exam (specify): _____

Freshman Profile

Provide percentages for **ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, full-time and part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students** enrolled in fall 2009, including students who began studies during summer, international students/nonresident aliens, and students admitted under special arrangements.

C9. Percent and number of first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in fall 2009 who submitted national standardized (SAT/ACT) test scores. 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.

The 25th percentile is the score that 25 percent scored at or below; the 75th percentile score is the one that 25 percent scored at or above.

Percent submitting SAT scores 19.1%

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C10. Percent of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) 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	<u>11%</u>
Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class	<u>33%</u>
Percent in top half of high school graduating class	<u>69%</u>
Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class	<u>31%</u>
Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduating class	<u>5%</u>
Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted high school class rank:	<u>89%</u>

C11. Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) 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 3.75 and higher	<u>18%</u>
Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74	<u>13%</u>
Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49	<u>15%</u>
Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24	<u>17%</u>
Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99	<u>28%</u>
Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.49	<u>9%</u>
Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99	<u>0%</u>
Percent who had GPA below 1.0	<u>0%</u>
	100%

C12. Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted GPA:
3.19

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D. TRANSFER ADMISSION

Fall Applicants

D1. Does your institution enroll transfer students? Yes No

(If no, please skip to Section E)

If yes, may transfer students earn advanced standing credit by transferring credits earned from course work completed at other colleges/universities? Yes No

D2. Provide the number of students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled as degree-seeking transfer students in fall 2009.

	Applicants	Admitted Applicants	Enrolled Applicants
Men	475	447	308
Women	661	645	391
Total	1,136	1,092	699

Application for Admission

D3. Indicate terms for which transfers may enroll:

Fall Winter Spring Summer

D4. Must a transfer applicant have a minimum number of credits completed or else must apply as an entering freshman?

Yes No

If yes, what is the minimum number of credits and the unit of measure? One semester hour

D5. 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

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- D9.** List application priority, closing, notification, and candidate reply dates for transfer students. If applications are reviewed on a continuous or rolling basis, place a check mark in the “Rolling admission” column.

E. ACADEMIC OFFERINGS AND POLICIES

E1. Special study options: Identify those programs available at your institution. Refer to the glossary for definitions.

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

E2. Has been removed from the CDS.

E3. Areas in which all or most st

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G. ANNUAL EXPENSES

Provide 2010-2011 academic year costs of attendance for the following categories that are applicable to your institution.

Check here if your institution's 2010-2011 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 2010-2011 academic year costs of attendance will be available: July 1, 2010

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 2010-2011 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).

	FIRST-YEAR	UNDERGRADUATES	GRADUATE*
PRIVATE INSTITUTION Tuition:	--	--	--
PUBLIC INSTITUTION Tuition:	\$4,296.00**	\$4,296.00**	\$5,769.82
In-district:			
In-state (out-of-district):	\$4,296.00**	\$4,296.00**	\$5,769.82
Out-of-state:	\$13,344.00	\$13,344.00	\$13,846.90
NONRESIDENT ALIEN: Tuition:	\$13,344.00	\$13,344.00	\$13,846.90
REQUIRED FEES:	\$1155.00	\$1155.00	\$948.78
ROOM AND BOARD: (on-campus)	\$8,370.00	\$8,230.00	--
ROOM ONLY: (on-campus)	\$3,950.00	\$3,810.00	--
BOARD ONLY: (on-campus meal plan)	\$4,420.00	\$4,420.00	--

Comprehensive tuition and room and board fee (if your college cannot provide separate tuition and room and board fees): _____

Other: Refer to www.unco.edu/costs for more detailed information regarding differential tuition for undergraduate and graduate programs.

*Graduate tuition rates are averaged across colleges and programs based on a 9 credit hour load per semester.

** In-State/In-District tuition is reported with the COF Stipend.

G2. Number of credits per term a student can take for the stated full-time tuition 12 minimum 16 maximum

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

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

	Residents	Commuters (living at home)	Commuters (not living at home)
Books and supplies:	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Room only:			--
Board only:		--	--

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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 2008-2009 academic year (see the next item below), use the 2008-2009 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.)

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

2009-2010 estimated or 2008-2009 final

Which needs-analysis methodology does your institution use in awarding institutional aid? (Formerly H3)

- 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	7,713,115	544,224
State (i.e., all states, not only the state in which your institution is located)	7,185,707	293,591
Institutional: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants, awarded by the college, excluding athletic aid and tuition waivers (which are reported below).	1,257,163	6,260,083
Scholarships/grants from external sources (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit) not awarded by the college	522,495	3,684,930
Total Scholarships/Grants	16,678,480	10,782,828
Self-Help		
Student loans from all sources (excluding parent loans)	15,196,471	22,217,097
Federal Work-Study	530,520	
State and other (e.g., institutional) work-study/employment (Note: Excludes Federal Work-Study captured above.)	1,341,638	1,357,341
Total Self-Help	17,068,629	23,574,438
Parent Loans		16,821,367
Tuition Waivers Note: Reporting is optional. Report tuition waivers in this row if you choose to report them. Do not report tuition waivers elsewhere.		
Athletic Awards	3,525	2,634,117

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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.

	First-time Full-time Freshmen	Full-time Undergrad (Incl. Fresh)	Less Than Full-time Undergrad
a) Number of degree-seeking undergraduate students (CDS Item B1 if reporting on Fall 2009 cohort)	2066	8871	1160
b) Number of students in line a who applied for need-based financial aid	1810	6850	405
c) Number of students in line b who were determined to have financial need	961	4009	248
d) Number of students in line c who were awarded any financial aid	915	3912	247
e) Number of students in line d who were awarded any need-based scholarship or grant aid	739	3150	165
f) Number of students in line d who were awarded any need-based self-help aid	689	3111	193

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Note: These are the graduates and loan types to include and exclude in order to fill out CDS H4, H4a, H5 and H5a.

Include:

- * 2009 undergraduate class who graduated between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 who started at your institution as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.
* only loans made to students who borrowed while enrolled at your institution.
* co-signed loans.

Exclude:

- * those who transferred in.
* money borrowed at other institutions.

H4. Provide the percentage of the class (defined above) who borrowed at any time through any loan programs (institutional, state, Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized, private loans that were certified by your institution, etc.; exclude parent loans). Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans. _____%

H4a. Provide the percentage of the class (defined above) who borrowed at any time through federal loan programs--Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans. NOTE: exclude all institutional, state, private alternative loans and parent loans. _____%

H5. Report the average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed of those in line H4. \$ _____

H5a. Report the average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed, of those in H4a, through federal loan programs--Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans. These are listed in line H4a. NOTE: exclude all institutional, state, private alternative loans and exclude parent loans.\$ _____

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:

- [X] 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: _____

Average dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens: \$ _____

Total dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens: \$ _____

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
[X] International Student's Certification of Finances
[X] Other: Financial Statement for International Students Form

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Process for First-Year/Freshman Students

H8. Check off all financial aid forms domestic first-year (freshman) 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 (freshman) students:

Priority date for filing required financial aid forms: March 1st

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 (freshman) students (answer a or b):

a.) Students notified on or about (date): _____

b.) Students notified on a rolling basis: yes/no If yes, starting date: April 15

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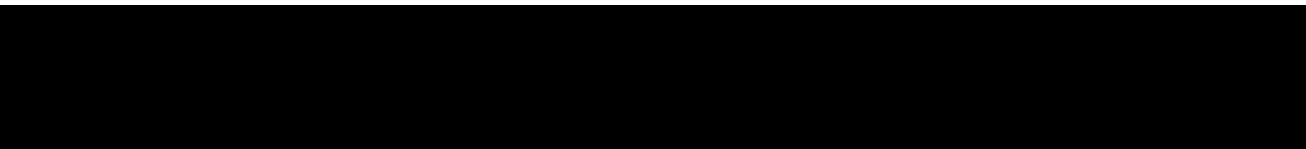
H13. Scholarships and Grants

NEED-BASED:

- 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 (specify): _____

H14. Check off criteria used in awarding institutional aid. Check all that apply.

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



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I. INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY AND CLASS SIZE

I-1. Please report the number of instructional faculty members in each category for fall 2009. 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 Associati

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	Full-time	Part-time	Total
a.) Total number of instructional faculty	491	214	705
b.) Total number who are members of minority groups	53	14	67
c.) Total number who are women	243	145	388
d.) Total number who are men	248	69	317

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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 2009 term.

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,

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Health professions and related sciences	-	-	11%	51
Business/marketing	-	-	14%	52
History	-	-	4%	54
Other	-	-	-	
TOTAL	0%	0%	100%	

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.

***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:

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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.

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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 favor ITJ/TT1 1 h s.988 0 Td[(21vi co013 T(1(y en.001d)Tj/004 Tw 0)4(si)4(on w

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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: A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South 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.

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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 admi

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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

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.

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