

GENERAL INFORMATION

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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 This information will not be published but will help the publishers further refine CDS items.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

Name of College or University Towson University
Mailing Address, City/State/Zip/Country 8000 York Rd. Towson, MD. 21252
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If there is a separate URL for your school's online application, please specify:
www.applyweb.com/apply/towson/menu.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

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate | <input checked="" 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doctoral degree
research/scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doctoral degree –
professional practice |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral degree -- other |

B. ENROLLMENT AND PERSISTENCE

B1. Institutional Enrollment—Men and Women Provide numbers of students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of **October 15, 2011**. Note: Report students formerly designated as "first professional" in the graduate cells.

	FULL-TIME		PART-TIME	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Undergraduates				
Degree-seeking, first-time freshmen	900	1642	1	0
Other first-year, degree-seeking	373	570	70	59
All other degree-seeking	4728	7212	764	819
Total degree-seeking	6001	9424	835	878

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entered your institution during the summer term preceding Fall 2004

B4. Initial 2004 cohort of first-time, full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students; total all students: _____

B5. Of the initial 2004 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:

B6. Final 2004

entered your institution during the summer term preceding Fall 2005

B4. Initial 2005 cohort of first-time, full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students; total all students: 2,318

B5. Of the initial 2005 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:

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(Subtract question B13 from question B12)

B15. Completers of programs of less than two years duration (total): _____

B16. Completers of programs of less than two years within 150 percent of normal time: _____

B17. Completers of programs of at least two but less than four years (total): _____

(Subtract question B13 from question B12)

B15. Completers of programs of less than two years duration (total): _____

B16. Completers of programs of less than two years within 150 percent of normal time: _____

B17. Completers of programs of at least two but less than four years (total): _____

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 2011. 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	5,847
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who applied	10,033
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who were admitted	2,914
Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who were admitted	5,696
Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	900
Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	1
Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	1,642
Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	0

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 2011 admissions:

Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list	1843
Number accepting a place on the waiting list	n/a
Number of wait-listed students admitted	158

Is your waiting list ranked? NO

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.

SAT and ACT Policies

C8. Entrance exams

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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 2011, 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 2011 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	94%	Number submitting SAT scores	2389
Percent submitting ACT scores	20%	Number submitting ACT scores	504

	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
SAT Critical Reading	490	580
SAT Math	500	590
SAT Writing	500	590
SAT Essay		
ACT Composite	21	25
ACT Math	20	25
ACT English	21	25
ACT Writing	7	8

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

	SAT Critical Reading	SAT Math	SAT Writing
700-800	1%	2%	2%
600-699	19%	22%	21%
500-599	54%	53%	56%
400-499	25%	22%	20%
300-399	1%	1%	1%
200-299	0%	0%	0%
	100%	100%	100%

	ACT Composite	ACT English	ACT Math

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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	22%	
Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class	58%	
Percent in top half of high school graduating class	91%	} Top half + bottom half = 100%.
Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class	9%	
Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduating class	1%	
Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted high school class rank: 52%		

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	37%
Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74	24%
Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49	26%
Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24	11%
Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99	2%
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%
	100%

C12. Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted GPA: 3.62

Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted high school GPA: 95%

Admission Policies

C13. Application fee

Does your institution have an application fee? Yes No
 Amount of application fee: \$45
 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: YES

Free: _____

Reduced: _____

Can on-line 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): 2/15
 Priority date: 12/1

C15. Are first-time, first-year students accepted for terms other than the fall? Yes No

C16. Notification to applicants of admission decision ser (fill in one only)

On a rolling basis beginning (date): 10/15

By (date): _____

Other: _____

C17. Reply policy for admitted applicants(fill in one only)

Must reply by (date): 5/1

No set date: _____

Must reply by May 1 or within 2 weeks if notified thereafter

Other: _____

Deadline for housing deposit (MMDD): 05/01

Amount of housing deposit: \$350

Refundable if student does not enroll?

___ Yes, in full

___ Yes, in part

X No

C18. Deferred admission:Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after admission?

Yes No

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If yes, maximum period of postponement: 1 YEAR

C19. Early admission of high school studentsDoes 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

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 2011.

	Applicants	Admitted Applicants	Enrolled Applicants
Men	2,237	1,188	753
Women	3,148	1,887	1,088
Total	5,385	3,075	1,841

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? _____

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	

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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.

	Priority Date	Closing Date	Notification Date	Reply Date	Rolling Admission
Fall		2/15		5/1	X
Winter					
Spring		11/15		12/1	X

E. ACADEMIC OFFERINGS AND POLICIES

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

Accelerated program

Honors program

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

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| <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 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"/> International Student
Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Opera | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Television station |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |

G. ANNUAL EXPENSES

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

Provide 2012-2013 academic year costs of attendance for the following categories that are applicable to your institution.

- Check here if your institution's 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 academic year costs of attendance will be available: July 15th, 2012

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 2012-2013 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

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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)
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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 2010-2011 academic year (see the next item below), use the 2010-2011 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:

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H2. Number of Enrolled Students Awarded Aid:

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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:

- * 2011 undergraduate class who graduated between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 who started at your institution as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.
- * 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. ___57%

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. ___56%

H5. Report the average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed of those in line H4. \$22,072__

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. \$ 16,768_

Aid to Undergraduate Degree-seeking Nonresident Aliens (Note: Report numbers and dollar amounts for the same academic year checked in item H1.)

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

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

If institutional financial aid is available for undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens, provide the number of undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens who were awarded need-based or non-need-based aid: 80

Average dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens: \$ 8,800

Total dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens: \$ 703,957

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

- Institution's own financial aid form
- CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
- International Student's Financial Aid Application
- International Student's Certification of Finances
- Other: Search for TU International Scholarships at: www.towson.edu/ScholarshipSeeker/

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: Some TU and State of Maryland scholarships require additional applications.
For information on these scholarships,

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Other (specify): _____

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

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

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 2011**. 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

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	Full-time	Part-time	Total
a.) Total number of instructional faculty	841	830	1671
b.) Total number who are members of minority groups	134	108	242
c.) Total number who are women	459	450	909
d.) Total number who are men	382	380	762
e.) Total number who are nonresident aliens (international)	19	6	25
f.) Total number with doctorate, or other terminal degree	628	214	842
g.) Total number whose highest degree is a master's but not a terminal master's	198	500	698
h.) Total number whose highest degree is a bachelor's	11	109	120
i.) Total number whose highest degree is unknown or other (Note: Items f, g, h, and i must sum up to item a.)	4	7	11
j.) Total number in stand-alone graduate/professional programs in which faculty teach virtually only graduate-level students			

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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 2011 term.

Class Sections: A class section is an organized course offered for

J. Disciplinary areas of DEGREES CONFERRED

Degrees conferred between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011

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

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Transportation and materials moving			0	49
Visual and performing arts			6.2	50
Health professions and related programs			9.5	51
Business/marketing			18.0	52
History			2.2	54
Other				
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	

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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

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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.

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.

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***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):

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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 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, non-Hispanic: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East (except those of Hispanic origin).

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

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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 aidCollege-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 aidScholarships and grants from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify.

Need-based self-help aidLoans 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 aidScholarships 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 aidLoans and jobs from institutional, state, or other sources for which a student need not demonstrate financial need to qualify.

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