

# GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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<b>Term/Acronym</b>	<b>Definition</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Scholars	Scholarship program for low-income Indiana residents
AACRAO	American Association of College registrars and Admissions Officers
AAHE	American Association for Higher Education
AAUDE	Association of American Universities Data Exchange
AAUP	American Association of University Professors
ABET	Accreditation Board Engineering Technology
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.
Academic Degree Program	Federally recognized CIP code or state assigned six-digit code, identifying the program to which the student has been accepted.
Academic Degree Program Extension	Specifically indentifies student program intentions (e.g., accepted at the campus with intent to complete, non-credit or continuing education, etc).
Academic Year (AY)	Academic year begins in summer session and concludes in the spring semester. For example, the 2007-08 academic year is comprised of the Summer Session 2007, the First (Fall) Semester 2007-08, and the Second (Spring) Semester 2007-08.
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.

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ACE	American Council on Education
ACT	American College Test
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.
AHD	Academic Honors Diploma
AIR	Association for Institutional Research
ALC	Academic Learning Center
ALPU	Association of Public Land-Grant Universities. <i>Previously known as NASULGC.</i>
Alumni	Anyone who has attended or has graduated from a school, college, or university. This includes graduates and former students for whom we have an active address (i.e., they are neither deceased nor "lost").
American Indian or Alaska Native	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.
API	Academic Program Inventory contains all programs offered by public higher education institutions.
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 been notified of one of the following actions: admission, non admission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution).

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Application Fee	That amount of money that an institution charges for processing a student's application for acceptance. This amount is <i>not</i> creditable toward tuition and required fees, nor is it refundable if the student is not admitted to the institution.
APSAC	Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Committee
AQIP	Academic Quality Improvement Program
ARP	Academic Recovery Program
Asian or Pacific Islander	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or Pacific Islands. This includes people from China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, American Samoa, India, and Vietnam.
Associate Degree	An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.
Baccalaureate	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 <i>not</i> 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.
BANNER	Student Information System
Beginners	Degree seeking undergraduate students enrolled in the fall semester that began this semester or began in either of the preceding summer sessions.
Benchmark	A measurement or evaluative strategy which is used to compare Purdue University's performance to other universities. The comparison is external.

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Black, non-Hispanic	A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa (except those of Hispanic origin).
Board (charges)	Assume average cost for 19 meals per week or the maximum meal plan.
Books and supplies (cost)	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 (e.g., semester, quarter, etc.).
Campus	Federally recognized campus that has obtained a FICE code or Unit ID.
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.
Campus Reports	Reports submitted to the Commission for Higher Education for analysis and statistical reporting. Institutions with multi-campus submit a report for each campus (e.g., Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana has fourteen campus reports).
Campus Residence	The type of residency the student maintains (e.g., on-campus, off-campus, etc.).
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.
CCSAC	Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee

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CEEB	College Entrance Examination Board
Census Date	Date at which enrollments are “frozen” for reporting purposes. Typically reflects the end of the first week of classes and/or the end of the drop/add period for course registrations to allow for full refunds.
Certificate	A formal award certifying the satisfactory completion of a postsecondary education program. Students enrolled in technical coursework of two years or less in length and below the associate degree level.
CIP Code	Classification of Instructional Program. A six-digit code in the form xx.xxxx that identifies instructional program specialties within educational institutions.
Citizenship	The legal country affiliation of the student.
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.
Class Section	A Class Section, or Class, consists of one or more Course Sections meeting with the same instructor(s) at a common time. A class is the actual physical group of students and instructors that meet together, including Course Sections that are conjoined or normally meet with each other as part of an institutional offering, such as honors or regular Course Sections sharing a common lecture.
Class Standing	The level equivalent with the number of hours completed, i.e. sophomore or senior
CODO	Change of Degree Objectives
Cohort	Federal definition of a cohort used in compliance reporting for retention and graduation rates: A degree-seeking undergraduate who is enrolled in the fall term who either matriculated in that fall term or in any one of the previous summer sessions. A group of individuals having a common factor (such as age or class membership).

Cohort Identifier	Flag indicating the student is a first-time, full-time, degree seeking student. Students may have accumulated hours with dual enrollment or dual credit, but should be reported with the fall cohort if the student is entering college for the first time.
College Work-Study Program	CWS provides part-time employment to eligible postsecondary students to help meet educational expenses. The program provides grants to institutions for partial reimbursement of wages paid to students.
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.
Continuing	Students previously accepted by the institution that do not have to reapply through admissions (includes non-degree seeking students)
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.

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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.
Core 40	The state of Indiana’s mandated education expectations for high school students. All students who wish to attend public colleges and universities in Indiana must meet the curriculum requirements of Core 40.
Counseling Service	Activities designed to assist students in making plans and decisions related to their education, career, or personal development.
Course Section	A group of students meeting together with and instructor(s) to complete the requirements of a formal instructional offering identified by a specific subject and course number.
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	The semester hour is the unit of University academic credit that represents approximately three hours of work per week by an average student throughout a normal semester, or its equivalent in total work for short courses.
Cross-registration	A system whereby students enrolled at one institution may take courses at another institution without having to apply to the second institution.
CSRDE	Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange
CTIS	Computer Information Technology Services
Cumulative Grade Point Average	The student’s grade point average (GPA) from enrollment to last term attended. Based on a four-point grading scale where, A= 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, and F = 0. Six-point grading scales are converted for reporting purposes.

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CUPA	College & University Personnel Administration
Data Digest	The Data Digest is the official source of West Lafayette data. It provides information on general facts and figures, student data, instruction and student life, faculty and staff data, finance, facilities, and research. The compilation of the Data Digest has organized Purdue University data collection and management at the university level, and can help guide data collection efforts at the school and departmental levels as they begin implementation of their individual strategic plans.
Date of Birth	The birth-date the student reports.
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 Level	Federally recognized degree levels (e.g., Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, etc.).
Degree Works	Web-based advising, degree audit tool
Degree-Seeking Student	Students enrolled in courses for credit that are recognized by the institution as seeking a degree or formal award.
Dependency Status	The student's dependency upon parental support. Codes are consistent with the Congressional Methodology Definitions.
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.

Distance Learning	An option for earning course credit at off-campus locations via cable television, internet, satellite classes, videotapes, correspondence courses, or other means.
Distinguished and Named Professors	Individuals whose achievements in scholarship or research have been internationally recognized or who have made a unique contribution to the University through scholarship, research, teaching, or leadership functions.
Doctoral Degree	The highest award a student can earn for graduate study. The doctoral degree classification includes such degrees as Doctor of Education, Doctor of Juridical Science, Doctor of Public Health, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in any field such as agronomy, food technology, education, engineering, public administration, ophthalmology, or radiology. For the Doctor of Public Health degree, the prior degree is generally earned in the closely related field of medicine or in sanitary engineering.
DOE	Department of Education
Domestic Minority	Total minorities divided by total domestic students
Domestic Students	Includes only U.S. citizens, U.S. territories, and residents abroad (excludes international)
Double Major	Program in which students may complete two undergraduate programs of study simultaneously.
DSS	Decision Support System is part of Management Information's WAI project.
Dual Credit	Students enrolled in high school that are taking college level classes that are accepted for credit at both the high school and postsecondary institution.
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.

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Dual Level Courses	Courses numbered 500-599 that may be taken by either graduate or undergraduate students.
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.
ECET	Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology
EDPS	Education and Professional Studies
English as a Second Language (ESL)	A course of study designed specifically for students whose native language is not English.
Entry Type	Identifies the student's method of entry (e.g., first-time entry, transfer, etc.)
Equity in Athletics	The Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act requires co-educational institutions of postsecondary education that participate in a Title IV, federal student financial assistance program, and have an intercollegiate athletic program, to prepare an annual report to the Department of Education on athletic participation, staffing, and revenues and expenses, by men's and women's teams.

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Ethnicity	Categories developed in 1997 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that are 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. The designations are used to categorize U.S. citizens, resident aliens, and other eligible non-citizens.
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.
Exclusion	Students who are eliminated from cohort tracking studies for accepted reasons, i.e. death, military service.
EXL	Experiential Learning
Extension Centers	Sites or centers outside the confines of the parent institution where courses are offered that are part of an organized program at the parent institution. The sites are not considered to be temporary, but may be rented or made available to the institution at no cost by another institution or an organization, agency, or firm.
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.
Fact Book	The institution's compendium of facts and figures regarding budget, enrollments, degrees, faculty and staff, facilities, etc.
FACTS	External Tuition Management Company

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Federal Gift Aid, Other	This field contains student gift aid from federal programs (exclusive of the Pell, SEOG, and Veteran's Training Program funding).
Federal Grants	Grants provided by federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Education, including Title IV Pell Grants and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG). Also includes need-based and merit-based educational assistance funds and training vouchers provided from other federal agencies and/or federally-sponsored educational benefits programs, including the Veteran's Administration, Department of Labor, and other federal agencies. (Used for reporting on the Student's Financial Aid component).
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FICE Code	A 6-digit identification code originally created by the Federal Interagency Committee on Education. The code was used to identify all schools doing business with the Office of Education during the early sixties. This code is no longer used in IPEDS; it has been replaced by the Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE) ID code.
Financial Aid	Grants, loans, assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, tuition waivers, tuition discounts, veteran's benefits, employer aid (tuition reimbursement) and other monies (other than from relatives/friends) provided to students to meet expenses. This includes Title IV subsidized and unsubsidized loans made directly to students.
Financial Aid Data Status	SIS Flag determining if the student received financial aid during the fiscal year.
First Professional Degree	An award in one of the following fields: Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.), Law (L.L.B. or J.D.), Medicine (M.D.), or Optometry (O.D.)
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).

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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.
FISAP	Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate
Fiscal Year	A 12-month period running from July 1 through the following June 30. Fiscal years are designated by the year in which the FY ends and not the year the FY begins.
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.
FTE	<p>Full-Time Equivalent for Students is a measurement equal to one student enrolled full time for an academic period. Two common formulas are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) For undergraduates, total credits are divided by 15 for the semester measure and 30 for the annual measure. For graduate students (master's, doctoral, and non-degree), the divisors are 12 for semester and 24 for the annual measure.</li> <li>2) Full-time students plus one-third of the part-time students. This formula is also used to calculate the FTE for faculty and staff.</li> </ol>
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.
FY	Fiscal Year

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FYE	Freshman Year Experience
GED	This term normally refers to the tests of General Educational Development (GED), which provide an opportunity to earn a high school credential. The GED program, sponsored by the American Council on Education, enables individuals to demonstrate that they have acquired a level of learning comparable to that of high school graduates.
Gender	Sex reported by student.
Geographical Residence (as admissions factor)	Special consideration in the admission process given to students from a particular region, state, or country of residence.
Gift Aid	All aid not requiring repayment, i.e. scholarships and grants
Grade Index/Semester Grade Index	A grade average determined by weighting each grade received during a given semester by the number of semester hours of credit in each course.
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 first-professional degree, or equivalent, is taking courses at the post-baccalaureate level, and is admitted to a graduate or first-professional program.
Graduate: Other	This achievement objective is not intended to be a necessary or logical step between the master's and doctoral levels. Medical students completing their residency and internship requirements should be identified in this category, although the campus need not distinguish between resident and intern-type student.
GRE	Graduate Record Examinations

Headcount	The count of enrolled students, which does not include any duplicates.
Health Services	Free or low cost on-campus primary and preventive health care available to students.
High School CEEB Code	College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) Secondary/Junior Colleges Code for the student's high school of graduation.
High School Date of Graduation	The month and year of the student's graduation from high school.
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.
High School Diploma Type	The type of diploma the student received upon high school graduation (e.g., Regular, honors, etc.).
High School Rank	Based on the student's high school grade point average relative to the rest of the student's graduating classmates.
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.
Housing Status	The student's residency while enrolled that applies only to those students where financial aid was made available.
IACRAO	Indiana Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
ICHE	Indiana Commission for Higher Education MI consolidates data from both Registrar and DFA for all Purdue campuses. Yearly reports are due in Sept. for the previous academic year.

Income	The combined taxable (AGI) and non-taxable income received by the student or the student's parents, consistent with student Congressional Methodology definitions.
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.
Indiana Gift Aid, Other	Gift aid awarded to a student during the fiscal period (e.g., Hoosier scholarship, Vocational Rehabilitation Awards, etc.).
In-State Tuition	The tuition charged by institutions to those students who meet the state's or institution's residency requirements.
Institutional Gift Aid	Gift aid under the control of the institution
Instructional Home	Where the student takes the majority of coursework throughout the year.
Intercampus Mobility	Transferring to other campuses within the Purdue University system.
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.
IPAS	Indiana Project for Academic Success
IPDAG	Indiana Public Data Advisory Group
IPEDS	Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System. A set of key federal surveys which produces the only central national database of enrollment statistics, institutional revenues and expenditures, tuition, faculty salary averages and other key indicators.

IPFW	Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne
IRA	Office of Institutional Research and Assessment
IUN	Indiana University Northwest
IVY/IVTCC	Ivy Tech Community College
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).
Level	Refers to the level of the program, i.e. undergraduate, professional, graduate.
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.
MAPP	Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress
Master's Degree	An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study of at least the full-time equivalent of one but not more than two academic years of work beyond the bachelor's degree.
Matriculant	Degree seeking student new to institution, change in "career", i.e. from undergraduate to graduate and professional.
Metrics	A measurement or evaluative strategy which is gathered annually to measure Purdue University's performance over time. The comparison is internal.
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.
NASULGC	National Association of State Universities & Land Grant Colleges
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
NelNet	Formally known as FACTS
Non-degree-seeking Student	A student enrolled in courses for credit who is not recognized by the institution as seeking a degree or formal award.
NIH	National Institute of Health
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.
NSF	National Science Foundation
NSSE	National Society of Experiential Education
NSSE	National Survey of Student Engagement
NWISBDC	Northwest IN Small Business Development Center
On-Campus Day Care	Licensed day care for students’ children (usually age 3 and up); usually for a fee.

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OPE ID	Identification number used by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Postsecondary Education to identify schools that have Program Participation Agreements (PPA) so that its students are eligible to participate in Federal Student Financial Assistance programs under Title IV regulations. This is a 6-digit number followed by a 2-digit suffix used to identify branches, additional locations, and other entities that are part of the eligible institution.
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 (cost)	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.
Parent Contribution	Parental contribution of dependent students for the fiscal year, consistent with the Congressional Methodology definitions.
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.
Peer Institution	Any university that shares benchmarking data with Purdue in a mutually beneficial manner.
PELL Grant Program	Provides grant assistance to eligible undergraduate postsecondary students with demonstrated financial need to help meet education expenses.
Perkins Loan Program	Provides low interest loans to eligible undergraduate postsecondary students with demonstrated financial need to help meet education expenses.
Persistence	An attribute of individual students that depicts continuation behavior that leads to graduation.
POS	Programs of Study

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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.
Previously Reported Identifier	A number that a student used in the past such as a temporary issue or a different social security number.
Primary Site of Instruction	County, state, country code where the student attends classes most often.
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 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 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 non-profit schools and those affiliated with a religious organization.
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.
PU	Purdue University
PUC	Purdue University - Calumet

Purdue University Student Data Reports	These are reports, created by Enrollment Management, Analysis, and Reporting, that give detailed information on student data in enrollment, persistence, academic performance, and degrees conferred. The data in the reports match the Data Digest.
PUWL	Purdue University West Lafayette
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 Courses	Instructional courses designed for students deficient in the general competencies necessary for a regular postsecondary curriculum and educational setting.
Report Term	Term the institution reports (e.g., annual, fall, etc.).
Report Year	The fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) for which the institution reports (e.g., 0405, 0506, etc.)>

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).
Residency Status	The institution's assignment of Indiana residency/non-residency status to a student. For public institutions, this categorization corresponds with the student's basis for tuition and fee amounts.
Retention	An attribute of the student population that is the percentage measurement of how many students re-enrolled from the previous year.
Room and Board (charges) on campus	Assume double occupancy in institutional housing and 19 meals per week (or maximum meal plan).
SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)	The most widely taken college entrance examination, it is designed to test skill levels in math, vocabulary, writing and reading comprehension.
SCE	Supportive Campus Environment
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.
Second Site of Instruction	Location of the second instructional site the student attended during the fiscal year.
Second Site Credit Hours	Credit hours earned by the student at the second instructional site.

Sector	One of nine institutional categories resulting from dividing the university according to control and level. Control categories are public, private, not-for-profit, and private-for-profit. Level categories are 4-year and higher (4 year), 2-but-less-than-4-year (2 year), and less than 2-year. For example: public, 4-year institutions.
Semester	Regular fall and spring terms as defined in the academic calendar for each campus.
SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant)	A grant for undergraduates with exceptional financial need.
SI	Supplemental Instruction
State Freedom of Choice Award	Grant awarded to a student under the Indiana Freedom of Choice Program administered by SSACI (State Student Assistance Center of Indiana)
STEM	Science Technology Engineering Mathematics
Student	A person who has actively entered into a relationship with an academic program of the University in an officially recognized capacity.
Student Contribution	Dependent and self-supporting student contributions for the fiscal year, consistent with Congressional Methodology definitions.
Student County/State/Country of Origin	The county, state, or country the student lived in just prior to enrolling at the campus.
Student-Designed Major	A program of study based on individual interests, designed with the assistance of an adviser.
Student Expense Budget	The student expense budget used by the college for packaging financial aid.
Student Level	Level the student has reached by the end of the fiscal year, based on semester credit hours earned during the fiscal year or student classification.

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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	Regular summer session (eight weeks) or as defined in the academic calendar for each campus.
Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)	Provides eligible undergraduate postsecondary students with demonstrated financial need with grant assistance to help meet educational expenses. The Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grants are made directly to institutions of higher education, which select students for the awards.
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.
Third Site of Instruction	Location code of the third instructional site the student attended during the fiscal year.
Third Site Credit Hours	Credit hours earned by the student at the third instructional site.
TouchNet	External campus commerce system
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 Institution CEEB Code-1	The four-digit College Entrance Examination Board Code of the most recently attended campus.
Transfer Credits Recognized from Transfer Institution 1	The number of transfer credits recognized during the current year from the institution listed in the field for transfer institution CEEB Code-1.

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Transfer Institution CEEB Code-2	The four-digit College Entrance Examination Board Code of the second most recently attended campus.
Transfer Credits Recognized from Transfer Institution 2	The number of transfer credits recognized during the current year from the institution listed in the field for transfer institution CEEB Code-2.
Transfer Institution CEEB Code 3	The four-digit College Entrance Examination Board Code of the third most recently attended campus.
Transfer Credits Recognized from Transfer Institution 3	The number of transfer credits recognized during the current year from the institution listed in the field for transfer institution CEEB Code-3.
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 (cost)	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.
TRIO	Federal program funded by the U.S. Department of Education
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.
Twenty-First Century Scholar Identifier	Indicator of Twenty-First Century Scholar qualifiers. Identifies students from this program even if they do not receive an award amount under the program in a given year.

Unclassified: Certificate, Associate, Undergraduate or Graduate	Students enrolled in coursework that have not declared a major or have not been accepted into a specific program.
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.
Unduplicated Headcount	Headcount enrollment of the institution that does not count a student more than once.
Unit	A standard of measurement representing hours of academic instruction (e.g., semester credit, quarter credit, contact hour).
UNPD	University Police Department
U.S. Citizen	Any born or naturalized citizen of the United States.
USDE	United States Department of Education
Upward Bound	U.S. Department of Education program that provides support for college education
Veteran's benefits	Total benefit under all federal Veterans' Benefit Programs including VA Contributory Benefits, GI Bill, and Dependent's Educational Assistance.
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.

VSA	Voluntary System of Accountability
Wait List	List of students who meet the admission requirements but will only be offered a place in the class if space becomes available.
WebCT	Vista Course Management System
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.
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.
WSCH (Weekly Student Contact Hours)	A measure of instructional activity or load, it is the average number of "50-minute hours" per week that students are in organized class settings in contact with a teacher for instructional purposes. They are weekly averages using a 16-week semester as the base.
WTCH (Weekly Teacher Contact Hours)	Analogous to WSCH, it is the average number of "50-minute hours" per week that teachers are in organized class settings with students for instructional purposes. They are weekly averages using a 16-week semester as the base.
Zip Code/Foreign Country Code	Five-digit zip code the student reports or the foreign country codes listed in Appendix 2C. If a student's zip code is not reported, the field should be filled with zeros and right justified.