

Learning to Speak College-ese

Getting Started

Application: Form to be completed for admission.

Catalog: Contains degree requirements for all programs of study, rules that affect students, descriptions of courses, and a list of the faculty and administration of the college.

Educational Plan: Semester by semester outline of suggested classes to take based on your major, transfer plans and sequence of courses.

Full time student: A student carrying a load of 12 units. (minimum of 15 units of degree applicable coursework needed to graduate in 2 years for AA/AS and 4 years for BA/BS).

General Education: Coursework in a variety of areas that provide a foundation of skills and knowledge. Requirements depend on degree and/or transfer institution.

Major: An area of concentration in a particular field of study.

Orientation: Way for students to become familiar with campus services, policies and procedures.

Priority Registration: The order in which registration appointments are assigned to groups of students.

Schedule of Classes: List that shows dates, time, instructor, and location of course offerings each semester.

Unit: The number of hours per week that courses meet.

Degree/Certificate Options

Employment Concentration Certificate: Locally awarded certificates that take 18 units or less to complete. Can be used as a stepping-stone towards earning a certification or associate's degree.

Certificate: Focused on a specific vocational subject area and are designed to provide students with knowledge and skills immediately applicable to employment. Certificate programs typically do not require general education requirements.

Non-transfer Associates Degree