

A

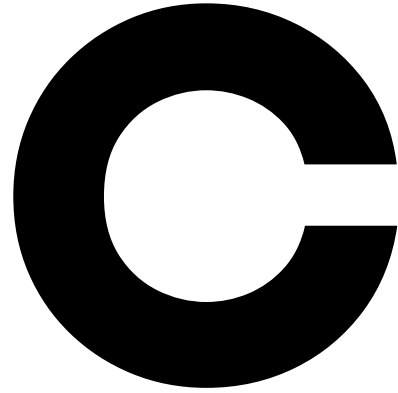
Application

College admission requirements usually include an application, academic records, personal essays, letters of recommendation, and extracurricular activities.

B

Bachelor's

When you complete the required courses and earn enough credits, typically after four years in college, you will earn a BA or bachelor's degree.



Cost of Attendance

Cost of Attendance (COA) is the total cost of going to college, including tuition, room and board, books, transportation, fees, and personal expenses.

D

Deadlines

Missing deadlines can have serious consequences. Be proactive by tracking and confirming all important deadlines. This includes deadlines for applying for admissions, financial aid, scholarships, and on-campus housing.

E

Electives

A course that is not required for any major, minor, or general education requirements, but used to fulfill the credit hours required for a degree. Most degree programs allow for at least a few elective courses.

F

FAFSA

This is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a federal form required to apply for need-based financial aid including grants, loans and work study awards. Or complete a WASFA.



Grants

Grants are based on financial need and may be provided by federal or state governments, an institution, a foundation, or another nonprofit funding source. They do not have to be repaid if you successfully complete the program.

H

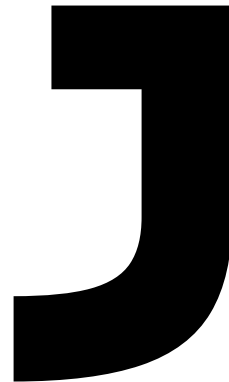
High School and Beyond Plan

Plans are personalized and designed to help students think about their future and choose coursework that prepares them for goals after high school.



Internship

An opportunity to work at an organization or corporation to develop work experience. Some internships are unpaid, but some are paid.



Job Shadow

An opportunity to accompany
a professional to experience what their
job is like.

K

Kinesthetic

A learning style where students are physically doing a task, as opposed to listening to a lecture or watching demonstrations.

L

Letter of Recommendation

Letters that showcase your qualities and abilities often come from teachers, counselors, community leaders, employers, and others outside your family.

M

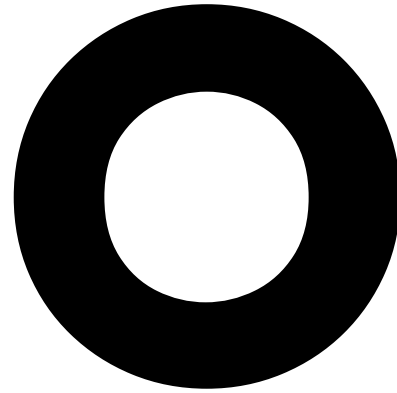
Major

If you are pursuing a degree, a major is a specific subject you choose to study in depth. Many of the classes you take may be related to your major.

N

Notification Date

Accepted applicants must notify institutions of their enrollment intent and submit deposits by May 1st, known as Senior Signing Day or College Signing Day.



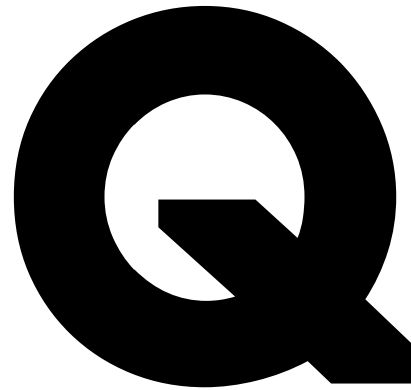
Open Door

Open-door institutions are typically public two-year community colleges. The term refers to an admission policy that allows anyone 18 or older, regardless of high school graduation status, to be admitted.

P

Pell Grant

The Federal Pell Grant is a form of financial aid provided by the Federal government to students with a high level of financial need. The Pell Grant does not have to be repaid if you successfully complete the program.



Quarter System

Some colleges and universities use a quarter system, dividing the academic year into four terms (fall, winter, spring, summer).

R

Reach School

A school that you might not be accepted to; however, it is still worth applying to because it's your dream school. Apply to at least one reach school.

S

Safety School

A school where you will definitely get accepted; however, it is a backup in case the others don't work out.

T

Transfer

A transfer occurs when you switch to a different school. Typically, community colleges offer 2-year degrees with a path to transfer to a 4-year school.

U

Undergraduate

A college student who is working to obtain an associate's or bachelor's degree.

V

Vocational

Also referred to as a trade school, these colleges offer specialized training, skills, or education for specific fields, such as plumbing, carpentry, etc.

W

WA Grant

This grant is one of the most generous financial aid programs in the country, offering financial assistance to recent high school graduates and working-age adults from low- and middle-income families for college or career training.

X

Sign Here!

When applying for school, scholarships, financial aid, and other college documents make sure and read thoroughly before you sign. Know what you are committing to.

Y

You Are Here!

Make the best of your college experience by getting involved. After all, you are there for a good amount of time so make the most of it by becoming familiar with the campus, your fellow students, professors, and get involved with clubs that interest you.

Z

Zzzzzzzz!

College is packed with all sorts of things do to - from going to classes, studying, going to sporting events, participating in clubs, to just being with friends. Make sure to include a good nights rest in your schedule.