## A. General Information

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### A2 Source of institutional control (Check only one):

A2	Public	Χ
A2	Private (nonprofit)	
A2	Proprietary	

### A3 Classify your undergraduate institution:

<b>A3</b>	Coeducational college	Χ
<b>A3</b>	Men's college	
A3	Women's college	

### A4 Academic year calendar:

A4	Semester	Χ
Α4	Quarter	
Α4	Trimester	
A4	4-1-4	
A4	Continuous	
A4	Differs by program (describe):	
A4	Other (describe):	

## A5 Degrees offered by your institution:

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Α5	Certificate	
Α5	Diploma	
Α5	Associate	
Α5	Transfer Associate	
Α5	Terminal Associate	
Α5	Bachelor's	Χ
Α5	Postbachelor's certificate	Χ
Α5	Master's	Χ
Α5	Post-master's certificate	Χ
Α5	Doctoral degree	
	research/scholarship	
Α5	Doctoral degree –	
	professional practice	
Α5	Doctoral degree other	

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## **B. ENROLLMENT AND PERSISTENCE**

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, 2015. Note: Report students formerly designated as "first professional" in the graduate cells.

B1		FULL-TIME		PART-TIME	
B1		Men	Women	Men	Women
B1	Undergraduates				
B1	Degree-seeking, first-time freshmen	400	682	5	6
B1	Other first-year, degree-seeking	256	356	57	102
B1	All other degree-seeking	1,643	2,521	416	647
B1	Total degree-seeking	2,299	3,559	478	755
B1	All other undergraduates enrolled in credit courses	32	29	140	207
B1	Total undergraduates	2,331	3,588	618	962
B1	Graduate				
B1	Degree-seeking, first-time	25	105	58	155
B1	All other degree-seeking	69	233	210	629
B1	All other graduates enrolled in credit courses	7	13	55	157
B1	Total graduate	101	351	323	941
B1	Total all undergraduates				7,499
B1	Total all graduate			-	1,716
B1	GRAND TOTAL ALL STUDENTS			-	9,215

B2 Enrollment by Racial/Ethnic Category. Provide numbers of undergraduate students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of October 15, 2015. Include international students only in the category "Nonresident aliens." Report as your institution reports to IPEDS: persons who are Hispanic should be reported only on the Hispanic line, not under any race, and persons who are non-Hispanic multi-racial should be reported only under "Two or more races."

B2		Degree- Seeking First-Time First Year	Degree-Seeking Undergraduates (include first- time first-year)	Total Undergraduates (both degree- and non-degree- seeking)
B2	Nonresident aliens	13	222	280
B2	Hispanic/Latino	134	873	914
B2	Black or African American, non-Hispanic	87	620	646
B2	White, non-Hispanic	775	4,831	5,046
B2	American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	3	15	16
B2	Asian, non-Hispanic	31	228	243
B2	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, non- Hispanic	0	3	3
B2	Two or more races, non-Hispanic	41	183	184
B2	Race and/or ethnicity unknown	9	116	167
B2	TOTAL	1,093	7,091	7,499

## **Persistence**

## B3 Number of degrees awarded from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

<b>B</b> 3	Certificate/diploma	
<b>B</b> 3	Associate degrees	
<b>B</b> 3	Bachelor's degrees	1,594
<b>B</b> 3	Postbachelor's certificates	55
<b>B</b> 3	Master's degrees	443
<b>B</b> 3	Post-Master's certificates	27
В3	Doctoral degrees – research/scholarship	
В3	Doctoral degrees – professional practice	
В3	Doctoral degrees – other	

## **Graduation Rates**

The items in this section correspond to data elements collected by the IPEDS Web-based Data Collection System's Graduation Rate Survey (GRS). For complete instructions and definitions of data elements, see the IPEDS GRS instructions and glossary on the 2015 Web-based survey.

## Fall 2009 Cohort

Report for the cohort of full-time first-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered in Fall 2009. Include in the cohort those who entered your institution during the summer term preceding Fall 2009.

B4	Initial 2009 cohort of first-time, full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students; total all students:	974
B5	Of the initial 2009 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:	1
В6	Final 2009 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions: (subtract question B5 from question B4)	973
В7	Of the initial 2009 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by August 31, 2013):	265
B8	Of the initial 2009 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after August 31, 2013 and by August 31, 2014):	184
В9	Of the initial 2009 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after August 31, 2014 and by August 31, 2015):	37
B10	Total graduating within six years (sum of questions B7, B8, and B9):	486
B11	Six-year graduation rate for 2009 cohort (question B10 divided by question B6):	50%

### **Retention Rates**

	For the cohort of all full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered your institution as freshmen in Fall 2014 (or the preceding summer term), what percentage was enrolled at your institution as of the date your institution calculates its official enrollment in Fall 2015?	79.85%	
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## C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) ADMISSION

### **Applications**

C1 First-time, first-year, (freshmen) students: Provide the number of degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled (full- or part-time) in Fall 2015. 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, nonadmission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution). Admitted applicants should include wait-listed students who were subsequently offered admission.

	• •	
C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who applied	1,724
C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who applied	3,440
C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who were admitted	1,249
C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who were admitted	2,619
C1	Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	400
C1	Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	5
C1	Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	682
C1	Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	6

C2 Freshman wait-listed students (students who met admission requirements but whose final

		Yes	No
C2	Do you have a policy of placing students on a waiting list?	Nursing Only	
C2	If yes, please answer the questions below for Fall 2015 admissions:		
C2	Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list	15	
C2	Number accepting a place on the waiting list	10	
C2	Number of wait-listed students admitted	5	
C2	Is your waiting list ranked?	No	
C2	If yes, do you release that information to students?	No	
C2	Do you release that information to school counselors?	No	

### **Admission Requirements**

C3

High school completion requirement

C3	High school diploma is required and GED is	Υ
	accepted	^
C3	High school diploma is required and GED is not	
C3	High school diploma or equivalent is not required	

C4 Does your institution require or recommend a general college-preparatory program for degree-

C4	Require		Х
C4	Recommend	•	
C4	Neither require nor recomme	end	

5 Distribution of high school units required and/or recommended. Specify the distribution of academic

C5		Units	Units
		Required	Recommended
C5	Total academic units	18	
C5	English	4	
C5	Mathematics	4	
C5	Science	3	
C5	Of these, units that must be	3	
	lab	· ·	
C5	Foreign language	2	
C5	Social studies	1	
C5	History	1	
C5	Academic electives		
C5	Computer Science		
C5	Visual/Performing Arts		
C5	Other (specify)		

### **Basis for Selection**

Do you have an open admission policy, under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students

C6	Open admission policy as described above for all students	NA
C6	Open admission policy as described above for most students, but	
C6	selective admission for out-of-state students	NA
C6	selective admission to some programs	NA
C6		
	other (explain)	

Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in first-time, first-

C7	Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in first-time, first-				
C7		Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
C7	Academic				
C7	Rigor of secondary school record	Х			
C7	Class rank				X
C7	Academic GPA	Х			
<b>C7</b>	Standardized test scores			Х	
C7	Application Essay				Х
<b>C7</b>	Recommendation(s)				Х
C7	Nonacademic				
<b>C7</b>	Interview				X
C7	Extracurricular activities				Х
C7	Talent/ability				Х
C7	Character/personal qualities				X
C7	First generation				X
C7	Alumni/ae relation				Х
C7	Geographical residence				X
C7	State residency				X
C7	Religious				X
C7	Racial/ethnic status		·		X
C7	Volunteer work				X
C7	Work experience				X
C7	Level of applicant's interest	•	•		Х

## **SAT and ACT Policies**

C8

### **Entrance exams**

	Yes	No
Does your institution make use of SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Test scores in admission decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants?	Х	

C8A If yes, place check marks in the appropriate boxes below to reflect your institution's policies for use in admission for Fall 2017.

C8A		ADMISSION					
C8A		Require	Recommend	Require for Some		Not	
					Submitted	Used	
C8A	SAT or ACT				X		
C8A							
	ACT only						
C8A	SAT only						
C8A	SAT and SAT Subject Tests or						
C8A	SAT Subject Tests only	_					

CUA	SAT only					
	SAT and SAT Subject Tests or					
C8A	SAT Subject Tests only					
C8B C8B	If your institution will make use of ACT with writing required ACT with writing recommended ACT with or without writing acceptance.		sion decisions for	first-time, first-yea	ır, degree-seeking	
C8B	If your institution will make use of for Fall 2017 please indicate which in the admissions process:			•		ill be used
C8B	SAT with Essay component requi	red				
C8B	SAT with Essay component recor	mmended				
C8B	SAT with or without Essay compo	nent accepted		X		

C8C Please indicate how your institution will use the SAT or ACT writing component; check all that apply:

SAT essay ACT essay

C8C For admission

C8C For placement

C8C For advising

C8C In place of an application essay

C8C application essay

C8C No college policy as of now

C8D In addition, does your institution use applicants' test scores for academic advising?

 Latest date by which SAT or ACT scores must be received for fall-term admission	NA
 Latest date by which SAT Subject Test scores must be received for fall-term admission	NA

C8F If necessary, use this space to clarify your test policies (e.g., if tests are recommended for some
C8F For Fall 2017, Salem State University will permit students to be admitted without submitting standardized test scores. Students must submit a test optional form in order to have their application considered without standardized test scores. The test scores of students who submit test scores will be considered for admission.

C8G	<b>8G</b> Please indicate which tests your institution uses for placement (e.g., state tests):			
C8G	SAT	X		
C8G	ACT			
C8G	SAT Subject Tests			
C8G	AP			
C8G	CLEP			
C8G	Institutional Exam	X		
C8G	State Exam (specify):			

### Freshman Profile

C8C Not using essay component

Provide percentages for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, full-time and part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in Fall 2015, 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 2015 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.

C9	Percent submitting SAT scores	95% Number submitting SAT scores	1036
C9	Percent submitting ACT scores	3% Number submitting ACT scores	29

C9		25th Percentile	75th Percentile
C9	SAT Critical Reading	440	540
C9	SAT Math	440	530
	SAT Writing	430	520
	SAT Essay	6	8
C9	ACT Composite	19	24

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

	SAT Critical		
	Reading	SAT Math	SAT Writing
700-800	0.20%	0.40%	0.10%
600-699	9.30%	6.90%	5.80%
500-599	36.30%	38.30%	32.40%
400-499	46.60%	45.70%	48.40%
300-399	7.60%	8.40%	12.70%
200-299	0.00%	0.30%	0.60%
	600-699 500-599 400-499 300-399	Reading           700-800         0.20%           600-699         9.30%           500-599         36.30%           400-499         46.60%           300-399         7.60%	Reading         SAT Math           700-800         0.20%         0.40%           600-699         9.30%         6.90%           500-599         36.30%         38.30%           400-499         46.60%         45.70%           300-399         7.60%         8.40%

	Totals should = 100%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
C9		ACT Composite	ACT English	ACT Math
C9	30-36	3.40%		
C9	24-29	27.60%		
C9	18-23	55.20%		
C9	12-17	13.80%		
C9	6-11	0.00%		
C9	Below 6	0.00%		
	Totals should = 100%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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).

C10 % of total first-time, first-year (freshmen) students who submitted high school class

0%

C11 Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school

C11	Percent who had GPA of 3.75 and higher	15.0%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74	9.3%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49	16.1%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24	18.2%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99	
		29.4%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.49	
		11.9%
C11	Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99	
		0.00%
C11	Percent who had GPA below 1.0	0.00%
	Totals should = 100%	100.00%

C12	Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year	3.14
C12	Percent of total first-time first-year (freshman) students who	99 27%

## **Admission Policies**

C13	App	lication	Fee
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C13		Yes	No
C13	Does your institution have an application fee?	Х	
C13			
	Amount of application fee:	\$40.00	
C13		Yes	No
C13	Can it be waived for applicants with financial need?	Х	

- C13 If you have an application fee and an on-line application option,
- C13 Same fee:
- C13 Free:
- C13 Reduced:

C13		Yes	No
C13	Can on-line application fee be waived for applicants with financial need?	X	

Application closing date

C14		Yes	No
C14	Does your institution have an		
	application closing date?	X	
C14	Application closing date (fall):	8/1	
C14	Priority date:	5/1	

C15	Yes	No	
C15 Are first-time, first-year students accepted for terms other than	Χ		ı

#### the fall? C16 Notification to applicants of admission decision sent (fill in one only) C16 On a rolling basis beginning 1-Nov (date): C16 By (date): C16 Other: C17 Reply policy for admitted applicants (fill in one only) C17 Must reply by (date): C17 No set date: C17 Must reply by May 1 or within weeks if notified thereafter 3 weeks C17 Other: C17 Deadline for housing deposit (MM/DD): 5/1 Amount of housing deposit: \$300.00 C17 C17 Refundable if student does not enroll? Yes, in full C17 C17 Yes, in part No C17 C18 Deferred admission C18 Yes No C18 Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after X C18 admission? C19 Early admission of high school students C19 Yes Nο C19 Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time, Χ first-time, first-year (freshman) students one year or more before **Early Decision and Early Action Plans** C21 Early Decision Yes No C21 C21 Does your institution offer an early decision plan (an admission plan that permits students to apply and be notified of an admission Χ decision well in advance of the regular notification date and that asks students to commit to attending if accepted) for first-time, first-C21 year (freshman) applicants for fall enrollment? C21 C22 Early action C22 Yes No C22 Do you have a nonbinding early action plan whereby students are C22 If "yes," please complete the following: C22 Early action closing date 11/1 C22 Early action notification date 1/1 C22 Is your early action plan a "restrictive" plan under which you limit students from applying to other early plans? C22 Yes No

**C22** 

C22 Early action closing date
C22 Early action notification date

C22 Is your early action plan a "restrictive" plan under which you limit students from applying to other early plans?
C22

	Yes	No
C22		

## D. TRANSFER ADMISSION

**Fall Applicants** 

D1		Yes	No
	Does your institution enroll transfer students? (If no, please skip to Section E)	Х	
	If yes, may transfer students earn advanced standing credit by transferring credits earned from course work completed at other colleges/universities?	Х	

D2 Provide the number of students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled as degree-seeking transfer students in Fall 2015.

D2		Applicants	Admitted	Enrolled
		Applicants	Applicants	Applicants
D2	Men	586	519	312
D2	Women	889	753	459
D2	Total	1,475	1,272	771

## **Application for Admission**

D3 Indicate terms for which transfers may enroll:

D3	Fall	Χ
D3	Winter	
D3	Spring	X
D3	Summer	X

D4		Yes	No
	Must a transfer applicant have a minimum number of credits completed or else must apply as an entering freshman?		X
	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:

D5		Required of All	Recommended of All	Recommended of Some	Required of Some	Not Required
D5	High school transcript				Х	
D5	College transcript(s)	X				
D5	Essay or personal statement				X	
D5	Interview					X
D5	Standardized test scores			X		
D5	Statement of good standing from prior institution(s)					Х

D6	If a minimum high school grade point average is required	
	of transfer applicants, specify (on a 4.0 scale):	2.00

D7	If a minimum college grade point average is required of	
	transfer applicants, specify (on a 4.0 scale):	2.00

D8 List any other application requirements specific to transfer applicants: LPN, RN, and COTA must submit copy of license

**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.

D9		Priority Date	Closing Date	Notification Date	Reply Date	Rolling Admission
D9	Fall	7/1				X
D9	Winter					
D9	Spring	12/1				X
D9	Summer	NA				X

D10	Yes	No
D10 Does an open admission policy, if reported, apply to transfer students?	NA	NA

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D11 Describe additional requirements for transfer admission, if applicable: Nursing ONLY Deadlines: Fall - February 1; Spring - November1

# **Transfer Credit Policies**

D12 Report the lowest grade earned for any course that may	
be transferred for credit:	C-

D13		Number	Unit Type
D13	Maximum number of credits or courses that may be	CO	o no elit
	transferred from a two-year institution:	68	credit

D14		Number	Unit Type
D14	Maximum number of credits or courses that may be	00	
	transferred from a four-year institution:	90	credit

	Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn an associate degree:	NA
		30
D16	Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn a bachelor's degree:	

D17 Describe other transfer credit policies: Salem State has many transfer agreements and partnerships with other state community colleges and universities.

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## **E. ACADEMIC OFFERINGS AND POLICIES**

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

E1	Accelerated program	X
E1	Cooperative education program	
E1	Cross-registration	X
E1	Distance learning	X
E1	Double major	X
E1	Dual enrollment	X
E1	English as a Second Language (ESL)	X
E1	Exchange student program (domestic)	X
E1	External degree program	
E1	Honors Program	X
E1	Independent study	X
E1	Internships	X
E1	Liberal arts/career combination	X
E1	Student-designed major	X
E1	Study abroad	X
E1	Teacher certification program	X
E1	Weekend college	
E1	Other (specify):	

E2 This question has been removed from the Common Data Set.

E3 Areas in which all or most students are required to complete some course work prior to graduation:

	work prior to graduation.	
E3	Arts/fine arts	X
E3	Computer literacy	
<b>E</b> 3	English (including composition)	X
<b>E</b> 3	Foreign languages	
E3	History	X
E3	Humanities	X
<b>E</b> 3	Mathematics	X
E3	Philosophy	
<b>E</b> 3	Sciences (biological or physical)	X
<b>E</b> 3	Social science	X
<b>E</b> 3	Other (describe):	

Library Collections: The CDS Publishers will collect library data again when a new Academic Libraries Survey is in place.

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## F. STUDENT LIFE

**F1** Percentages of first-time, first-year (freshman) degree-seeking students and degree-seeking undergraduates enrolled in Fall 2015 who fit the following categories:

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F1		First-time, first-year	
		(freshman)	Undergraduates
		students	
F1	Percent who are from out of state (exclude		
	international/nonresident aliens from the numerator		
	and denominator)	4%	4%
F1	Percent of men who join fraternities	2%	1%
F1	Percent of women who join sororities	6%	3%
F1	Percent who live in college-owned, -operated, or -		
	affiliated housing	69%	32%
F1	Percent who live off campus or commute	31%	68%
F1	Percent of students age 25 and older	0.5%	22%
F1	Average age of full-time students	19	22
F1	Average age of all students (full- and part-time)	19	23

F2 Activities offered Identify those programs available at your institution.

F2	Campus Ministries	X
F2	Choral groups	Χ
F2	Concert band	Х
F2	Dance	Х
F2	Drama/theater	Х
F2	International Student	Х
	Organization	^
F2	Jazz band	Χ
F2	Literary magazine	Х
F2	Marching band	
F2	Model UN	
F2	Music ensembles	
F2	Musical theater	
F2	Opera	
F2	Pep band	Χ
F2	Radio station	Χ
F2	Student government	Χ
F2	Student newspaper	Χ
F2	Student-run film society	
F2	Symphony orchestra	
F2	Television station	
F2	Yearbook	

ROTC (program offered in cooperation with Reserve Officers' Training Corps)

13	(program offered in cooperation with Neserve Officers Training Corps)			
F3		On Campus	At Cooperating Institution	Name of Cooperating Institution
F3	Army ROTC is offered:		X	MIT
F3	Naval ROTC is offered:			
F3	Air Force ROTC is offered:		Χ	MIT

F4 Housing: Check all types of college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing available for undergraduates at your institution.

	undergraduales at your institution.			
F4	Coed dorms	Χ		
F4	Men's dorms	Χ		
F4	Women's dorms	Χ		
F4	Apartments for married students			
F4	Apartments for single students	Χ		
F4	Special housing for disabled students	Х		
F4	Special housing for international students	Х		
F4	Fraternity/sorority housing	Χ		
F4	Cooperative housing	Χ		
F4	Theme housing	Χ		
F4	Wellness housing	Χ		
F4	Other housing options (specify):	Χ		
	Gender Inclusive			

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# **G. ANNUAL EXPENSES**

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

Provide 2016-2017 academic year costs of attendance for the following categories that are applicable to your institution.

Х	Check here if your institution's 2016 time and provide an approximate dayear costs of attendance will be availuly 2016 file will be updated at that time	ate (i.e., month/day) wh		
G1	Undergraduate full-time tuition, r fees, and room and board for a fu year (30 semester or 45 quarter h credit hour cost by number of cre extending from September to Jur quarters, or the period covered b occupancy and 19 meals per wee charges that all full-time students health, or activity fees.) Do not in	ull-time undergraduat nours for institutions edits). A full academine; usually equated to y a four-one-four plates or the maximum mes must pay that are no	e student for the FULL that derive annual tuiti c year refers to the per two semesters, two t n. Room and board is o eal plan. Required fees of included in tuition (o	2016-2017 academic on by multiplying riod of time generally rimesters, three defined as double s include only e.g., registration,
G1		First-Year	Undergraduates	T
G1	PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS	i iist-i cai	Ondergraduates	+
Gi	Tuition:			
G1	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS			1
Gi	Tuition:			
	In-district			
G1	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS			+
31	In-state (out-of-district):			
G1	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS			†

G1	NONRESIDENT ALIENS		
	Tuition:		
G1	REQUIRED FEES:		
G1	ROOM AND BOARD:		
	(on-campus)		
G1	ROOM ONLY:		
	(on-campus)		
G1	BOARD ONLY:		
	(on-campus meal plan)		
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Out-of-state:

G1	Comprehensive tuition and room and board fee (if your	
	college cannot provide separate tuition and room and	
	board fees):	

G1	Other:

G2		Minimum	Maximum
_	Number of credits per term a student can take for the		
	stated full-time tuition		

G3		Yes	No
	Do tuition and fees vary by year of study (e.g.,		<b>v</b>
	sophomore, junior, senior)?		^

G4		Yes	No
	Do tuition and fees vary by undergraduate instructional program?		Х
G4		%	•

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- G4 If yes, what percentage of full-time undergraduates pay more than the tuition and fees reported in G1?
- **G5** Provide the estimated expenses for a typical full-time undergraduate student:

G5		Residents	Commuters (living at home)	Commuters (not living at home)
G5	Books and supplies			
G5	Room only			
G5	Board only			
	Room and board total (if your			
	college cannot provide separate			
	room and board figures for			
	commuters not living at home):			
G5	Transportation			
G5	Other expenses			

Undergraduate per-credit-hour charges (tuition only)					
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS:					
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS					
In-district:					
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS					
In-state (out-of-district):					
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS					
Out-of-state:					
NONRESIDENT ALIENS:					
	PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS:  PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS In-district:  PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS In-state (out-of-district):  PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS Out-of-state:				

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## I. INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY AND CLASS SIZE

Please report the number of instructional faculty members in each category for Fall 2015. 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
(b) administrative officers with titles such as dean of students, librarian, registrar, coach, and the like, even though they may devote part of their time to classroom instruction and may have faculty status	Exclude	Include if they teach one or more non- clinical credit courses
(c) other administrators/staff who teach one or more non-clinical credit courses even though they do not have faculty status	Exclude	Include
(d) undergraduate or graduate students who assist in the instruction of courses, but have titles such as teaching assistant, teaching fellow, and the like	Exclude	Exclude
(e) faculty on sabbatical or leave with pay	Include	Exclude
(f) faculty on leave without pay	Exclude	Exclude
(g) replacement faculty for faculty on sabbatical leave or leave with pay	Exclude	Include

Full-time instructional faculty: faculty employed on a full-time basis for instruction (including those with released time for research)

Part-time instructional faculty: Adjuncts and other instructors being paid solely for part-time classroom instruction. Also includes full-time faculty teaching less than two semesters, three quarters, two trimesters, or two four-month sessions. Employees who are not considered full-time instructional faculty but who teach one or more non-clinical credit courses may be counted as part-time faculty.

Minority faculty: includes faculty who designate themselves as Black, non-Hispanic; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or Hispanic.

Doctorate: includes such degrees as Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Juridical Science, and Doctor of Public Health in any field such as arts, sciences, education, engineering, business, and public administration. Also includes terminal degrees formerly designated as "first professional," including dentistry (DDS or DMD), medicine (MD), optometry (OD), osteopathic medicine (DO), pharmacy (DPharm or BPharm), podiatric medicine (DPM), veterinary medicine (DVM), chiropractic (DC or DCM), or law (JD).

Terminal degree: the highest degree in a field: example, M. Arch (architecture) and MFA (master of fine arts).

11			Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
11	a)	Total number of instructional faculty	351	461	812
11	b)	Total number who are members of minority groups	62	27	89
11	c)	Total number who are women	189	290	479
11	d)	Total number who are men	162	171	333
11	e)	Total number who are nonresident aliens (international)	1		
	f)	Total number with doctorate, or other terminal degree			
11			284	100	384
	g)	Total number whose highest degree is a master's but not a terminal			
11		master's	57	259	306
11	h)	Total number whose highest degree is a bachelor's			
	:\	Total number whose highest degree is unknown or other (Note:			
11	1)	Items f, g, h, and i must sum up to item a.)	10	102	112
	:\	Total number in stand-alone graduate/ professional programs in			
11	J <i>)</i>	which faculty teach virtually only graduate-level students	0	0	0

#### I2 Student to Faculty Ratio

Report the Fall 2015 ratio of full-time equivalent students (full-time plus 1/3 part time) to full-time equivalent instructional faculty (full time plus 1/3 part time). In the ratio calculations, exclude both faculty and students in stand-alone graduate or professional programs such as medicine, law, veterinary, dentistry, social work, business, or public health in which faculty teach virtually only graduate-level students. Do not count undergraduate or graduate student teaching assistants as faculty.

	Fall 2015 Student to Fac	ulty ratio	15 to 1	(based on	7319 students
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#### 13 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 2015 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, internships, foreign language taped tutor sessions, practicums, and all students in one-on-one classes. Each class section should be counted only once and should not be duplicated because of course catalog cross-

Class Subsections: A class subsection includes any subsection of a course, such as laboratory, recitation, and discussion subsections that are supplementary in nature and are scheduled to meet separately from the lecture portion of the course. Undergraduate subsections are defined as any subsections of courses in which degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled for credit. As above, exclude noncredit classes and individual instruction such as dissertation or thesis research, music instruction, or one-to-one readings. Each class subsection should be counted only once and should not be duplicated because of cross-listings.

Using the above definitions, please report for each of the following class-size intervals the number of class sections and class subsections offered in Fall 2015. For example, a lecture class with 800 students who met at another time in 40 separate labs with 20 students should be counted once in the "100+" column in the class section column and 40 times under the "20-29" column of the class subsections table.

#### Number of Class Sections with Undergraduates Enrolled

13		Num	ber of Clas	s Sections	with Unde	rgraduate	s Enrolled		
13			Undergrad	duate Clas	s Size (pro	vide numb	ers)		
13	CLASS	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
13	SECTIONS	126	517	526	156	23	8	0	1356
	•				-		-		•
13	CLASS SUB-	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
13	SECTIONS	97	171	22	3	0	0	0	293

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## J. DEGREES CONFERRED

## J1 Degrees conferred between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015

J1 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 majors only.

J1	Category	Diploma/Certificates	Associate	Bachelor's	CIP 2010 Categories to Include
J1	Agriculture			0.06%	1
J1	Natural resources and conservation				3
J1	Architecture				4
J1	Area, ethnic, and gender studies				5
J1	Communication/journalism			6.35%	9
J1	Communication technologies				10
J1	Computer and information sciences			0.71%	11
J1	Personal and culinary services				12
J1	Education			8.90%	13
J1	Engineering				14
J1	Engineering technologies				15
J1	Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics			0.65%	16
J1	Family and consumer sciences				19
J1	Law/legal studies				22
J1	English			4.63%	23
J1	Liberal arts/general studies			1.25%	24
J1	Library science				25
J1	Biological/life sciences			4.93%	26
J1	Mathematics and statistics			0.47%	27
J1	Military science and military technologies				28 & 29
J1	Interdisciplinary studies				30
J1	Parks and recreation			4.04%	31
J1	Philosophy and religious studies			0.12%	38
J1	Theology and religious vocations				39
J1	Physical sciences			0.71%	40
J1	Science technologies				41
J1	Psychology			9.02%	42
	Homeland Security, law enforcement, firefighting, and			8.01%	43
	protective services				
J1	Public administration and social services			3.62%	44
J1	Social sciences			5.88%	45
J1	Construction trades				46
J1	Mechanic and repair technologies				47
	Precision production				48
J1	Transportation and materials moving				49
J1	Visual and performing arts			3.98%	50
J1	Health professions and related programs			14.18%	51
	Business/marketing			19.35%	52
	History			3.15%	54
J1	Other				
J1	TOTAL (should = 100%)	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	

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#### **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:** 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.

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.

**American Indian or Alaska Native:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and maintaining tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Applicant (first-time, first year):** 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, nonadmission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution).

**Application fee:** That amount of money that an institution charges for processing a student's application for acceptance. This amount is *not* creditable toward tuition and required fees, nor is it refundable if the student is not admitted to the institution.

**Asian:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Associate degree: An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.

**Bachelor's degree:** 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 *not* 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

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Board (charges): Assume average cost for 19 meals per week or the maximum meal plan.

**Books and supplies (costs):** 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.

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.

\* 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

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

\* 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.

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.

**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.

\* Counseling service: Activities designed to assist students in making plans and decisions related to their education, career, or personal development.

**Credit:** Recognition of attendance or performance in an instructional activity (course or program) that can be applied by a recipient toward the requirements for a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

**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: A unit of measure representing an hour (50 minutes) of instruction over a 15-week period in a semester or trimester system or a 10-week period in a quarter system. It is applied toward the total number of hours needed for completing the requirements of a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

**Cross-registration:** A system whereby students enrolled at one institution may take courses at another institution without having to apply to the second institution.

**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-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

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 **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

**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.

English as a Second Language (ESL): A course of study designed specifically for students whose native language is not English.

**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**.

**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.

**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 or Latino:** A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central 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 **In-state tuition:** The tuition charged by institutions to those students who meet the state's or institution's

International student: See Nonresident alien.

residency requirements.

**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.

\* 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

\* 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):** 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.

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**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.

\* On-campus day care: Licensed day care for students' children (usually age 3 and up); usually for a fee.

**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

Other expenses (costs): 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.

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.

\* **Personal counseling**: One-on-one or group counseling with trained professionals for students who want to explore personal, educational, or vocational issues.

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.

Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma: Includes the following three IPEDS definitions for postsecondary awards, certificates, and diplomas of varying durations and credit/contact hour Less Than 1 Academic Year: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in less than 1 academic year (2 semesters or 3 quarters) or in less than 900 contact hours by a student enrolled full-time.

At Least 1 But Less Than 2 Academic Years: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 1 but less than 2 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 30 but less than 60 credit hours, or in at least 900 but less than 1,800 contact hours.

At Least 2 But Less Than 4 Academic Years: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 2 but less than 4 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 60 but less than 120 credit hours, or in at least 1,800 but less than 3,600 contact hours.

**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 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 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 nonprofit schools and those affiliated with a religious organization.

Proprietary institution: See Private for-profit institution.

**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.

**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 services: Instructional courses designed for students deficient in the general competencies necessary for a regular postsecondary curriculum and educational setting.

**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).

**Room and board (charges)—on campus:** Assume double occupancy in institutional housing and 19 meals per week (or maximum meal plan).

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.

**Semester calendar system:** A calendar system that consists of two semesters during the academic year with about 16 weeks for each semester of instruction. There may be an additional summer session.

**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 **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

**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: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

\* 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.

#### **Financial Aid Definitions**

Awarded aid: The dollar amounts offered to financial aid applicants.

**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 noninstitutional student aid (grants, jobs, and loans).

**Need-based scholarship or grant aid:** Scholarships and grants from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify.

**Need-based self-help aid:** Loans 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 aid: Scholarships 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 aid**: Loans 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.