

A. General Information

A0 Respondent Information (Not for Publication)

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Are your responses to the CDS posted for reference on your institution's Web site? Yes No

If yes, please provide the URL of the corresponding Web page:

A0A We invite you to indicate if there are items on the CDS for which you cannot use the requested analytic convention, cannot provide data for the cohort requested, whose methodology is unclear, or about which you have questions or comments in general. This information will not be published but will help the publishers further refine CDS items.

A1 Address Information

Name of College/University:	Salem State University
Mailing Address:	352 Lafayette Street
City/State/Zip/Country:	Salem, MA - 01970
Street Address (if different):	
City/State/Zip/Country:	
Main Phone Number:	978-542-6000
WWW Home Page Address:	www.salemstate.edu
Admissions Phone Number:	978-542-6200
Admissions Toll-Free Phone Number:	
Admissions Office Mailing Address:	352 Lafayette Street
City/State/Zip/Country:	Salem, MA - 01970
Admissions E-mail Address:	admissions@salemstate.edu
If there is a separate URL for your school's online application, please specify:	

If you have a mailing address other than the above to which applications should be sent, please provide:

A2 Source of institutional control (Check only one):

Public
 Private (nonprofit)
 Proprietary

A3 Classify your undergraduate institution:

Coeducational college
 Men's college
 Women's college

A4 Academic year calendar:

Semester
 Quarter
 Trimester
 4-1-4
 Continuous
 Differs by program (describe):

If your academic year has changed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, please indicate as other below.

Other (describe):

A5 Degrees offered by your institution:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Diploma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Associate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Transfer Associate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Terminal Associate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bachelor's |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Postbachelor's certificate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Master's |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Post-master's certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Doctoral degree research/scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Doctoral degree – professional practice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Doctoral degree -- other |

A6 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

If you have a diversity, equity, and inclusion office or department, please provide the URL of the corresponding Web page:

B. ENROLLMENT AND PERSISTENCE

B1 Institutional Enrollment - Men and Women

Provide numbers of students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of **October 15, 2023**.

- Note: Report students formerly designated as "first professional" in the graduate cells.
- For information on reporting study abroad students please see: This Document at NCES.GOV
- If your institution collects and reports non-binary gender data, please use the "Another Gender" category.
- In cases where gender information is not provided, please distribute across the two-binary categories.

Undergraduate Students: Full-Time	Men	Women	Another Gender
Degree-seeking, first-time freshmen	305	488	0
Other first-year, degree-seeking	122	163	0
All other degree-seeking	900	1,741	0
Total degree-seeking	1,327	2,392	0
All other undergraduates enrolled in credit courses	17	18	0
Total undergraduate Full-Time Students	1,344	2,410	0

Undergraduate Students: Part-Time	Men	Women	Another Gender
Degree-seeking, first-time freshmen	8	9	0
Other first-year, degree-seeking	21	43	0
All other degree-seeking	177	309	0
Total degree-seeking	206	361	0
All other undergraduates enrolled in credit courses	202	330	0
Total undergraduate Part-Time Students	408	691	0

Undergraduate Students: All	Men	Women	Another Gender
Total undergraduate Students	1752	3,101	0

Graduate Students: Full-Time	Men	Women	Another Gender
Degree-seeking, first-time	29	111	0
All other degree-seeking	69	294	0
All other graduates enrolled in credit courses	2	2	0
Total graduate Full-Time Students	100	407	0

Graduate Students: Part-Time	Men	Women	Another Gender
Degree-seeking, first-time	57	182	0
All other degree-seeking	131	426	0
All other graduates enrolled in credit courses	22	61	0
Total graduate Part-Time Students	210	669	0

Graduate Students: All	Men	Women	Another Gender
Total Graduate Students	310	1,076	0

All Students: Total	Men	Women	Another Gender
Total all students	1,444	2,817	0

Total all undergraduates	4,853
Total all graduate	1,386
GRAND TOTAL ALL STUDENTS	6,239

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, 2023**.

- Include international students only in the category "Nonresidents."
- Complete the "Total Undergraduates" column only if you cannot provide data for the first two columns.
- 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."
- New guidance from IPEDS for reporting aggregate data:

Racial/ethnic designations are requested only for United States citizens, residents, and other eligible non-citizens. Eligible non-citizens include all students who completed high school or a GED equivalency within the United States (including DACA and undocumented students) and who were not on an F-1 non-immigrant student visa at the time of high school graduation.

More information about other eligible (for financial aid purposes) non-citizens is available at <https://studentaid.gov/understandaid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens>.

Nonresident - A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a student visa or temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely. Do not include DACA, undocumented, or other eligible noncitizens in this category.

NOTE - Nonresidents are to be reported separately, in the boxes provided, rather than included in any of the seven racial/ethnic categories or in race/ethnicity unknown.

	Degree-Seeking First-Time First Year	Degree-Seeking Undergraduates (include first-time first-year)	Total Undergraduates (both degree & non-degree-seeking)
Nonresidents	11	131	151
Hispanic/Latino	214	992	1,186
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	53	365	428
White, non-Hispanic	439	2,402	2,582
American Indian or Alaska Native, non-Hispanic	2	4	11
Asian, non-Hispanic	24	123	179
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	0	0	0
Two or more races, non-Hispanic	40	154	169
Race and/or ethnicity unknown	27	115	147
TOTAL	810	4,286	4,853

Persistence

B3 Number of degrees awarded by your institution from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

Certificate/diploma	_____
Associate degrees	_____
Bachelor's degrees	1140
Postbachelor's certificates	21
Master's degrees	494
Post-Master's certificates	60
Doctoral degrees – research/scholarship	_____
Doctoral degrees – professional practice	_____
Doctoral degrees – other	_____

B4-B21: 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 Forms and Instructions for the 2023-2024 Survey. <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data/survey-components/9/graduation-rates>

In the following section for bachelor's or equivalent programs, please disaggregate the Fall 2016 and Fall 2017 cohorts (formerly CDS B4-B11) into four groups:

- Students who received a Federal Pell Grant*
- Recipients of a subsidized Stafford Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant
- Students who did not receive either a Pell Grant or a subsidized Stafford Loan
- Total (all students, regardless of Pell Grant or subsidized loan status)

*Students who received both a Federal Pell Grant and a subsidized Stafford Loan should be reported in the "Recipients of a Federal Pell Grant" column.

For each graduation rate grid below, the numbers in the first three columns for Questions A-G should sum to the cohort total in the fourth column (formerly CDS B4-B11).

For Bachelor's or Equivalent Programs

Please provide data for the **Fall 2017** cohort if available. If Fall 2016 cohort data are not available, provide data for the **Fall 2016** cohort.

Fall 2017 Cohort

	Recipients of a Federal Pell Grant	Recipients of a Subsidized Stafford Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant	Students who did not receive either a Pell Grant or a subsidized Stafford Loan	Total (sum of 3 columns to the left)	
A	Initial 2017 cohort of first-time, full-time, bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students	455	315	312	1082
B	Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deceased • Permanently Disabled • Armed Forces • Foreign Aid Service of the Federal Government • Official church missions • Report Total Allowable Exclusions 	0	0	0	0
C	Final 2017 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions	455	315	312	1082
D	Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by Aug. 31, 2021)	170	130	143	443
E	Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after Aug. 31, 2021 and by Aug. 31, 2022)	48	35	32	115
F	Of the initial 2017 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after Aug. 31, 2022 and by Aug. 31, 2023)	17	12	8	37
G	Total graduating within six years (sum of lines D, E, and F)	235	177	183	595
H	Six-year graduation rate for 2017 cohort (G divided by C)	52%	56%	59%	55%

Fall 2016 Cohort

	Recipients of a Federal Pell Grant	Recipients of a Subsidized Stafford Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant	Students who did not receive either a Pell Grant or a subsidized Stafford Loan	Total (sum of 3 columns to the left)	
A	Initial 2016 cohort of first-time, full-time, bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students	496	315	319	1130
B	Of the initial 2016 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deceased • Permanently Disabled • Armed Forces • Foreign Aid Service of the Federal Government • Official church missions • Report Total Allowable Exclusions 	1			1

C	Final 2016 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions	495	315	319	1129
D	Of the initial 2016 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by Aug. 31, 2020)	177	152	148	477
E	Of the initial 2016 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after Aug. 31, 2020 and by Aug. 31, 2021)	58	18	34	110
F	Of the initial 2016 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after Aug. 31, 2021 and by Aug. 31, 2022)	16	12	10	38
G	Total graduating within six years (sum of lines D, E, and F)	251	182	192	625
H	Six-year graduation rate for 2016 cohort (G divided by C)	51%	58%	60%	55%

For Two-Year Institutions

Please provide data for the **2020** cohort if available. If **2020** cohort data are not available, provide data for the **2019** cohort.

		2020 Cohort	2019 Cohort
B12	Initial cohort, total of first-time, full-time degree/certificate-seeking students:		
B13	Of the initial cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death • Permanently Disability • Service in the armed forces, • Foreign aid service of the federal government • Official church missions • Report total allowable exclusions 		
B14	Final cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions:	0	0
B15	Completers of programs of less than two years duration (total):		
B16	Completers of programs of less than two years within 150 percent of normal time:		
B17	Completers of programs of at least two but less than four years (total):		
B18	Completers of programs of at least two but less than four-years within 150 percent of normal time:		
B19	Total transfers-out (within three years) to other institutions:		
B20	Total transfers to two-year institutions:		
B21	Total transfers to four-year institutions:		

B22. Retention Rates

Report for the cohort of all full-time, first-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered in Fall 2022 (or the preceding summer term).

• The initial cohort may be adjusted for students who departed for the following reasons:

- * Death
- * Permanent Disability
- * Service in the armed forces
- * Foreign aid service of the federal government
- * Official church missions
- * No other adjustments to the initial cohort should be made.

B22	For the cohort of all full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered your institution as first-year students in Fall 2022 (or the preceding summer term), what percentage was enrolled at your institution as of the date your institution calculates its official enrollment in Fall 2023.	73.66%
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Total students retained = students from the Fall 2022 cohort who are still enrolled as of Fall 2023 + students from Fall 2022 cohort who completed their bachelor's program as of Fall 2023

(Students from the Fall 2022 cohort still enrolled as of Fall 2023 + Students from Fall 2022 cohort who completed their bachelor's program as of Fall 2023)/(Adjusted Fall 2022 cohort) *100

Note: The number of first-time students seeking a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) who attain a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) by their second fall term is expected to be zero or very small. In exceptional cases when a first-time student does satisfy all degree requirements including full credit completion (e.g., typically 120 credit hours) and is awarded a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) by their second fall term, they are to be considered "retained" for EF reporting purposes.

C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION

C1-C2: Applications

C1 First-time, first-year students: Provide the number of degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled (full- or part-time) in **Fall 2023**.

- Include early decision, early action, and students who began studies during summer in this cohort.
- Applicants should include only those students who fulfilled the requirements for consideration for admission (i.e., who completed actionable applications) and who have been notified of one of the following actions: admission, non-admission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution).
- **Since the total may include students who did not provide gender data, the detail need not sum to the total.**
- If your institution collects and reports non-binary gender data, please use the "Another Gender" category.
- Note that recent high school graduates and other students without prior postsecondary experience will still be considered "first-time students" for fall enrollment reporting purposes even if they enrolled in the summer prior to fall enrollment.
- Provide numbers of students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of October 15, 2023.

First-Time, First-Year Student Applicants	Total
Total first-time, first-year men who applied	1530
Total first-time, first-year women who applied	3322
Total first-time, first-year another gender who applied	0

First-Time, First-Year Student Admits	Total
Total first-time, first-year men who were admitted	1450
Total first-time, first-year women who were admitted	3187
Total first-time, first-year another gender who were admitted	0

First-Time, First-Year Student Enrollees by Status	Total
Total full-time, first-time, first-year men who enrolled	305
Total part-time, first-time, first-year men who enrolled	8
Total full-time, first-time, first-year women who enrolled	488
Total part-time, first-time, first-year women who enrolled	9
Total full-time, first-time, first-year another gender who enrolled	0
Total part-time, first-time, first-year another gender who enrolled	0

If available, please provide residency breakdowns for total applicants, admits, and enrolled students: Fall 2023

First-Time, First-Year Student Applicants	In-State	Out-of-State	International	Unknown	Total
Total first-time, first-year who applied					0
Total first-time, first-year who were admitted					0
Total first-time, first-year who enrolled					0

C2 First-time, first-year wait-listed students

Students who met admission requirements but whose final admission was contingent on space availability

Do you have a policy of placing students on a waiting list?

Yes	No
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If yes, please answer the questions below for **Fall 2023** admissions:

WAITING LIST	TOTAL
Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list:	
Number accepting a place on the waiting list:	
Number of wait-listed students admitted:	

Is your waiting list ranked?

Yes	No
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If yes, do you release that information to students?

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Do you release that information to school counselors?

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C3-C5: Admission Requirements

C3 High school completion requirement

Check the appropriate box to identify your high school completion requirement for degree-seeking entering students:

- High school diploma is required and GED is accepted
- High school diploma is required and GED is not accepted
- High school diploma or equivalent is not required

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

- Require
- Recommend
- Neither require nor recommend

C5 Distribution of high school units required and/or recommended. Specify the distribution of academic high school course units required and/or recommended of all or most degree-seeking students using Carnegie units (one unit equals one year of study or its equivalent). If you use a different system for calculating units, please convert.

Distribution of high school units	Required	Recommended
Total academic units	17	
English	4	
Mathematics	4	
Science	3	
Of these, units that must be lab	3	
Foreign language	2	
Social studies	1	
History	1	
Academic electives	2	
Computer Science		
Visual/Performing Arts		
Other (specify)		

C6-C7: Basis for Selection

C6 Do you have an open 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? If so, check which applies:

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

C7 Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in your first-time, first-year, degree-seeking general (not including programs with specific criteria) admissions decisions.

Academic	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not
Rigor of secondary school record	X			
Class rank				X
Academic GPA	X			
Standardized test scores			X	
Application Essay			X	
Recommendation(s)			X	
Nonacademic	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not
Interview				X
Extracurricular activities				X
Talent/ability			X	
Character/personal qualities				X
First generation				X
Alumni/ae relation				X
Geographical residence				X
State residency				X
Religious affiliation/commitment				X
Volunteer work				

Work experience			X	
Level of applicant's interest			X	
				X

Please provide additional information if the importance of any specific academic or nonacademic factors differ by academic program.

C8: SAT and ACT Policies

Entrance exams

Does your institution make use of SAT or ACT scores in **admission** decisions for first-time, first-year, degree-seeking applicants?

Yes	No
X	

C8A If yes, place check marks in the appropriate boxes below to reflect your institution's policies for use in admission for **Fall 2025**.

Admission	Required to be considered for admission	Required for some	Recommended	Not required for admission, but considered if submitted	Not considered for admission, even if submitted
SAT or ACT			X		
ACT Only					X
SAT Only					X

C8B Has been removed from the CDS.

C8C Has been removed from the CDS.

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

C8E Latest date by which SAT or ACT scores must be received for fall-term admission 15-Jun

C8F If necessary, use this space to clarify your test policies (e.g., if tests are recommended for some students, or if tests are not required of some students due to differences by academic program, student academic background, or if other examinations may be considered in lieu of the SAT and ACT):

C8G Please indicate which tests your institution uses for **placement (e.g., state tests)**:

<input type="checkbox"/>	SAT
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT
<input type="checkbox"/>	AP
<input type="checkbox"/>	CLEP
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institutional Exam
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Exam (specify):

C9-C12: First-time, first-year Profile

Provide information for **ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, full-time and part-time, first-time, first-year students** enrolled in **Fall 2023**, including students who began studies during summer, international students/nonresidents, and students admitted under special arrangements.

C9 Percent and number of first-time, first-year students enrolled in Fall 2023 who submitted national standardized (SAT/ACT) test scores.

- Include information for **ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year 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.
- If a student submitted multiple sets of scores for a single test, report this information according to how you use the data. For example:
- If you consider the highest scores from either submission, use the highest combination of scores (e.g., verbal from one submission, math from the other).
- If you average the scores, use the average to report the scores.

	Percent	Number
Submitting SAT Scores	13%	104
Submitting ACT Scores		

For each assessment listed below, report the score that represents the 25th percentile (the score that 25 percent of the first-time, first-year population scored at or below) and the 75th percentile score (the score that 25 percent scored at or above).

Assessment	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
SAT Composite	1037.5	1095	1172.5
Writing	520	560	610
SAT Math	500	530	570
ACT Composite			
ACT Math			
ACT English			
ACT Writing			
ACT Science			
ACT Reading			

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

Score Range	SAT Evidence-	SAT Math
700-800	3.85%	1.92%
600-699	30.77%	11.54%
500-599	51.92%	65.38%
400-499	12.50%	19.23%
300-399	0.96%	1.92%
200-299	0.00%	0.00%
Totals should = 100%	100.00%	100.00%

Score Range	SAT Composite
1400-1600	1.92%
1200-1399	18.27%
1000-1199	70.19%
800-999	8.65%
600-799	0.96%
400-599	0.00%
Totals should = 100%	100.00%

Score Range	ACT Composite	ACT English	ACT Math	ACT Reading	ACT Science
30-36					
24-29					
18-23					

12-17					
6-11					
Below 6					
Totals should = 100%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

C10 Percent of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year 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)

Assessment	Percent
Percent in top tenth of high school graduating class	
Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class	
Percent in top half of high school graduating class	
Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class	
Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduating class	
Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshmen) students who submitted high school class rank:	

Top half +
bottom half = 100%

C11 Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who had high school grade-point averages within each of the following ranges (using 4.0 scale).

*** Report information only for those students from whom you collected high school GPA.**
*** If you are able to report GPA ranges separately for students that also submitted at least one test score versus those who did not submit a test score, please do so in the respective columns.**
If you are unable to report these data, please report the ranges for all students.

Score Range	Percent (Students who submitted scores)	Percent (Students who did not submit scores)	Percent (All enrolled students)
Percent who had GPA of 4.0			11.68%
Percent who had GPA between 3.75 and 3.99			11.43%
Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74			12.67%
Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49			12.42%
Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24			14.16%
Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99			28.32%
Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.49			9.32%
Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99			0.00%
Percent who had GPA below 1.0			0.00%
Totals should = 100%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%

C12 Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who submitted GPA:

	3.25
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Percent of total first-time, first-year students who submitted high school GPA:

	99.38%
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C13-C20: Admission Policies

C13 Application Fee
If your institution has waived its application fee for the Fall 2025 admission cycle please select no.

	Yes	No
Does your institution have an application fee?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of application fee:	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>	
	Yes	No
Can it be waived for applicants with financial need?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have an application fee and an on-line application option, please indicate policy for students who apply on-line:

- Same fee
- Free
- Reduced

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

C14 Application closing date

	Yes	No
Does your institution have an application closing date?		

	Date
Application closing date (fall)	
Priority Date	2/15

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> On a rolling basis beginning (date):	X
<input type="checkbox"/> By (date):	09/01
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Must reply by (date):	
<input type="checkbox"/> No set date	
<input type="checkbox"/> Must reply by May 1st or within	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	

weeks if notified thereafter

Deadline for housing deposit (MMD)	5/1
Amount of housing deposit:	300.00

Refundable if student does not enroll?

- Yes, in full
- Yes, in part
- No

C18 Deferred admission

	Yes	No
Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after admission?	X	
If yes, maximum period of postponement: _____		

C19 Early admission of high school students

	Yes	No
Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time, first-time, first-year students one year or more before high school graduation?		X

C20 Common Application: Question removed from CDS. (Initiated during 2006-2007 cycle)

C21-C22: Early Decision and Early Action Plans

C21 Early Decision

Yes	No

Does your institution offer an early decision plan (an admission plan that permits students to apply and be notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date and that asks students to commit to attending if accepted) for first-time, first-year applicants for fall enrollment?

	X
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If "yes," please complete the following:

First or only early decision plan closing date

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First or only early decision plan notification date

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Other early decision plan closing date

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Other early decision plan notification date

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For the Fall 2023 entering class:

Number of early decision applications received by your institution

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Number of applicants admitted under early decision plan

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Please provide significant details about your early decision plan:

C22 Early action

Do you have a nonbinding early action plan whereby students are notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date but do not have to commit to attending your college?

Yes	No
X	

If "yes," please complete the following:

Early action closing date

11/15

Early action notification date

1/1

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

Yes	No
	X

D. TRANSFER ADMISSION

D1-D2: Fall Applicants

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

D2 Provide the number of students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled as degree-seeking transfer students in **Fall 2023**.
If your institution collects and reports non-binary gender data, please use the "Another Gender" category.

Transfer Admission	Applicants	Admitted	Enrolled
Men	258	227	143
Women	420	368	206
Another Gender	0	0	0
Total	678	595	349

D3-D11: Application for Admission

D3 Indicate terms for which transfers may enroll:

X	Fall
	Winter
X	Spring
X	Summer

	Yes	No
D4 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:

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

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:

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.

	Term	Priority Date	Closing Date	Notification Date	Reply Date	Rolling Admission
D9	Fall					X
D9	Winter					
D9	Spring					X
D9	Summer					X

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

D11 Describe additional requirements for transfer admission, if applicable:

D12-D17: Transfer Credit Policies

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

	Number	Unit Type
D13 Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a two-year institution:	68	Credits

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

D15 Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn an associate degree: _____

D16 Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn a bachelor's degree:	30
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D17 Describe other transfer credit policies:

D18-D22: Military Service Transfer Credit Policies

D18 Does your institution accept the following military/veteran transfer credits:

	Yes	No
American Council on Education (ACE)	X	
College Level Examination Program (CLEP)	X	
DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)	X	

	Number	Unit Type
D19 Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred based on military education evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE):	30	Credits

	Number	Unit Type
D20 Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred based on Department of Defense supported prior learning assessments (College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)):		

	Yes	No
D21 Are the military/veteran credit transfer policies published on your website?	X	

If yes, please provide the URL where the policy can be located:
<https://catalog.salemstate.edu/content.php?catoid=38&navoid=8211&hl=valor+act&returnto=>

D22 Describe other military/veteran transfer credit policies unique to your institution:

E. ACADEMIC OFFERINGS AND POLICIES

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cross-registration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Distance learning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Double major
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dual enrollment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	English as a Second Language (ESL)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exchange student program (domestic)
<input type="checkbox"/>	External degree program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Honors Program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Independent study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Internships
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Liberal arts/career combination
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Student-designed major
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Study abroad
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teacher certification program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Undergraduate Research
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weekend college
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify):

E2 Has been removed from the CDS.

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arts/fine arts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer literacy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	English (including composition)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign languages
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	History
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Education
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Humanities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intensive writing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mathematics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sciences (biological or physical)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social science
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe):

F. STUDENT LIFE

F1 Percentages of first-time, first-year (freshman) degree-seeking students and degree-seeking undergraduates enrolled in Fall 2023 who fit the following categories:

	First-time, first-year students	Undergraduates
Percent who are from out of state (exclude international/nonresidents from the numerator and denominator)	10%	6%
Percent of men who join fraternities		
Percent of women who join sororities		
Percent who live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing	54%	35%
Percent who live off campus or commute	46%	65%
Percent of students age 25 and older	0.6%	14%
Average age of full-time students	18	21
Average age of all students (full- and part-time)	18	22

F2 Activities offered. Identify those programs

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Campus Ministries
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Choral groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concert band
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drama/theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	International Student Organization
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jazz band
<input type="checkbox"/>	Literary magazine
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marching band
<input type="checkbox"/>	Model UN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Music ensembles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Musical theater
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opera
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pep band
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Radio station
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Student government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student newspaper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student-run film society
<input type="checkbox"/>	Symphony orchestra
<input type="checkbox"/>	Television station
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yearbook

F3 ROTC (program offered in cooperation with Reserve Officers' Training Corps)

Programs	Marine Option (for Naval ROTC)	On Campus	At Cooperating Institution	Name of Cooperating Institution
Army ROTC is offered:			X	MIT
Naval ROTC is offered:				
Air Force ROTC is offered:			X	MIT

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coed dorms
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Men's dorms
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Women's dorms
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apartments for married students
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Apartments for single students
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special housing for disabled students
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special housing for international students
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fraternity/sorority housing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cooperative housing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theme housing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wellness housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Living Learning Communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other housing options (specify):

G. ANNUAL EXPENSES

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

Provide 2023-2024 academic year costs of attendance for the following categories that are applicable to your institution.

Check here if your institution's 2024-2025 academic year costs of attendance are not available at this time and provide an approximate date (i.e., month/day) when your institution's final 2024-2025 academic year costs of attendance will be available:
 1-Jul

G1 Undergraduate full-time tuition, required fees, food and housing

List the typical tuition, required fees, and food and housing for a full-time undergraduate student for the FULL 2024-2025 academic year. (30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours for institutions that derive annual tuition by multiplying credit hour cost by number of credits).

- A full academic year refers to the period of time generally extending from September to June; usually equated to two semesters, two trimesters, three quarters, or the period covered by a four-one-four plan.
- Food and housing is defined as double occupancy and 19 meals per week or the maximum meal plan.
- **Required fees** include only charges that all full-time students must pay that are **not** included in tuition (e.g., registration, health, or activity fees.)
- Do **not** include optional fees (e.g., parking, laboratory use).

G1 PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS	First-Year	Undergraduates
Tuition:		
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS	First-Year	Undergraduates
Tuition: In-district		
Tuition: In-state (out-of-district):		
Tuition: Out-of-state:		
Tuition: Non-resident		
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS	First-Year	Undergraduates
Required Fees:		
Food and housing (on-campus):		
Housing Only (on-campus):		
Food Only (on-campus meal plan):		

Comprehensive tuition and food and housing fee (if your college cannot provide separate tuition and food and housing fees): _____

Other: _____

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

Minimum	Maximum

G3 Do tuition and fees vary by year of study (e.g., sophomore, junior, senior)?

Yes	No

G4 Do tuition and fees vary by undergraduate instructional program?

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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:

	Residents	Commuters	Commuters
Books and supplies:			
Housing only:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
Food only:	Not Applicable		
Food and housing total*	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
Transportation:			
Other expenses:			

* If your college cannot provide separate food and housing figures for commuters not living at home

G6 Undergraduate per-credit-hour charges (tuition only):

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS:	
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS:	
In-district:	
In-state (out-of-district):	
Out-of-state:	
NONRESIDENTS:	

I. INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY AND CLASS SIZE

I-1. Please report the number of instructional faculty members in each category for Fall 2023. 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 instruction 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 master's degree: a master's degree that is considered the highest degree in a field: example, M. Arch (in architecture) and MFA (master of fine arts in art or theater).

I-1.		Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
A	Total number of instructional faculty	296	427	723
B	Total number who are members of minority groups	64	46	110
C	Total number who are women	159	301	460
D	Total number who are men	137	126	263
E	Total number who are nonresidents (international)	0	0	0
F	Total number with doctorate, or other terminal degree			
G	Total number whose highest degree is a master's but not a terminal master's			
H	Total number whose highest degree is a bachelor's			
I	Total number whose highest degree is unknown or other (Note: Items f, g, h, and i must sum up to item a.)			
J	Total number in stand-alone graduate/professional programs in which faculty teach virtually only graduate-level students			

I-2. Student to Faculty Ratio

Report the Fall 2023 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 2023 Student to Faculty ratio	11	to 1	(based on		students
			and		faculty).

I-3. Undergraduate Class Size

In the table below, please use the following definitions to report information about the size of classes and class sections offered in the Fall 2023 term.

- **Please include classes that have been moved online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

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-listings.

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 2023. 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

Undergraduate Class Size (provide numbers)

	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
CLASS SECTIONS	162	394	366	97	4	0	0	1023

	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
CLASS SUB-SECTIONS								0

J. Disciplinary areas of DEGREES CONFERRED

J1 Degrees conferred between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023

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.

Category	Diploma/Certificates	Associate	Bachelor's (1st Major Only)	CIP 2020 Categories to Include
Agriculture				01
Natural resources and conservation				03
Architecture				04
Area, ethnic, and gender studies				05
Communication/journalism			3.33%	09
Communication technologies				10
Computer and information sciences			2.54%	11
Personal and culinary services				12
Education			7.37%	13
Engineering				14
Engineering technologies				15
Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics			0.53%	16
Family and consumer sciences				19
Law/legal studies				22
English			3.25%	23
Liberal arts/general studies			0.79%	24
Library science				25
Biological/life sciences			6.58%	26
Mathematics and statistics			0.70%	27
Military science and military technologies				28 & 29
Interdisciplinary studies				30
Parks and recreation			1.75%	31
Philosophy and religious studies			0.18%	38
Theology and religious vocations				39
Physical sciences			1.40%	40
Science technologies				41
Psychology			11.75%	42
Homeland Security, law enforcement, firefighting,			7.46%	43
Public administration and social services			2.72%	44
Social sciences			3.51%	45
Construction trades				46
Mechanic and repair technologies				47
Precision production				48
Transportation and materials moving				49
Visual and performing arts			3.68%	50
Health professions and related programs			20.79%	51
Business/marketing			19.82%	52
History			1.84%	54
Other				
TOTAL (should = 100%)	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	

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.
- ◆ Additional guidance for some terms, particularly those common with the IPEDS survey, may be found here: <https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/glossary>

***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 work are completed in three years.

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

Food (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 materials.

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 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.

Comprehensive transition and postsecondary program for students with intellectual disabilities: Programs designed to support postsecondary students with intellectual disabilities obtain instruction in academic, career and technical, and independent living subjects in preparation for employment.

Clock hour: A unit of measure that represents an hour of scheduled instruction given to students. Also referred to as contact 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 food and housing 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 recognized postsecondary credential.

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 recognized postsecondary credential.

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 recognized postsecondary credential.

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 recognized postsecondary credential. 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 October.

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 simultaneously.

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.

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 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 clock hours.

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 clock hours.

***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 clock 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 structure.

In-state tuition: The tuition charged by institutions to those students who meet the state's or institution's residency requirements.

International student: See **Nonresident**.

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 tests.

***Legal services:** Free or low cost legal advice for a range of issues (personal and other).

Liberal arts/career combination: Program in which a student earns undergraduate degrees in two separate fields, one in a liberal arts major and the other in a professional or specialized major, whether on campus or through cross-registration.

Living learning community: Residential programs that allow students to interact with students who share common interests. In addition to living together, students may also participate in shared courses, special events, and group service projects.

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: 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 qualifications.

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 clock hours a week each term.

Permanent Resident 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 status (and who holds either a 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).

***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/clock hour requirements:

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 clock 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 clock 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 clock 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.

Recognized Postsecondary Credential: Includes both Title IV eligible degrees, certificates, and other recognized postsecondary credentials. Any credential that is received after completion of a program that is eligible for Title IV federal student aid. Credentials that are awarded to recognize an individual's attainment of measurable technical or industry/occupational skills necessary to obtain employment or advance within an industry occupation. (Generally based on standards developed or endorsed by employers or industry associations).

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.

***Developmental 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.

Food and housing (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 credit.

Transportation (costs): Assume two round trips to student's hometown per year for students in institutional housing or daily travel to and from your institution for commuter students.

Trimester calendar system: An academic year consisting of 3 terms of about 15 weeks each.

Tuition: Amount of money charged to students for instructional services. Tuition may be charged per term, per course, or per credit.

***Tutoring:** May range from one-on-one tutoring in specific subjects to tutoring in an area such as math, reading, or writing. Most tutors are college students; at some colleges, they are specially trained and certified.

Unit: a standard of measurement representing hours of academic instruction (e.g., semester credit, quarter credit, clock 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.

Undergraduate Research: Opportunities offered to undergraduate students to make original contributions in an academic discipline via the exploration of a specific research topic. Research opportunities may or may not be associated with a specific course or earn credit.

***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

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 non-institutional 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:

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| 1. Non-need institutional grants | 6. Non-need outside grants |
| 2. Non-need tuition waivers | 7. Non-need student loans |
| 3. Non-need athletic awards | 8. Non-need parent loans |
| 4. Non-need federal grants | 9. Non-need work |
| 5. Non-need state grants | |

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.