



St. Ambrose University

ASSESSMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

Common Data Set

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The Common Data Set (CDS) provides our answers to many frequently asked questions. One goal of the CDS is to improve the comparability of data reported across institutions; this standardized questionnaire was developed through collaboration among colleges and universities, representatives of higher education organizations, the National Center for Education Statistics, and others.

<http://www.sau.edu/about-sau/at-a-glance/college-data-and-compliance>

A. General Information

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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:

<https://www.sau.edu/assessment>

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 This information will not be published but will help the publishers further refine CDS items.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

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If there is a separate URL for your school's online application, please specify:

<https://www.sau.edu/admissions/first-year/apply>

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):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Public
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private (nonprofit)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proprietary

A3 Classify your undergraduate institution:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coeducational college
<input type="checkbox"/>	Men's college
<input type="checkbox"/>	Women's college

A4 Academic year calendar:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Semester
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trimester
<input type="checkbox"/>	4-1-4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continuous
<input type="checkbox"/>	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 type="checkbox"/>	Postbachelor's certificate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Master's
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Post-master's certificate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doctoral degree research/scholarship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doctoral degree – professional practice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Doctoral degree -- 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 2020-2021 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 2013 and Fall 2014 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 2014** cohort if available. If Fall 2014 cohort data are not available, provide data for the **Fall 2013** cohort.

Fall 2014 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 2014 cohort of first-time, full-time, bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students	135	175	214	524
B	Of the initial 2014 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: • Deceased • Permanently Disabled • Armed Forces • Foreign Aid Service of the Federal Government • Official church missions • Report Total Allowable Exclusions	1	0	1	2
C	Final 2014 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions	134	175	213	522
D	Of the initial 2014 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by Aug. 31, 2018)	65	99	131	295
E	Of the initial 2014 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after Aug. 31, 2018 and by Aug. 31, 2019)	12	11	13	36
F	Of the initial 2014 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after Aug. 31, 2019 and by Aug. 31, 2020)	0	2	2	4
G	Total graduating within six years (sum of lines D, E, and F)	77	112	146	335
H	Six-year graduation rate for 2014 cohort (G divided by C)	57%	64%	69%	64%

	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: 2.00

	Number	Unit Type
D13 Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a two-year institution:	64	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: 30.00

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):	60	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)):	60	credits

	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:
www.sau.edu/academics/academic-resources/veteran-services

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"/>	Cooperative education program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cross-registration
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Distance learning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Double major
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dual enrollment
<input type="checkbox"/>	English as a Second Language (ESL)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exchange student program (domestic)
<input type="checkbox"/>	External degree program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Honors Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Independent study
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Internships
<input 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"/>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Foreign languages
<input type="checkbox"/>	History
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Humanities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mathematics
<input checked="" 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 2020 who fit the following categories:

	First-time, first-year (freshman) students	Admitted Applicants
Percent who are from out of state (exclude international/nonresident aliens from the numerator and denominator)	69%	66%
Percent of men who join fraternities	0%	0%
Percent of women who join sororities	0%	
Percent who live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing	90%	67%
Percent who live off campus or commute	10%	33%
Percent of students age 25 and older	0%	9%
Average age of full-time students	18	21
Average age of all students (full- and part-time)	18	21

F2 Activities offered. Identify those programs available at your institution.

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

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

	On Campus	At Cooperating Institution	Name of Cooperating Institution
Army ROTC is offered:			
Naval ROTC is offered:			
Air Force ROTC is offered:			

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

- Coed dorms
- Men's dorms
- Women's dorms
- Apartments for married students
- Apartments for single students
- Special housing for disabled
- Special housing for international students
- Fraternity/sorority housing
- Cooperative housing
- Theme housing
- Wellness housing
- Other housing options

G. ANNUAL EXPENSES

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

Provide 2021-2022 academic year costs of attendance for the following categories that are applicable to your institution.

Check here if your institution's 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 academic year costs of attendance will be available:

G1 Undergraduate full-time tuition, required fees, room and board

List the typical tuition, required fees, and room and board for a full-time undergraduate student for the **FULL 2021-2022** 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.
- Room and board 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).

	First-Year	Undergraduates
PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS		
Tuition:	\$33,290	\$33,290
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS		
Tuition: In-district		
Tuition: In-state (out-of-district):		
Tuition: Out-of-state:		
Tuition: Non-resident alien		
FOR ALL INSTITUTIONS		
Required Fees	\$280	\$280
Room and Board (on-campus):	\$11,638	\$11,638
Room Only (on-campus):	\$7,196	\$7,196
Board Only (on-campus meal plan):	\$4,442	\$4,442

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

Other: _____

	Minimum	Maximum
G2 Number of credits per term a student can take for the stated full-time tuition.	12	18

	Yes	No
G3 Do tuition and fees vary by year of study (e.g., sophomore, junior, senior)?		x
G4 Do tuition and fees vary by undergraduate instructional program?		x

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 (living at home)	Commuters (not living at home)
Books and supplies:	\$1,320	\$1,320	\$1,320
Room only:			\$6,984
Board only:		\$1,962	\$3,430
Room and board total*			\$10,414
Transportation:	\$1,458	\$1,800	\$1,800
Other expenses:	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$4,820

* If your college cannot provide separate room and board figures for commuters not living at home

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

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS:	\$970.00
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS:	
In-district:	
In-state (out-of-district):	
Out-of-state:	
NONRESIDENT ALIENS:	\$970.00

H5. Number and percent of students in class (defined in H4 above) borrowing from federal, non-federal, and any loan sources, and the average (or mean) amount borrowed.

- The "Average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed," is designed to provide better information about student borrowing from federal and nonfederal (institutional, state, commercial) sources.
- The numbers, percentages, and averages for each row should be based only on the loan source specified for the particular row. For example, the federal loans average (row b) should only be the cumulative average of federal loans and the private loans average (row e) should only be the cumulative average of private loans.

	Source/Type of Loan	Number in the class (defined in H4 above) who borrowed from the types of loans specified in the first column	Percent of the class (defined above) who borrowed from the types of loans specified in the first column (nearest 1%)	Average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed from the types of loans specified in the first column (nearest \$1)
A	Any loan program: Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized, institutional, state, private loans that your institution is aware of, etc. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans.	231	75.00%	\$41,287
B	Federal loan programs: Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans.	225	73.00%	\$25,693
C	Institutional loan programs.	0	0.00%	\$0
D	State loan programs.	0	0.00%	\$0
E	Private student loans made by a bank or lender.	92	30.00%	\$40,744

Aid to Undergraduate Degree-seeking Nonresident Aliens

- Report numbers and dollar amounts for the same academic year checked in item H1

H6 Indicate your institution's policy regarding institutional scholarship and grant aid for undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Institutional need-based scholarship or grant aid is available
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid is available
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institutional scholarship or grant aid is not available

If institutional financial aid is available for undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens, provide the number of undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens who were awarded need-based or non-need-based aid:

25

Average dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:

\$20,605

Total dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:

\$494,508

H7 Check off all financial aid forms nonresident alien first-year financial aid applicants must submit:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Institution's own financial aid form
<input type="checkbox"/>	CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
<input type="checkbox"/>	International Student's Financial Aid Application
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	International Student's Certification of Finances
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify):

Process for First-Year/Freshman Students

H8 Check off all financial aid forms domestic first-year (freshman) financial aid applicants must submit:

- FAFSA
- Institution's own financial aid form
- CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
- State aid form
- Noncustodial PROFILE
- Business/Farm Supplement
- Other (specify): _____

H9 Indicate filing dates for first-year (freshman) students:

Priority date for filing required financial aid forms: _____

Deadline for filing required financial aid forms: _____

- No deadline for filing required forms
(applications processed on a rolling basis)

H10 Indicate notification dates for first-year (freshman) students (answer a or b):

a) Students notified on or about (date):

b) Students notified on a rolling basis:

- Yes
- No

If yes, starting date:

1-Nov

H11 Indicate reply dates:

Students must reply by (date):	
or within _____ weeks of notification.	2.00

Types of Aid Available

Please check off all types of aid available to undergraduates at your institution:

H12 Loans

- Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans
- Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans
- Direct PLUS Loans
- Federal Perkins Loans
- Federal Nursing Loans
- State Loans
- College/university loans from institutional funds
- Other (specify): _____

H13 Need Based Scholarships and Grants

- Federal Pell
- SEOG
- State scholarships/grants
- Private scholarships
- College/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds
- United Negro College Fund
- Federal Nursing Scholarship
- Other (specify): _____

H14 Check off criteria used in awarding institutional aid. Check all that apply.

	Non-Need Based	Need-Based
Academics	X	
Alumni affiliation	X	
Art	X	
Athletics	X	

Job skills		
ROTC		
Leadership		
Minority status	x	x
Music/drama	x	
Religious affiliation	x	
State/district residency		

H15 If your institution has recently implemented any major financial aid policy, program, or initiative to make your institution more affordable to incoming students such as replacing loans with grants, or waiving costs for families below a certain income level please provide details below:

Are these policies related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Yes
 No

I. INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY AND CLASS SIZE

I-1. Please report the number of instructional faculty members in each category for Fall 2020. 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	191	151	342
B	Total number who are members of minority groups	27	12	39
C	Total number who are women	104	86	190
D	Total number who are men	87	64	151
E	Total number who are nonresident aliens (international)	0	0	0
F	Total number with doctorate, or other terminal degree	169	42	211
G	Total number whose highest degree is a master's but not a terminal master's	20	91	111
H	Total number whose highest degree is a bachelor's	0	7	7
I	Total number whose highest degree is unknown or other (Note: Items f, g, h, and i must sum up to item a.)	2	11	13
J	Total number in stand-alone graduate/professional programs in which faculty teach virtually only graduate-level students	42	20	62

I-2. Student to Faculty Ratio

Report the Fall 2020 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

- Do not count undergraduate or graduate student teaching assistants as faculty.

Fall 2020 Student to Faculty ratio	12	to 1	(based on	2357	students
			and	193	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 2020 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 2020. 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	89	281	191	24	2	1	1	589

	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
CLASS SUB-SECTIONS	5	48	15	0	0	0	0	68

J. Disciplinary areas of DEGREES CONFERRED

J1 Degrees conferred between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020

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	CIP 2020 Categories to Include
Agriculture				01
Natural resources and conservation				03
Architecture				04
Area, ethnic, and gender studies			0.7%	05
Communication/journalism			2.3%	09
Communication technologies				10
Computer and information sciences			5.3%	11
Personal and culinary services				12
Education			5.3%	13
Engineering			8.7%	14
Engineering technologies				15
Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics			0.4%	16
Family and consumer sciences				19
Law/legal studies				22
English			2.3%	23
Liberal arts/general studies				24
Library science				25
Biological/life sciences			5.3%	26
Mathematics and statistics			0.7%	27
Military science and military technologies				28 & 29
Interdisciplinary studies			0.7%	30
Parks and recreation			11.4%	31
Philosophy and religious studies			0.2%	38
Theology and religious vocations			0.9%	39
Physical sciences				40
Science technologies				41
Psychology			9.1%	42
Homeland Security, law enforcement, firefighting, and protective services			2.1%	43
Public administration and social services				44
Social sciences			2.7%	45
Construction trades				46
Mechanic and repair technologies				47
Precision production				48
Transportation and materials moving				49
Visual and performing arts			4.1%	50
Health professions and related programs			13.4%	51
Business/marketing			23.0%	52
History			1.2%	54
Other				
TOTAL (should = 100%)	0.00%	0.00%	100%	

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 work are completed in three years.

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 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.

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 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 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 (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 clock 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 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 alien**.

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.

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 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.

***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.

***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 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.

***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:

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