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# A5 Degrees offered by your institution:

A5	Certificate	
A5	Diploma	
A5	Associate	
A5	Transfer Associate	
A5	Terminal Associate	
A5	Bachelor's	х
A5	Postbachelor's certificate	
A5	Master's	х
A5	Post-master's certificate	
A5	Doctoral degree	
	research/scholarship	
A5	Doctoral degree –	
	professional practice	
A5	Doctoral degree other	

B1				
B1				
B1	Men	Women	Men	Women
B1				

88%

### For Two-Year Institutions

B12 B13	2013 Cohort	
B14		
B15		0
B16		
B17		
B18		
B19 B20 B21		
B12	2012 Cohort	
B13	Of the initial 2012 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:	
B14		
B15 B16 B17		0
B18		
B19 B20 B21		

**Retention Rates** 

B22

# C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) ADMISSION

#### Applications

C1 First-time, first-year, (freshmen) students: Provide the number of degree-seeking, first-time, firstyear students who applied, were admitted, and enrolled (full- or part-time) in Fall 2016. Include early decision, early action, and students who began studies during summer in this cohort. Applicants should include only those students who fulfilled the requirements for consideration for admission (i.e., who completed actionable applications) and who have been notified of one of the following actions: admission, nonadmission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution). Admitted applicants should include wait-listed students who were subsequently offered admission.

C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who applied	2672
C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who applied	3737
C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who were admitted	1170
C1	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who were admitted	1766
C1	Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	219
C1	Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	0
C1	Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	283
C1	Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolled	0

# C2 Freshman wait-listed students (students who met admission requirements but whose final admission was contingent on space availability)

		Yes	No
C2	Do you have a policy of placing students on a waiting list?	х	
C2	If yes, please answer the questions below for Fall 2016 admissions:		
C2	Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list	821	
C2	Number accepting a place on the waiting list	416	
C2	Number of wait-listed students admitted	70	
		Yes	No
C2	Is your waiting list ranked?		х
C2	If yes, do you release that information to students?		
C2	Do you release that information to school counselors?		

#### Admission Requirements

C3	High	school	completion	requirement
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C3	High school diploma is required and GED is	v
	accepted	^
C3	High school diploma is required and GED is not	
	accepted	
C3	High school diploma or equivalent is not required	

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

C4	Require	
C4	Recommend	х
C4	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.

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

C5 Other (specify)

# **Basis for Selection**

C6

C6 Open admission policy as described above for all students

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C7 Relative importance of each of the following academic and nonacademic factors in first-time, firstyear, degree-seeking (freshman) admission decisions.

C7		Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
C7	Academic				
C7	Rigor of secondary school record	x			
C7	Class rank		х		
C7	Academic GPA	х			
C7	Standardized test scores		х		
C7	Application Essay	х			
C7	Recommendation(s)		х		
C7	Nonacademic				
C7	Interview			х	
C7	Extracurricular activities		х		
C7	Talent/ability			х	
C7	Character/personal qualities		х		
C7	First generation			х	
C7	Alumni/ae relation			х	
C7	Geographical residence			х	
C7	State residency				х
C7	Religious				x
	affiliation/commitment				^
C7	Racial/ethnic status			х	
C7	Volunteer work		х		
C7	Work experience		х		
C7	Level of applicant's interest			x	
	SAT and ACT Policies				
C8	Entrance exams				
				Yes	No
C8A				x	

C8A

C8A C8A		Require	Recommend	Require for Some	Consider if Submitted	Not Used
C8A	SAT or ACT	х				
C8A	ACT only					
C8A	SAT only					
C8A	SAT and SAT Subject Tests or					
	ACT					
C8A	SAT Subject Tests only				x	

C8B If powiansidtution will make use of the ACT in admission decisions for first-time, first-year, degr

C8B ACT with writing required

C8B ACT with writing recommended

 $\textbf{C8B} \hspace{0.1 cm} \textbf{ACT} \hspace{0.1 cm} \textbf{with or without writing accepted} \\$ 

C8E C8E	<ul> <li>If your institution will make use of the S for Fall 2018 please indicate which ON in the admissions process:</li> <li>SAT with Essay component required</li> <li>SAT with Essay component recomments</li> <li>SAT with or without Essay component</li> </ul>	E of the following a				
C80 C80	For admission For placement	II use the SAT or A	CT writing comp	onent; check all SAT essay X	that apply: ACT essay x	
C80 C80						
C80 C80	<b>) In addition</b> , does your institution use a	applicants' test sco Yes	res for academic No x	advising?		
C8E C8E	E Latest date by which SAT or ACT score	es must be receive	ed for fall-	1-Feb 1-Feb		
C8F C8F	If necessary, use this space to clarify y	our test policies (e	.g., if tests are re	commended for	some students,	
C80	à					

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C8G	
C8G	
C8G SAT Subject Tests	х
C8G AP	х
C8G CLEP	
C8G	
C8G	

#### **Freshman Profile**

Provide percentages for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, full-time and part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in Fall 2016, including students who began studies during summer, international students/nonresident aliens, and students admitted under special arrangements.

C9 Percent and number of first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in Fall 2016 who submitted national standardized (SAT/ACT) test scores. Include information for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted test scores. Do not include partial test scores (e.g., mathematics scores but not critical reading for a category of students) or combine other standardized test results (such as TOEFL) in this item. *Do* not convert SAT scores to ACT scores and vice versa. *Do* convert New SAT scores (2016) to Old SAT scores using the College Board's concordance tools and tables (sat.org/concordance).

C9 C9	Percent submitting SAT scores Percent submitting ACT scores		Number submitting SAT sco Number submitting ACT sco	299 265
C9		25th Percentile	75th Percentile	
C9	SAT Critical Reading	600	700	
C9	SAT Math	600	720	
	SAT Writing	610	700	
	SAT Essay			

C13	Reduced:							
C13 C13	Can on-line application fee be waived for applicants with financial need?	Yes x	No					
C14 C14 C14	Application closing date Does your institution have an application closing date? Application closing date (fall): Priority date:	Yes x 15-Jan	No					
C15 C15	Are first-time, first-year studen	ts accepted for term	s other than	Yes	No x			
C16 C16	Notification to applicants of ad On a rolling basis beginning (date): By (date): Other:	mission decision se 25-Mar	nt (fill in one onl <u>)</u>	y)				
C17 C17 C17	Reply policy for admitted appli Must reply by (date): No set date: Must reply by May 1 or within weeks if notified thereafter Other:	cants (fill in one only) 1-May 2 weeks						
	Deadline for housing deposit .36 Yes, in full Yes, in part No	13o(e)] TJ ET Q q	55.8 636.6 rg	1.0007 0 0 1 74.16	6 573.12 Tm [(A)3	5(r)3(e)2( ).120 rg	1.077 0 0 1 74.16	601.38 Tm [(P)4
C18 C18	Deferred admission			Yes	No			
C18				x				
C18		1 չ	/ear					
C19 C19 C19	Early admission of high school	l students	_	Yes	No x			
C20	Common Application	Question removed from	n CDS.	(Initiated during 200	16-2007 cycle)			
C21 C21	Early Decision and Early A	Action Plans		Yes	No			
C21								
				х				
C21 C21				15-Nov				

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 15-Nov

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 15-Dec

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 1-Jan

C21	1-Feb
C21	
C21	211
C21	100
C21 C21	

C22 C22	Early action			Yes	No
C22					
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C22					
C22 C22					
C22					
C22 C22	Ye	9S	No		

	Fall Applicants			
D1		Yes	No	
D1		x		
D1				
		x		

D11	Describe additional requirements for transfer admission, if applicable:				
	Transfer Credit Policies				
D12	Report the lowest grade earned for any course that may be transferred for credit:	С			
D13		Number	Unit Type		
D13	Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a two-year institution:	64	semester hours		
D14		Number	Unit Type		
	Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a four-year institution:	64	semester hours		
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:	64	]		
D17	Describe other transfer credit policies:				

### E1

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

- E2 This question has been removed from the Common Data Set.
- E3 Areas in which all or moi

# **F. STUDENT LIFE**

# F1 Percentages of first-time, first-year (freshman) degree-seeking students and degree-seeking undergraduates enrolled in Fall 2016 who fit the following categories:

	6	0 0	
F1		First-time, first-year (freshman) students	Undergraduates
F1	Percent who are from out of state (exclude international/nonresident aliens from the numerator and denominator)	58%	Home state from 50% Census
F1 F1 F1	Percent of men who join fraternities Percent of women who join sororities Percent who live in college-owned, -operated, or -		table. Blanks are
	affiliated housing	100%	79% excluded.
F1	Percent who live off campus or commute	0%	21%
F1	Percent of students age 25 and older	0%	0%
F1	Average age of full-time students	18	20
F1	Average age of all students (full- and part-time)	18	20

F2 Activities offered Identify those programs available at your institution.

F2	Campus Ministries	x
F2	Choral groups	X
F2	Concert band	Х
F2	Dance	х
F2	Drama/theater	Х
F2	International Student	x
	Organization	X
F2	Jazz band	
F2	Literary magazine	х
F2	Marching band	
F2	Model UN	х
F2	Music ensembles	х
F2	Musical theater	
F2	Opera	
F2	Pep band	х
F2	Radio station	
F2	Student government	х
F2	Student newspaper	Х
F2	Student-run film society	
F2	Symphony orchestra	
F2	Television station	
F2	Yearbook	x
E2	BOTC (program offered in econo	ration with Basary (a Officeral Training Corne)

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

х

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х

х

F3		On Campus	At Cooperating Institution	Name of Cooperating Institution
F3	Army ROTC is offered:		х	USC
F3	Naval ROTC is offered:			
F3	Air Force ROTC is offered:		х	UCLA

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

- F4 Coed dorms
- F4 Men's dorms
- F4 Women's dorms
- **F4** Apartments for married students
- F4 Apartments for single students
- F4 Special housing for disabled students
- **F4** Special housing for international students
- **F4** Fraternity/sorority housing
- F4 Cooperative housing
- F4 Theme housing
- F4 Wellness housing
- F4 Other housing options (specify):

# G. ANNUAL EXPENSES

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

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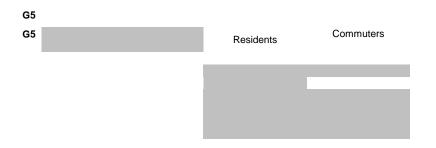
https://apps.oxy.edu/finaidcalc/

# Provide 2017-2018 academic year costs of attendance for the following categories that are applicable to your institution.

Check here if your institution's 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 academic year costs of attendance will be available: 2/1/2017

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 2017-2018 academic year (30 semester 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).

51		First-Year	Undergraduates	
61	PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS			
	Tuition:	\$50,492	\$50,492	
1	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS			
	Tuition:			
	In-district			
51	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS			
	In-state (out-of-district):			
51	PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS			
	Out-of-state:			
51	NONRESIDENT ALIENS			
-	Tuition:			
1	REQUIRED FEES:	\$578	\$578	
-		<i></i>	<i></i>	
51	ROOM AND BOARD:			
	(on-campus)	\$14,460	\$14,460	
i1	ROOM ONLY:			
	(on-campus)	\$8,230	\$8,230	
51	BOARD ONLY:			
	(on-campus meal plan)	\$6,230	\$6,230	
1	Comprehensive tuition and room college cannot provide separate to			
	college cannot provide separate to board fees):			
	college cannot provide separate t			
61 62	college cannot provide separate tr board fees): Other:	uition and room and	Minimum	Maximum
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61 62 62	college cannot provide separate tr board fees): Other: Number of credits per term a stuc	uition and room and	12	
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H2	d)	Number of students in line <b>c</b> who were awarded any financial aid	305	1143	4
H2	e)	Number of students in line <b>d</b> who were awarded any need-based scholarship or grant aid	300	1135	4
H2	f)	Number of students in line <b>d</b> who were awarded any need-based self-help aid	252	988	3
H2	g)	Number of students in line <b>d</b> who were awarded any non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	171	573	1
H2	h)	Number of students in line <b>d</b> whose need was fully met (exclude PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans)	305	1143	4
H2	i)	On average, the percentage of need that was met of students who were awarded any need-based aid. Exclude any aid that was awarded in excess of need as well as any resources that were awarded to replace EFC (PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans)	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
H2	j)	The average financial aid package of those in line <b>d</b> . Exclude any resources that were awarded to replace EFC ( <u>PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private</u> <u>alternative loans</u> )	\$ 45,211	\$ 46,144	\$ 24,345
H2	k)	Average need-based scholarship and grant award of those in line <b>e</b>	\$ 40,117	\$ 39,279	\$ 18,696
H2	I)	Average need-based self-help award ( <u>excluding PLUS</u> <u>loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative</u> <u>loans</u> ) of those in line <b>f</b>	\$ 6,962	\$ 8,255	\$ 7,532

H2 m) Average need-based loan (<u>excluding PLUS loans,</u> unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loansdized lo0 08ge need-bas 8

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# H5

#### H5

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.	244	53%	\$29,940
<ul> <li>b) Federal loan programs: Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans.</li> </ul>	221	48%	\$21,785
c) Institutional loan programs.	139	30%	\$14,000
d) State loan programs.	0	0%	\$0
e) Private student loans made by a bank or lender.	15	3%	\$36,325

H6 H6 H6 H6	Indicate your institution's policy regarding institutional scholarship and grant aid for und seeking nonresident aliens: Institutional need-based scholarship or grant aid is available x Institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid is available x Institutional scholarship or grant aid is not available	dergraduate degree-
H6		
		7
H6	Average dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree- seeking nonresident aliens:	\$32,539
H6		\$227,773

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

H7		
H7 H7		x
H7		х
H7		

# **Process for First-Year/Freshman Students**

H8 H8 H8		x
H8 H8		x x
H8 H8 H8		x
Н9		
H9 H9 H9		1/15 1/15
H10 H10 a) H10	Yes	3/25 No

H14	ROTC		
H14	Leadership	х	
H14	Minority status		
H14	Music/drama	х	
H14	Religious affiliation		
H14	State/district residency	х	

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:

Occidental has increased the EFC threshold in order to provide more Institutional Financial Aid Grant funds to families in the middle income range.

#### **Undergraduate Class Size** 13

In the table below, please use the following definitions to report information about the size of classes and class sections offered in the Fall 2016 term.

Class Sections: A class section is an organized course offered for credit, identified by discipline and number, meeting at a stated time or times in a classroom or similar setting, and not a subsection such as a laboratory or discussion session. Undergraduate class sections are defined as any sections in which at least one degree-seeking undergraduate student is enrolled for credit. Exclude distance learning classes and noncredit classes and individual instruction such as dissertation or thesis research, music instruction. or one-to-one readings. Exclude students in independent study, co-operative programs, internships, foreign language taped tutor sessions, practicums, and all students in one-on-one classes. Each class section should be counted only once and should not be duplicated because of course catalog cross-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 2016. 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.

13	Number of Class Sections with Undergraduates Enrolled								
13	Undergraduate Class Size (provide numbers)								
13	CLASS	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
13	SECTIONS	75	198	121	42	1	0	0	437
13	CLASS SUB-	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
13	SECTIONS	30	88	1					119

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# J. DEGREES CONFERRED

- J1 Degrees conferred between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016
- J1

J1	Category	Diploma/Certificates	Associate	Bachelor's	CIP 2010 Categories to Include
J1	Agriculture				1
J1	Natural resources and conservation			0.04	3
J1	Architecture				4
J1	Area, ethnic, and gender studies			0.02	5
J1	Communication/journalism				9
J1	Communication technologies				10
J1	Computer and information sciences				11
J1	Personal and culinary services				12
J1	Education				13
J1	Engineering				14
J1	Engineering technologies				15
J1	Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics			0.07	16
J1	Family and consumer sciences				19
J1	Law/legal studies				22
J1	English			0.03	23
J1	Liberal arts/general studies				24
J1	Library science				25
J1	Biological/life sciences			0.13	26
J1	Mathematics and statistics			0.04	27
J1	Military science and military technologies				28 & 29
J1	Interdisciplinary studies			0.06	30
J1	Parks and recreation			0.03	31
J1	Philosophy and religious studies			0.02	38
J1	Theology and religious vocations				39
J1	Physical sciences			0.08	40
J1	Science technologies				41
J1	Psychology			0.06	42
J1	Homeland Security, law enforcement, firefighting, and				43
	protective services				
J1	Public administration and social services				44
J1	Social sciences			0.32	45
J1	Construction trades				46
J1	Mechanic and repair technologies				47
J1	Precision production				48
J1	Transportation and materials moving				49
J1	Visual and performing arts			0.07	50
J1	Health professions and related programs				51
J1	Business/marketing				52
J1	History			0.03	54
J1	Other				
J1	TOTAL (should = 100%)	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	

**Contact hour:** A unit of measure that represents an hour of scheduled instruction given to students. Also referred to as clock hour.

**Continuous basis (for program enrollment):** A calendar system classification that is used by institutions that enroll students at any time during the academic year. For example, a cosmetology school or a word processing school might allow students to enroll and begin studies at various times, with no requirement that classes begin on a certain date.

**Cooperative education program:** A program that provides for alternate class attendance and employment in business, industry, or government.

**Cooperative housing:** College-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing in which students share room and board expenses and participate in household chores to reduce living expenses.

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

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

**Credit course:** A course that, if successfully completed, can be applied toward the number of courses required for achieving a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

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

**Cross-registration:** A system whereby students enrolled at one institution may take courses at another institution without having to apply to the seconppli9 517.07

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

**Exchange student program-domestic:** Any arrangement between a student and a college that permits study for a semester or more at another college in the United States without extending the amount of time required for a degree. See also Study abroad.

**External degree program:** A program of study in which students earn credits toward a degree through independent study, college courses, proficiency examinations, and personal experience. External degree programs require minimal or no classroom attendance.

Extracurricular activities (as admission factor): Special consideration in the admissions process given for participation in both school and nonschool-related activities of interest to the college, such as clubs, hobbies, student government, athletics, performing arts, etc.

**First-time student:** A student attending any institution for the first time at the level enrolled. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended a postsecondary institution for the first time at the same level in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credit earned before graduation from high school).

**First-time, first-year (freshman) student:** A student attending any institution for the first time at the undergraduate level. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school).

**First-year student:** A student who has completed less than the equivalent of 1 full year of undergraduate work; that is, less than 30 semester hours (in a 120-hour degree program) or less than 900 contact hours.

#### Freshman: A first-year undergraduate student.

\*Freshman/new student orientation: Orientation addressing the academic, social, emotional, and intellectual issues involved in beginning college. May be a few hours or a few days in length; at some colleges, there is a fee.

Full-time student (undergraduate): A student enrolled for 12 or more semester credits, 12 or more quarter credits, or 24 or more contact hours a week each term.

**Geographical residence (as admission factor):** Special consideration in the admission process given to students from a particular region, state, or country of residence.

**Grade-point average (academic high school GPA):** The sum of grade points a student has earned in secondary school divided by the number of courses taken. The most common system of assigning numbers to grades counts four points for an A, three points for a B, two points for a C, one point for a D, and no points for an E or F. Unweighted GPA's assign the same weight to each course. Weighting gives students additional points for their grades in advanced or honors courses.

Graduate student: A student who holds a bachelor's or equivalent, and is taking courses at the postbaccalaureate 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.

\* Remedial services:

Work experience (as admission factor): Special consideration given to students who have been employed prior to application, whether for relevance to major, demonstration of employment-related skills, or as explanation of student's academic and extracurricular record.

#### **Financial Aid Definitions**

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

**External scholarships and grants:** Scholarships and grants received from outside (private) sources that students bring with them (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit scholarships). The institution may process paperwork to receive the dollars, but it has no role in determining the recipient or the dollar amount awarded.

**Financial aid applicant**: Any applicant who submits **any one of** the institutionally required financial aid applications/forms, such as the FAFSA.

**Indebtedness**: Aggregate dollar amount borrowed through any loan program (federal, state, subsidized, unsubsidized, private, etc.; excluding parent loans) while the student was enrolled at an institution. Student loans co-signed by a parent are assumed to be the responsibility of the student and **should** be included.

**Institutional scholarships and grants**: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants for which the institution determines the recipient.

Financial need: As determined by your institution using the federal methodology and/or your institution's own standards.

**Need-based aid**: College-funded or college-administered award from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify. This includes both institutional and noninstitutional student aid (grants, jobs, and loans).

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

**Need-based self-help aid:** Loans and jobs from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must demonstrate financial need to qualify.

**Non-need-based scholarship or grant aid**: Scholarships and grants, gifts, or merit-based aid from institutional, state, federal, or other sources (including unrestricted funds or gifts and endowment income) awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement, merit, or any other non-need-based reason. When reporting questions H1 and H2, non-need-based aid that is used to meet need should be counted as need-based aid.

Note: Suggested order of precedence for counting non-need money as need-based: Non-need institutional grants

Non-need tuition waivers
Non-need athletic awards
Non-need federal grants
Non-need state grants
Non-need outside grants
Non-need student loans
Non-need parent loans
Non-need work
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**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.

**Private student loans**: A nonfederal loan made by a lender such as a bank, credit union or private lender used to pay for up to the annual cost of education, less any financial aid received.

Work study and employment: Federal and state work study aid, and any employment packaged by your institution in financial aid awards.