

Terminology



College has a vocabulary of its own. This list is to help as you begin to navigate the college experience.

Beadle: a student who serves as the RSP advisor's peer advisor (usually a sophomore)

Blue credentials/password: refers to your NetID and password; allows you to access many different online systems, like BlueLine, NEST, CEmail, etc.

BlueLine: online system for students to access most of their course materials, though use by professors varies

CEmail: your Creighton email account

Dining Dollars: money connected to your meal plan (amount varies based on meal plan selected); remaining money at the end of a semester will be lost

Decurion: an older student (typically a junior or senior) who acts as an advisor for freshmen and assists the RSP advisor with their section

iJay: the world's only student-run Apple store, located in the Harper Center

JayBuck\$: money that can be loaded onto your student ID and used for any on-campus transactions, like printing, bookstore, or food; money rolls over semester to semester; functions similarly to a debit card

KFC (Kiewit Fitness Center): gym in the Skutt Student Center

KFC Spine: long hallway in the KFC that overlooks the track and basketball courts

Magis Core: Creighton's core curriculum, focused on life's big questions and developing skills for today's careers

The mall: the brick pathway that runs through Creighton's campus

NEST: portal for students to manage many transactions (class registration, transcripts, billing); stands for Nearly Every Student Transaction

NetID: ID number for any member of the Creighton community (students, faculty, staff); NetID@creighton.edu is your email address

Neutral zone: common area on a residence hall floor, with couches and sometimes games

Ras: slang for Rasmussen Gym, on the east end of campus

RSP (Ratio Studiorum Program): the advising program for first-year students; includes a 1-credit orientation class; means 'plan of study' in Latin, as students work on their four-year plan in this course

RSP advisor: a first-year student's advisor and instructor for RSP class

Student portal: admissions portal used to complete applications and receive information; essentially a personalized website; access it at choose.creighton.edu/status

General College Terms

Attendance policy: varies by professor; there is no university policy on excused/unexcused absences

Catalog: the university's official summary of degree requirements, programs of study, and academic policies

Co-curricular: a program/activity that may not specifically be academic, but complements a classroom experience

College: could refer to the entire institution (if they only have one college), but generally refers to a specific school; Creighton has three undergraduate colleges - College of Arts & Sciences, Heider College of Business, College of Nursing

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Core curriculum: selection of required courses that all students in a college or institution must take

Credit hour: a unit of measuring educational credit (most classes are 3 credit hours)

Dead week: traditionally, the week before finals; meant to give students time to prepare for finals

Degree requirements: non-negotiable requirements a student must meet in order to earn a degree

Drop/add: the period of time at the very beginning of a semester when students can change their course schedules; there is no penalty for this and these do not appear on a transcript

Elective: an optional course for students; some may be part of a major, minor, or pre-professional track; counts toward total number of credits for degree requirements

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): a form completed annually to determine eligibility for student financial aid; not required, but highly encouraged; can be sent to multiple colleges at once

FERPA (Federal Education Rights and Policy Act): the law governing how colleges protect and share student information; begins when a student enrolls

Finals week: the last week of the term; the only scheduled classes are the actual final exams

Good standing: typically refers to students above a 2.0 GPA and without disciplinary issues

Grade point average (GPA): a summary of a student's academic success in numbers (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1)

Greek system/Greek life: student organizations (chapters) focused on social engagement and service to the community; sororities and fraternities

Honor societies: like sororities and fraternities, use Greek letters, but membership is based on academic achievement and scholarship; co-educational

Major: a student's area of specialization, usually consisting of 33-45 credit hours in a specific subject (Creighton students cannot formally declare majors until the end of freshman year; most declare during sophomore year)

Matriculation: the act of enrolling in a college or degree program

Midterms: exams offered at the midpoint of each semester (sometimes the first test in a course)

Prerequisites: courses that must be completed prior to taking another course (or declaring a major)

Registration: the process through which students sign up for their classes each term

Registration PIN: the access code a student needs to register for classes; changes each semester and available from the advisor (one way Creighton ensures students are in the correct classes to graduate on time)

Syllabus: the professor's plan for the course, including course expectations, required readings, and assignments

Transfer/transient credit: courses students take at other universities that count toward degree requirements at Creighton

Work-study: financial aid awarded to a student in which the student receives pay for hours worked; functions just like any on-campus job; awarded through filing the FAFSA

Withdrawal: the process by which a student officially leaves a class during the term (and after the drop/add deadline); the grade on the transcript shows a 'W' and there is a deadline for students to request a 'W'

Acronyms

AACRAO	American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
ACS	American Chemical Society
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADHS	Arizona Department of Health Services
AGI	Adjusted Gross Income, income figure on federal tax returns used to perform need analysis
AIM	Applied Information Management Institute
AIR	Office of Analytics and Institutional Research
AJCU	Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities
AMI	Account Management Interface
ASD	Admitted Student Day
ATB	Ability to Benefit
AY	Academic Year, the student's enrollment period for which financial assistance/aid is awarded. The federal definition of academic year is July 1 through June 30.
BJVD	Bluejay Visit Day
BRR	Borrower's Rights and Responsibilities
CAMPEP	Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Program
CANES	Classical and Near Eastern Studies
CARS	Center for Advising Resources and Support
CB	Campus-Based
CCAS	Creighton College of Arts and Sciences
CDR	Creighton Digital Repository
CFE	Center for Faculty Excellence
CHRP	Creighton Health Services Research Program
CIC	Creighton Intercultural Center
CIPER	Center for Interprofessional Practice, Education, and Research
COA	Cost of Attendance
COD	Common Origination and Disbursement
CPHHE	Center for Promoting Health and Health Equality
CPPSP	Creighton Pre-Professional Scholars Program
CPS	Central Processing System
CSU	Creighton Student Union
CUSOTA	Creighton University Student Occupational Therapy Association
DACAC	Dakota Association for College Admission Counseling
DEDI	Division of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
DL	Direct Loan
DoIT or myIT	Information Technology
DRT	Data Retrieval Tool
EAR	Enrollment, Analytics, and Reporting
ECSI	Education Computer Systems Inc
ED/DOE	United States Department of Education
EDI	Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
EFC	Estimated Family Contribution
EM	Enrollment Management
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EOP	Educational Opportunity Programs
ESC	Enrollment Service Counselors
FACHEX	Faculty, Administrator, and Staff Children Exchange Program
FAA	Financial Aid Administrator
FAFSA	Free Application for Student Aid
FAO / FA	Financial Aid Office (also, Officer)
FFEL	Federal Family Education Loan
FLP	Freshman Leadership Program
FPL	Federal Perkins Loan Program
FSA	Federal Student Aid
FSEOG	Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program
FWS	Federal Work Study
GENC	General Counsel
GEO	Global Engagement Office
GPA	Grade Point Average
HACAC	Hawaii Association for College Admission Counseling
HEA	Higher Education Act
HLC	Higher Learning Commission
HSL	Health Sciences Library
HS-MACA	Health Sciences-Multicultural and Community Affairs
ICAN	Institute for Career Advancement
ICR	Income-Contingent Repayment Plan
IELI	International English Language Institute
IFM	Ignatian Formation and Ministry
ILAC	Institute for Latin American Concern

Acronyms

IPF	Institute for Priestly Formation
IRHG	Inter-Residence Hall Government
IRS DRT	Internal Revenue Service Data Retrieval Tool
ISIR	Institutional Student Information Record
JET	Jesuit Excellence Tour
KFC	Kiewit Fitness Center
LEU	Lifetime Eligibility Used
LTHT	Less Than Half Time
NeASFAA	Nebraska Association for Student Financial Aid Association
MPN	Master Promissory Note
NACAC	National Association for College Admission Counseling
NACUBO	National Association of College and University Business Officers
NACRAO	Nebraska Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers
NASFAA	National Association of Student Financial Aid Administration
NASPA	National Association of Student Personnel Administrators
NCEPP	National Council for Community and Educational Partnerships
NEST	Nearly Every Student Transaction
NOG	Nebraska Opportunity Grant
NRCCUA	National Research Center for College and University Admissions
NSLDS	National Student Loan Data System
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OPE	Office of Postsecondary Education
OT	Occupational Therapy
PA	Physician Assistant
PELL	Federal Pell Grant
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PLUS	Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students
PNACAC	Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling
P-Note/PN	Promissory Note
PT	Physical Therapy
R2T4	Return of Title IV Funds
RMASFAA	Rocky Mountain Association for Financial Aid Administrators
RMACAC	Rocky Mountain Association of College Admission Counseling
RX	Pharmacy
SAC	Staff Advisory Council
SAI	Student Aid Index
SAIG	Student Aid Internet Gateway
SAP	Satisfactory Academic Progress
SAR	Student Aid Report
SARA	State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement
SCSJ	Schlegel Center for Service and Justice
SLIC	Student Leadership and Involvement Center
SSN	Social Security Number
SSS	Student Support Services
SRFS	Student Records and Financial Services
SUB	Subsidized Stafford Loan
TE	Tuition Exchange
T9CRC	Title IX and Civil Rights Compliance
The RAS	Rasmussen Fitness Center
TRIO	Federal Outreach and Student Service program that includes Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services
UCOM	University Communications and Marketing
UNSUB	Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
UR	University Relations

SCHOOLS

CAS	College of Arts and Sciences
CPCE	College of Professional and Continuing Education
CON	College of Nursing
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
GAPS	Graduate and Professional Studies
GME	Graduate Medical Education (<i>part of the School of Medicine</i>)
HCB	Heider College of Business
SOD	School of Dentistry
SOL	School of Law
SOM	School of Medicine
SPAHP	School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

Acronyms

TITLES

EVP	Executive Vice-President
VPAA	Vice Provost, Academic Affairs
VPAD	Vice Provost, Administration
VPFN	Vice President, Finance
VPGE	Vice Provost, Global Engagement
VPLA	Vice Provost, Learning and Assessment
VPSL	Vice Provost, Student Life
VPSS	Vice Provost, Student Success
Provost	Creighton's Chief Academic Officer

DEGREE ABBREVIATIONS

ABN	Accelerated Bachelor in Nursing
BA	Bachelor of Arts
BS	Bachelor of Science
CEC	Clinical Ethics Consultation
CSL	Catholic School Leadership
CSP	Masters in Christian Spirituality
DBA	Doctoral in Business Administration
DNP	Doctoral in Nursing Practice
ECE	Early Childhood Education
EdD	Doctoral in Interdisciplinary Leadership
EMBA	Masters in Executive Healthcare
ERM	Enterprise Risk Management
ESL	English as Second Language
IHW	Integrative Health and Wellness
MAC	Masters in Accounting
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MFPPP	Masters in Financial Planning and Financial Psychology
MIMFA	Masters in Investment Management and Financial Analysis
MPH	Masters in Public Health
MSBA	Masters in Business Analytics
MSBIA	Masters in Business Intelligence and Analytics
MSN	Masters in Nursing
MSOL	Masters in Organizational Leadership
NCR	Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
SDDR	Spiritual Direction/Directed Retreats