



College 101: Terminology



- Full-Time Student – A student enrolled in 12 or more units in one semester
- Part-Time Student – A student enrolled in less than 12 units in one semester
- Units/Credit Hours – Credit given for attending one lecture hour of class each week
- Transfer Credit – Courses that numbered 100 or above that meet CSU or UC requirements
- Certificate – A short-term training program
- A.A. – This stands for an "associate of arts" degree, which can be earned at a community colleges
- B.A. or B.S. - B.A. stands for "bachelor of arts" and B.S. stands for "bachelor of science." Both degrees can be earned at a four-year institution
- General Education - A group of courses required to earn a degree; provides a broadly based education
- Major – A concentration of courses in a specific educational area leading to a degree
- Elective – Courses students can take for credit toward their degree, but are not part of the required course list
- Pre-Requisite – A course that must be taken prior to enrollment in another course
- Co-Requisite – A course you must take concurrently with another course
- Syllabus - An outline of the course that you will be taking that provides important information such as exam dates, due dates for homework, assignments, policies and expectations
- Catalog – The college catalog provides a detailed overview of an institution, including its mission, policies, procedures, programs offered, graduation requirements, course requirements and a description of each course offered at the college
- Online Course – Education that occurs outside of the traditional classroom. The students and the instructors interact through web-based communication
- Hybrid Course - A class that is taught half online and half in person
- Semi-Independent Course – Unstructured math education which allows the student to work independently in a non-traditional environment
- Class Number – A number that is used to distinguish between multiple classes of the same course. This number is used to register for the course
- Waitlist – A student is placed on the wait-list for the course when the class has reached the maximum capacity. The student should still attend the first day of the course but it will be up to the professor to determine if the student is added.
- Site Location – Please note there are courses offered at the satellite campus in LaMirada