

Reference Sheet College Terms

- The average **community college class size** is 25-35 students and **introductory-level courses at universities** are in lecture halls with 150-300 students.
- **Public colleges and universities** are funded by state governments.
- **Liberal Arts and sciences** has subjects in the **humanities, the social sciences, and the physical sciences** with the goal of **developing students' verbal, written, and reasoning skills**.
- Applicants to the university **need to submit one letter of recommendation from an academic source, who can be a teacher, faculty member, school counselor or adviser**.
- If you've **been accepted to a college, you'll receive a college acceptance letter from that school, most likely at first electronically and then later as a hard copy in the mail no later than the first week of April**.
- The **campus** is the **physical space a college uses** — its buildings and grounds.
- A **full-time student** is enrolled at a college or university and is taking at least the minimum number of 12 credits required by the school to be eligible for financial aid.
- **Financial aid** opens October 1, 2021.
- Some examples of **financial aid sources** are **grants, scholarships, work-study jobs, loans, aid for military families, and aid for international study**.
- In universities the **Federal Work Study Program** hires students for part-time jobs to help them pay for school while attending.
- **The Bursar's Office** is responsible for collecting and analyzing all students tuition and fees and other university related charges.
- The process of **reserving a spot in specific classes** for enrolled students is called **registration**.



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- A student enrolled in courses but has **not yet declared a major is undecided or undeclared**.
- When **changing a major**, you must speak to your academic advisor and faculty member in the new major of interest.
- A **secondary focus** meant to add to the value to the student's major is called a **minor**.
- The knowledge, skills, lectures, assignments, tests and presentations that make up a course is called a **curriculum**.
- **Electives** are college courses that fulfill a general education requirement, that aren't part of your major and help boost your GPA.
- The **administrative procedure of dropping a course or leaving an institution** is called a **withdrawal**.
- An exam given approximately halfway through a course term that generally covers all lectures, reading and discussion material presented so far is called a **midterm**.
- **Transcript of grades, courses, credits, and related academic information** kept on file by the school is called an **Academic Record**.
- A **writing center on-campus** is where students of all disciplines can go to get assistance with any and all of their college writing assignments.
- To become eligible for **NCAA Clearinghouse** which is an essential step in playing college sports you need to **earn at least a 2.0 GPA**.
- **Bachelor's (or Baccalaureate)** is an undergraduate degree that usually takes about 4 years of full-time study to earn.

