

COLLEGE TERMINOLOGY

A.A. = Associate of Arts

A two-year degree only available at a community college and some technical schools. Your class emphasis would be in areas of Liberal Arts, Social Studies, History, English, Communications, Psychology, Theater Arts, Music or Art.

A.S. = Associate of Science

A two-year degree only available at a community college and some technical schools. Your class emphasis would be in areas of Physical Science, Life Science, Nursing, Computer Science, Mathematics, Health, or Physical Education.

ACT

This assessment (or the SAT Reasoning) is required for admissions to most four-year colleges. Assessments should be taken at the end of your junior year of high school. Fee waivers are available if eligible.

The ACT plus Writing test (or the SAT) is required by the UC system.

B.A . = Bachelor of Arts

A four-year college degree. Your major would be in the areas of Liberal Arts, Social Studies, History, English, Communication, Psychology, Theater Arts, Music or Art.

B.S. = Bachelor of Science

A four-year college degree. Your major would be in the areas of Physical or Life Science, Engineering, Computer Science, Nursing, Health, Mathematics or Physical Education.

BOG = Board of Governors Fee Waiver

Community College fee waiver which pays for certain enrollment fees for eligible students.

Cal Grant = Free monies given to California students based on specific need and a minimum grade point average of 2.0

Cal Grant A: Based on GPA and income.

Cal Grant B: Based on family income and the first in your family to graduate from a four-year college.

Cal Grant C: For students planning on attending a community college or trade school to get a certification in a specific field i.e.: cosmetology, mechanic, heavy duty truck driver, medical assistant etc.

Certificate of Achievement

A certificate recognizing a student's satisfactory completion of an organized program of vocational study, including a prescribed number of units in specified areas.

C.C./J.C. = Community College or Junior College

This is a two-year college that offers general education requirements for transfer to a four-year college, a technical degree or certificate, an A.A. or A.S. degree.

College

Orland High Counselors use this term for any school that offers further training and education after high school. Our use of the term includes technical and vocational schools, 2-year or community schools, 4-year schools that offer degrees up to Bachelors and Masters, and 4-year schools that university offer degrees up to PhD.

CSU = California State University

There are 23 and they offer BA, BS, MA or MS degrees and teaching credential programs.

ELM = Elementary Level Math

All CSU's require this assessment before registering for classes (can be waived depending on your ACT or SAT score or your EAP score on the 11th grade STAR test). You must register at the nearest CSU. There is a fee.

EFC = Expected Family Contribution

The formula that is used to determine how much and what type of money financial aid will provide you with for the school year.

EOP = Educational Opportunity Program

Available at most CSU and UC; provides admission, academic, and financial assistance to eligible students support programs and advisement. Only low-income and educationally disadvantaged students are admitted to EOP. CSU's have a separate application and UC's EOP is included on the college application.

EOPS = Extended Opportunities and Programs Services

Available at all community colleges. Provides a variety of services to help full-time, low income, under-represented, and under-represented students be successful the community college level.

EPT = English Placement Test

All CSU's require this assessment before registering for classes (can be waived depending on your ACT or SAT score or your EAP score on the 11th grade STAR test). You must register at the nearest CSU. Cost: free.

FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid

All grants, loans and work-study awarded to college students are based on the information on the FAFSA. Seniors planning on attending a community college, technical school, private college, CSU or a UC need to apply beginning January 1st. To assure California grant monies, the FAFSA must be postmarked no later than March 2nd. **Important:** You must apply every year!

Federal Grants

Free federal government money to use toward your college education.

Grants

Money you do not have to repay. Typically based on financial need.

Impacted Program

A condition that exists in a program when more students apply to the program than space is available.

Independent College

See definition for "Private Colleges" below.

Loans

Money that either you or your parents borrow to help pay for your college education.

Subsidized: The government pays the interest while you are in college.

Unsubsidized: You are responsible to pay all the interest on your loan.

Lower Division

Courses at the freshman and sophomore level of college.

M.A/M.S. = Masters of Arts/Science

A degree that requires an additional year or two, including a thesis, in your chosen major after receiving your BA/BS degree.

Major

The subject of study in which the student chooses to specialize; a series of related courses, taken primarily in the junior and senior years after general education.

Ph.D

A doctorate degree awarded upon the completion of a prescribed program beyond the master's degree level.

PIN

Personal Identification Number. Get one at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Serves as your e-signature on the electronic FAFSA; also is used to check on the status of your FAFSA. You and your parent both need one. You each use the same PIN numbers every year you file a FAFSA.

Private Colleges

These colleges are not supported by taxes, so costs may be higher. Financial aid is available at most private colleges. Information on the majors and degrees offered can be obtained from the college or on the internet.

SAR = Student Aid Report

The paperwork you will receive after you complete your FAFSA summarizing the information you provided. This information must be reviewed immediately and corrected if necessary. A college determines your financial aid based on the accuracy of this information

SAT Reasoning Test

This assessment (or the ACT) is required for admissions to most four-year colleges. Assessment should be taken at the end of your junior year of high school.

SAT Subject Tests

Many four-year colleges require or recommend one or more SAT Subject Tests for admission or placement. All UC's require SAT II: Subject Tests. Cost is based on the test taken.

Scholarships

Free money for college. Usually based on your area of study or merit, such as grades, test scores, athletic, musical or other special talents, community service, and sometimes financial need.

Transfer Program

Assists community college students to take the right classes in order to transfer to a four-year college.

UC = University of California

There are 9 and they offer a BA, BS, Masters and Doctorate degrees and teaching credential programs.

Undergraduate

Courses offered for freshman thorough senior level credit. Also refers to students who have not completed a B.A. or B.S. degree.

Upper Division

Courses considered appropriate for the junior and senior year of college.

Vocational Program

A program providing specific training and skills necessary to achieve occupational goals. Typically leads directly to employment upon completion of coursework in two years or less.

Work Study

Federal or college money given to the college to pay for jobs that you have while attending college.