

Glossary of College Terms

A.A., Associate in Arts Degree – Liberal arts degree, designed for transfer.

Academic Renewal - A means whereby a student may petition to have previous college work (grades and credits) excluded from current grade point average, if that work is more than two years old and is not reflective of the student's present level of ability or performance.

Academic Year - The regular terms of instruction not including summer session. Fall and Spring Semesters.

Advisory on recommended preparation means a condition of enrollment that a student is advised, but not required, to meet before or in conjunction with enrollment in a course or educational program.

A.S., Associate in Science Degree - degree awarded for technical and occupational programs, and transfer science programs.

ASB - Associated Student Body of Shasta College. All Shasta College students are members of the ASB and are represented by an elected and appointed student government called the ASB Council.

Baccalaureate - Refers to the baccalaureate or bachelor's degree usually achieved after four years of undergraduate college study. Shasta College offers the first two years of baccalaureate work in many fields of study.

Certificate of Achievement - Indicates completion of a specific occupational program of study and training.

Class Load - The number of class units a student takes in any given term. A full time class load is twelve or more units. A standard class load is fifteen units.

Clear Standing - Indicates that a student's grade point average in the previous semester and cumulative grade point average are C (2.0) or better.

Continuing Student - A student who was enrolled at Shasta College during the most recent previous semester.

Coop Ed - Cooperative Education - a program of college credit for work experience combined with college study.

Corequisite - A condition of enrollment consisting of a course that a student is required to simultaneously take in order to enroll in another course.

Credit - A completed and passed unit of study recorded on the student's official college record.

CSU - California State University System. Of the twenty-three state colleges and universities, the two closest to Shasta College are CSU Chico and CSU Humboldt.

Curriculum - (plural, curricula) often called "discipline." All the courses of study offered by Shasta College. May also refer to a particular course of study (major) and the courses in that area.

Dismissal - A status caused by low academic or progress performance. The dismissed student may not continue at Shasta College without approval for readmission. See catalog section on Academic Regulations.

District - The area served by Shasta College is the Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District. The District is the governing entity of the College.

Drop/Add - Revision of program of courses when a student wants to drop, change, or add a course.

DSPS – Disabled Students Programs and Services – Program providing both physical and educational accommodations to eligible students with disabilities.

Elective - Any course not required for a major field or General Education requirements.

Enrollment - Official recorded placement of a student in a class.

EOPS - Extended Opportunity Programs and Services - Special support services, financial assistance, and educational programs that assist students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages.

Full-time Student - A student taking twelve or more class units in a regular semester.

G.P.A. - Grade Point Average. The G.P.A. is compounded based on points for each grade received. Per unit an "A" grade is worth 4 points, a "B" worth 3, a "C" worth 2, a "D" worth 1, and an "F" worth 0. The total number of points accumulated is divided by the number of course units taken for a letter grade. Credit (CR), No Credit (NC), or Incomplete (I) grades are not computed in the grade-point average. Current G.P.A. is for the most recent semester. Cumulative G.P.A. is for all College work to date.

General Education Certification - Transfer courses certified by Shasta College for meeting General Education requirements at the California State Universities.

IGETC – Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum. A pattern of general education courses which is transferable to both the UC and CSU systems.

Independent Study – Independent study provides a forum for advanced work in a given field of study.

Major - Area or field of concentration for occupational certificate or associate degree.

Matriculation – Matriculation is a process which brings Shasta College into an agreement with a student for the purpose of realizing that student's educational objectives. The process includes Application, Records, Assessment Testing, Counseling, and Orientation

Nonresident - A person who has not lived continuously in California for one full year prior to enrollment.

Part-time Student - Any student enrolled in less than 12 units of course work.

Pell Grant - A federal financial aid grant available to qualified students that are enrolled in six or more units.

Petition - A request, usually written on a standard form, to adjust a study list or curriculum to fit an individual situation and/or request exception to a policy or regulation.

Prerequisite - A condition for enrollment in a course or a major. Prerequisites for courses usually consist of a previous course or courses in a related subject and/or the instructor's permission. Prerequisites are described in the Catalog course descriptions and indicated in the schedule of classes with an asterisk "*" following the course number.

Probation - An indication that performance is below standard because of academic or progress deficiencies; a trial period in which a student is permitted to redeem failing grades or deficient units.

Registration - The process of providing required information and enrolling in classes each semester.

Resident - A person who has resided in California for one full year prior to enrollment and who meets other residency requirements.

Returning Student - A student who has previously attended Shasta College but did not enroll during the most recent previous term.

Semester - A subdivision of the academic year into two semesters, usually Fall and Spring, each lasting approximately eighteen weeks. To convert semester units to quarter units, multiply by 3/2. To convert quarter units to semester units multiply by 2/3.

Student Educational Plan - A process that helps the student select a specific educational goal, describes the responsibilities of the student in reaching that goal, and states in written form the courses, programs and services required to achieve that goal. Required for financial aid and veteran students.

T.B.A. - To Be Announced or Arranged is noted in the Schedule of Classes when the instructor, room, or time of a course was not known at the time of schedule printing. If the class has no specified hours, the student should contact the instructor to arrange the hours.

Transcript - Official copy of a student's academic record (courses and grades).

Unit - Courses are assigned a unit value based on one unit of credit for every hour of lecture or 3 hours of laboratory time per week by the student. A student's progress in the college is determined in part by the number of units completed.

UC - University of California – The nearest UC to Shasta College is located at Davis.

University Center – A partnership between Shasta College and several regional universities to bring four-year Bachelor's degree programs to our District.

Work Study - Usually refers to "College Work Study," a program of federal aid that provides funds for student jobs on campus.