GET FAMILIAR WITH COLLEGE VOCABULARY

GPA
GRADE POINT AVERAGE
GPA is average of your grades earned in classes. Colleges often use this as a determining factor when admitting students.

CADRs
COLLEGE ACADEMIC DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS
CADRs are coursework required by a university in order to be admitted. They are usually completed in high school, but can also be completed at a community college.

AP
ADVANCED PLACEMENT
AP and Honors classes are taken in high school and help prepare students for college.

AVID
ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION
AVID is a class taken in middle school/high school which aims to prepare all students for college readiness.

DEGREE
AN ACADEMIC AWARD EARNED UPON COMPLETING YOUR MAJOR COURSEWORK.

ASSOCIATES
90 QUARTER CREDITS/60 SEMESTER CREDITS

BACHELORS
180 CREDITS

MASTERS
30-60 ADDITIONAL CREDITS BEYOND A BACHELOR’S DEGREE

DOCTORATE
60-100 ADDITIONAL CREDITS BEYOND A MASTER’S DEGREE

CREDIT
THE MEASURE OF THE AMOUNT OF APPLIED HOURS NEEDED TO COMPLETE A CLASS.
One college credit represents approximately one hour spent in a classroom and two hours spent on homework each week. Most single-semester college courses are worth three credits, or nine hours of work per week.

MAJOR
A SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREA THAT STUDENTS SPECIALIZE IN TO EARN A DEGREE.
Typically, between one-third and one-half of the courses taken in college will be related to your major.

MINOR
AN ADDITIONAL AREA OF SPECIALIZATION (25-35 CREDITS) MINORS ARE OPTIONAL.
Minors allow you to explore different courses and departments without the commitment of a major.

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