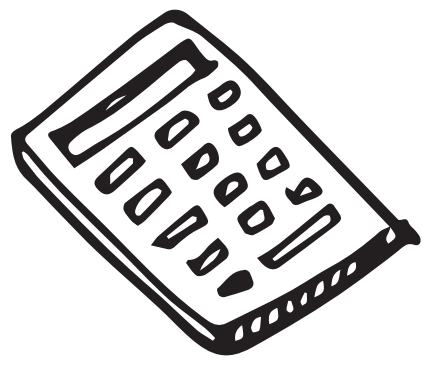


# GET FAMILIAR WITH COLLEGE VOCABULARY

## 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

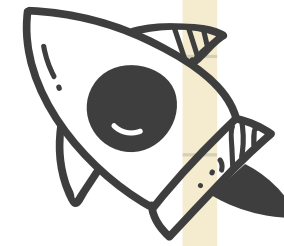
### COLLEGE ACADEMIC DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

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.



**SOME CAN EVEN EARN FREE COLLEGE CREDIT!**

## AVID

### ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION

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

**CHECK WITH YOUR COUNSELOR TO SEE IF AVID IS AVAILABLE AT YOUR SCHOOL**

## DEGREE

**AN ACADEMIC AWARD EARNED UPON COMPLETING YOUR MAJOR COURSEWORK.**

### ASSOCIATES

**90 QUARTER CREDITS/60 SEMESTER CREDITS**

### BACHELORS

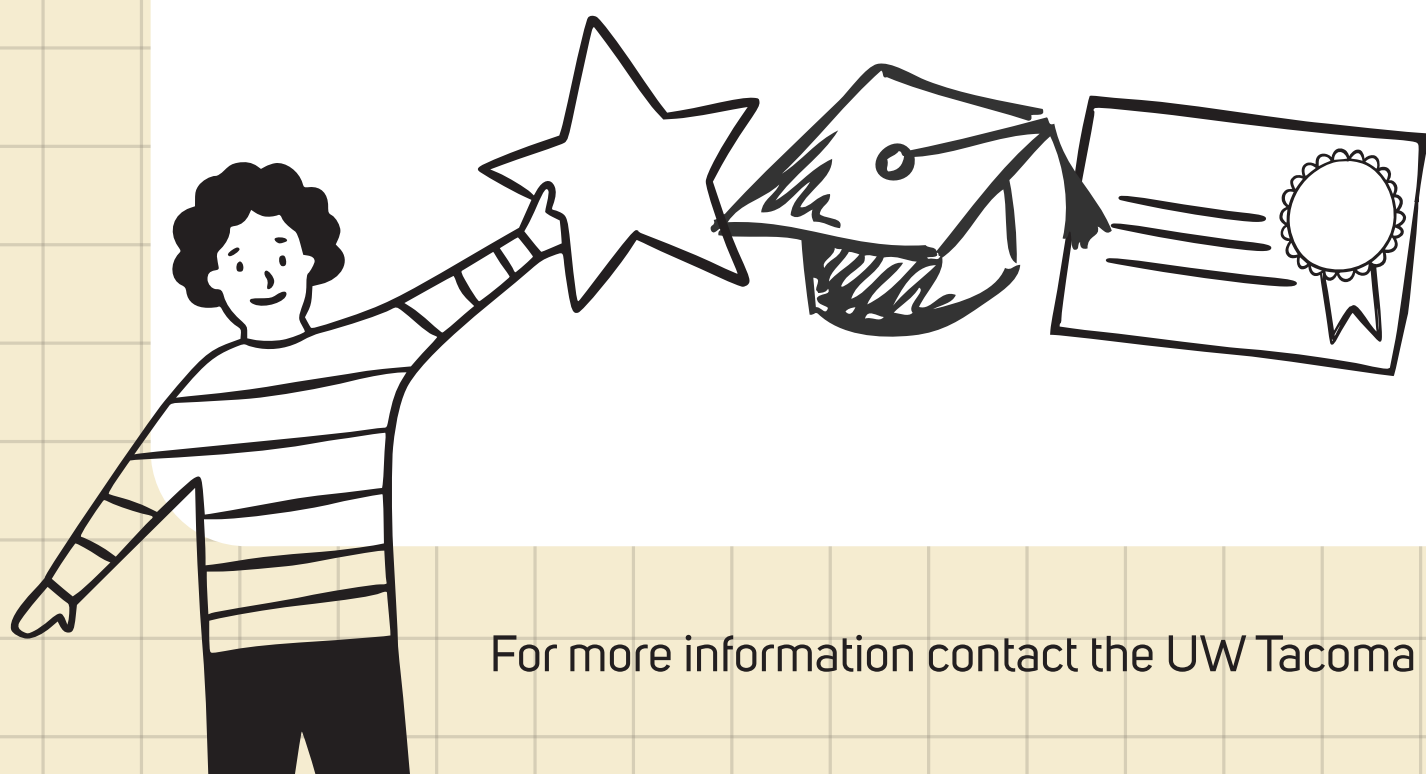
**180 CREDITS**

### 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

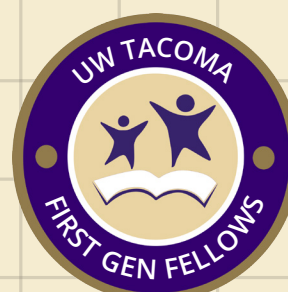
**A SPECIFIC SUBJECT AREA THAT STUDENTS SPECIALIZE IN TO EARN A DEGREE.**

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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