

COLLEGE TERMS TO KNOW

ADD A CLASS:

After submitting an application, you will receive an appointment each semester to register for your classes.

ADD CODE:

A 6-digit code issued by the professor to add a desired class on or after the start of the semester/session or for a restricted class. It is obtained and processed by the student through mySDCCD portal prior to the add deadline.

ADVISORY:

Departmental recommendations of suggested course work to be completed prior to enrolling in a specific course. Advisories do not prevent enrollment but are strongly encouraged for the student's academic success.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS/SCIENCES:

Awarded for the completion of at least 60 units of lower division coursework which include general education, a major, and district requirements with a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

BACHELOR IN ARTS/SCIENCES:

Awarded for the completion of 120 units or more of both lower division and upper division courses which include general education, a major and other graduation requirements.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU):

The CSU system is a public institution that focuses on preparing students for specific careers. There are 23 CSU campuses in California that emphasize undergraduate education, leading to a Bachelor degree. The CSU campuses also offer graduate degrees and credentials.

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT/ PERFORMANCE:

Awarded for the completion of the core requirements in vocational majors. Certificates do not require completion of general education or district requirements.

COREQUISITE:

Two or more courses that are required to be taken simultaneously in a semester.

CLOSED CLASSES:

The class is closed to further enrollment when a course has reached the maximum capacity of student registration.

CRASH A CLASS:

A method of adding a closed class to your schedule after the semester has started by attending the class during the add period and obtaining an add code from the instructor.

CRN (COURSE REGISTRATION NUMBER):

The 5-Digit course number that identifies each class section for the semester, required for registration.

DROP A CLASS:

You may officially drop a class through mySDCCD portal before the drop deadline. A dropped class will not be reflected on an official transcript.

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GENERAL EDUCATION BREADTH:

A pattern of course work which include English, math, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences required for an Associate degree or transfer admission.

EDUCATION PLAN:

A semester-by-semester outline of the course work you need to complete toward achieving your educational goal.

ELECTIVE:

A course that may not be required but may be taken for personal interest and/or to fulfill unit requirements.

FINANCIAL AID:

Provides assistance to pay for education. Awards may consist of grants, work-study, loans and scholarships.

INTERSEGMENTAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM (IGETC):

A general education pattern that will fulfill all lower-division general education requirements at all CSU campuses and most UC campuses. It is also accepted by some private/independent or out of state universities.

MAJOR:

A pattern of courses within a specific area of study. Majors for the Associate degree require a minimum of 18 units.

PREREQUISITE:

Courses that must be completed with a "C" or better prior to registration in a specific course.

TRANSCRIPT:

Students with credit from other colleges and universities must submit official transcripts to the district. Transcripts are required even if prior credits do not appear relevant or if units were earned years ago.

UNIT:

Represents one hour of lecture or three hours of laboratory per week for one semester.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC):

The UC system is a public institution that combines undergraduate education with an emphasis on graduate programs, leading to Master and Doctoral degrees. There are 10 UC campuses in California.

WAIT LIST:

Students who attempt to register in a class that is closed may select the option to have their name placed on a wait list. Wait listing a course does not guarantee enrollment.

WITHDRAWAL:

Occurs when a student drops a course after the drop deadline. You must officially withdraw through SDCCD prior to the withdrawal deadline. Withdrawals will be reflected on your official transcript.