Clarifying University Vocabulary

- **Academic/Major Advisor**
  Person who assists you with selecting the correct courses

- **Academic Probation**
  An undergraduate student shall be placed on academic probation if in any semester the cumulative grade point average or the grade point average falls below 2.0

- **Add/Drop System**
  Students may add/drop classes, however, check with Admissions and Record’s calendar for deadlines

- **Catalog**
  All important information on University is listed such as: courses, policies, procedures, etc.

- **Course Number and Section**
  All courses are identifiable by number and section. Ex: AMST 201-06: Introduction to American Studies

- **Credit/No Credit Courses**
  “Credit” for course work equivalent of a ‘C’ or better; “No Credit” for less than satisfactory work

- **CWID**
  Campus Wide Identification Number

- **Electives**
  After meeting GE and major requirements, students may select additional courses to meet total graduation requirements

- **GPA**
  Grade Point Average; GPA is calculated by averaging the numerical value of a student’s grades: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0

- **GE**
  General Education courses; 51 units taken from approved list

- **Lecture/Lab/Discussion Classes**
  Lecture classes: instructor lectures; Labs: hands-on class; Discussion: students expected to talk about material in class
- **Lower Division/Upper Division**
  Lower: 100 & 200 level courses; Upper: 300 & 400 level courses

- **Major/Minor**
  Major: concentrated study of a discipline; Minor: secondary area of study

- **Portal**
  Campus internet site that provides access to campus email account, grades, transcripts, library, Titanium, and other university sites and links

- **Prerequisite Courses**
  Course that must be taken prior to enrollment in another course

- **Semester**
  One of two 16 week periods in the fall and spring, that makes up an academic year

- **TDA (Titan Degree Audit)**
  A report that provides information on student progress towards the completion of GE, major, and other degree requirements.

- **TITANium**
  CSUF’s virtual learning environment

- **Undeclared**
  Student who has not declared/chosen a major

- **Undergraduate**
  A student who is pursuing a 4-year degree: B.A or B.S.

- **Units**
  Each course is worth a certain amount of semester credits or “units.” Students must complete each course with a passing grade, in order to earn units.

- **Withdraw**
  Students may withdraw from a course during the semester. Consult the university catalog for policies and procedures; written approval by university faculty and/or administrators is often required