

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.
- **TTANIum**
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