

College of Eastern Idaho Dictionary

A

ABE: Adult Basic Education.

ACA: Affordable Care Act.

Academic Credit: Credit applicable toward a degree or credential at the institution awarding it, accepting it on transfer, or acknowledging equivalency from learning experience adequately substantiated.

ACE: American Council on Education.

ACL: Access Control List. Determines who may have access to a particular asset.

Accreditation: The process by which a private, non-governmental body evaluates an educational institution or program of study and formally recognizes it as having met certain predetermined criteria or standards. The process involves initial and periodic self-study and evaluation by peers. College of Eastern Idaho is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and/or the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

ACT/SAT: Standardized placement testing, usually taken in Junior year of high school. Only good for five years, not needed for admission.

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act.

ADFS: Active Directory Federated Services, a software component developed by Microsoft that can run on Windows Server operating systems. ADFS provides users with single sign-on access to systems and applications located across organizational boundaries.

Admission: The process which determines the applicants who shall be admitted to an institution and its programs.

Accuplacer: CEI English placement test.

ALEKS: CEI math placement test.

APA: American Psychological Association.

AP: Accounts Payable.

Application: CEI has an application to be admitted as a student.

AO: Advanced Opportunities (State of Idaho Program that provides funding to high school students for advanced educational opportunities).

ARC: Advanced Research Computing.

ASP: Application Service Provider, a company that offers access to applications and related services, or, more commonly, Active Server Page, an HTML page including one or more scripts processed on a Microsoft Web server before the page is sent to the user, making it possible to customize the page on the fly.

Articulation Agreements: Official transfer agreements between College of Eastern Idaho and certain transfer institutions. Articulation takes the form of major preparation, general education, and course-to-course agreements.

ASC: Academic Standards Committee.

Associate of Applied Science Degree: The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree requires the successful completion of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and General Education coursework. The AAS degree requires students to complete at least sixty (60) credit hours, which includes a minimum of fifteen (15) General Education credits, and represents mastery of a defined set of competencies. This degree is designed primarily for students who plan to enter the workforce after graduation.

Associate of Arts Degree (AA): An Associate of Arts (AA) Degree comprises sixty (60) credit hours of instruction. Thirty-six (36) of those credit hours must come from the general education requirements from the six "Ways of Knowing" (WOK) outlined by the State of Idaho. The remaining twenty-four (24) credit hours will be chosen from the pathway of the student's choice. In the AA Degree, of those twenty-four (24) credit hours, a greater emphasis will be put on social sciences and humanities.

Associate of Science Degree (AS): An Associate of Science (AS) Degree comprises sixty (60) credit hours of instruction. Thirty-six (36) of those credit hours must come from the general education requirements from the six "Ways of Knowing" outlined by the State of Idaho. The remaining twenty-four (24) credit hours will be chosen from the pathway of the student's choice. In the AS Degree, of those twenty-four (24) credit hours, a greater emphasis will be put on science and mathematics.

AWS: stands for Amazon Web Services, a subsidiary of Amazon that provides on-demand cloud computing platforms to individuals, companies, and governments.

B

Bachelor degree, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.): An undergraduate degree normally representing about four years (120 semester credits) of college study, or its equivalent in depth and quality of learning experience. Students attending a community college and are working towards their Associates degree will typically complete the first half of a bachelor's degree.

Bb: Black Board. Our learning management systems for online learning.

BI: Business Intelligence. Similar to analytics. Using data to make sound decisions.

BMG: Business Management.

BO: Business Office.

BPA: Business Professionals of America.

BSU: Boise State University.

BPA: Business Professionals of America.

B&T: Business and Technology.

BYOD: Bring your own device. Devices used on campus that are not owned by the college.

BYUI: Brigham Young University-Idaho.

C

CAD: Computer Aided Design or also Solid Modeling.

CAM: Computer Aided Manufacturing or Computer Aided Machining.

CARES Act: Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act.

CASAS: Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems. It's a free test we give our students to place them into our classes. Students are pre-tested before they begin our program, and they are post-tested when their class/es end and have at least 70 hours of instruction.

Catalog: The official bulletin or publication of a higher education institution stating admission and graduation requirements, majors, minors, current offerings, costs, faculty, and all other significant information necessary for an accurate understanding of the institution.

CC: Credit Card.

CCR: College and Career Readiness. CCR is the umbrella over ABE--Adult Basic Education and ESL--English as a Second Language, which is sometimes called ELL--English Language Learners or ELA--English Language Acquisition.

CCSO: Council of Chief State School Officers.

CE: Concurrent Enrollment (when high school students enroll in courses taught on a CEI campus, CEI online or by a CEI faculty member).

CEC: Change in Employee Compensation.

CEI: College of Eastern Idaho.

CIO: Chief Information Officer. Usually the leader of an IT organization.

Clery Act: A consumer protection law that aims to provide transparency around campus crime policy and statistics.

CND: Center for New Directions.

CNT: Computer Networking Technology.

COA: Cost of Attendance. An estimate of a student's total education expenses for an enrollment period.

Consortium Agreement: An agreement between two postsecondary institutions to recognize a student's registration at each location for financial aid purposes. It also certifies only one of the two institutions can administer Title IV and state financial aid.

CRM: Customer Relationship Management, a type of software designed to help businesses manage customer data and interaction, access business information, and marketing and customer support and also manage employee vendor and partner relationships.

CSEC: Cyber Security.

CSI: College of Southern Idaho.

CSO: Chief Security Officer.

CTE: Career and Technical Education.

CWI: College of Western Idaho.

CY: Calendar Year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31).

D

DAR: Daily Activity Report.

DBA: Database Administrator. IT person who oversees configuration, design, and maintenance of various databases, usually as it relates to ERP databases.

DC: Dual Credit (college course taught by an approved high school instructor at a high school location).

DFM: Department of Financial Management.

DHCP: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol. Network protocol enabling servers to automatically and dynamically assign IP addresses to computers on a network.

DNS: Domain Naming System. The way IP addresses are assigned to domain names. For instance, cei.edu is a domain name that is assigned to a certain IP address, which is how the web browser accesses the site.

DPW: Department of Public Works.

DRC: Disability Resource Center, or Disability Resource Coordinator, the former title of the Senior Coordinator of the Disability Resource Center.

E

EAP: Employee Assistance Program.

EC: Executive Council.

ECP: Early College Programs (facilitates programing for qualified high school students to participate in higher education opportunities).

EFL: Entering Functioning Level – Where CCR students are originally placed. Students who enter at this level receive 70 hours of instruction and then are post-tested to see if they make an MSG--Measurable Skills Gain.

EIN or TIN: Employer Identification Number or Taxpayer Identification Number.

Elective Course: A course which is not specifically required for general education or your major, but may be taken for credit towards total credits required for graduation.

EMT: Emergency Medical Technician.

ELA: English Language Acquisition.

ELL: English Language Learners.

Entrance Counseling: Students are required by federal regulation to complete entrance counseling before they can receive student loan funds.

EOP: Emergency Operating Procedures.

ERP: Enterprise Resource Planning, a class of software that helps in the management of business processes, and allows an organization to customize a system of integrated applications to automate many back office functions related to technology, services and human resources. For College of Eastern Idaho, the ERP is Ellucian Colleague.

ES: stands for 'Enterprise Systems' – Application Information Systems, Ellucian Colleague, Information Warehousing, Document Management Systems, Integration Services, Database Administration, Application Administration, Analytics.

ESL: English as a Second Language, which is sometimes called ELL--English Language Learners or ELA: English Language Acquisition.

ESSA: Every Student Succeeds Act.

EFC: Estimated Family Contribution. The amount a family can reasonably be expected to pay for a student's education, calculated and determined based on the information provided on the FAFSA and a federal need-analysis formula.

Exempt: Salary Employee.

F

FA: Financial Aid.

FA: Fall (as in Fall Semester) (FA20 = Fall 2020).

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The standard form students must complete to apply for federal and state need-based assistance/aid programs.

Federal Direct Subsidized Loan: The government pays the interest on this type of loan while the student is in school. To be awarded this loan, a student must complete the FAFSA, be enrolled at least half-time (6 credits), demonstrate financial need and accept their award on Student Self-Service.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan: Interest will accrue on this type of loan while the student is in school. To be awarded this loan, a student must complete the FAFSA, be enrolled at least half-time (6 credits), and accept their award on Student Self-Service.

Federal Pell Grant: Provided by the government to undergraduate students on the basis of financial need and additional eligibility requirements. This grant does not have to be paid back as long as a student remains eligible for the grant throughout the semester.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG): The FSEOG is a program designed to assist students who have exceptionally high financial need. A student's FAFSA is utilized to determine eligibility and the amount of the grant.

Federal Work Study (FWS): Federal Work Study is awarded to students who demonstrate financial need and want to work while attending college. The work-study program provides on-campus jobs for students and allows them to earn up to a specific dollar award.

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

FFF: Fast Forward Funds.

FMLA: Family Medical Leave Act.

Forbearance: Permission to postpone or reduce loan payments.

FSA: Flexible Spending Account.

FSA ID: The Federal Student Aid ID is needed to complete a FAFSA, sign it electronically and to view personal student loan information and history.

FST: Fire Service Technology.

FY: Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30).

G

GE/GenEd: General Education.

GED: General Education Diploma.

GEER: Governor's Emergency Education Relief.

General Education/Core Requirements: A specific group of courses taken outside of a student's major to meet the need for broad knowledge of the world and to satisfy either North Idaho College degree requirements or requirements for a student's transfer institution.

GL: General Ledger account (budget account number similar to PCA and Sub-object).

H

HDMI: High Definition Multimedia Interface, which connects video and digital audio data from a source device (e.g., video display controller) to an output device (e.g., PC monitor, TV, etc.)

High Stakes Testing – Exams for candidates through agencies like Pearson VUE, PSI, Prometric, etc. Usually lead to professional certification in a candidate's chosen field.

HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, which states that any information regarding a patient's health cannot be shared without their permission.

HLC: Higher Learning Commission.

HOSA: Health Occupations Students of America.

HR: Human Resources.

HS: High School.

HTTPS: HyperText Transfer Protocol Secure. A more secure method of creating web pages/sites (more secure than the earlier HTML).

I

ICRMP: Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (Insurance Company).

ID DOL: Idaho Department of Labor. They are co-located in our CCRC.

IDLA: Idaho Distance Learning Academy.

IE: Institutional Effectiveness.

IEA: Idaho Education Association.

IEP: Individualized Education Plan.

ILL: Interlibrary Loan (The process that allows libraries to share materials. Items not owned by the CEI Library can be requested from another library. While receipt of item is never guaranteed, most items are able to be obtained).

Impacted Major/High Demand Major: When the number of applications received is expected to be larger than the number of spaces available for the major, additional criteria are then required for admissions to these programs. Typically, students must apply during a specific time period and there may be course and GPA requirements as well. If your intended major is impacted or in high demand be sure to check with your transfer institution.

IOT: Internet of Things. Items like “smart” refrigerators, home thermometers, etc.

IP: Internet Protocol.

IR: Incident Report.

ISP: Internet Service Provider.

ISU: Idaho State University.

IT: Information Technology.

ITIL: Information Technology Infrastructure Library, an initiative for providing best practices across all university IT services.

ITS: Information Technology Systems.

ITSM: stands for IT Service Management and refers to all the activities involved in designing, creating, delivering, supporting and managing IT services.

IR: Institutional Research.

IRON: Idaho Regional Optical Network.

J

JFAC: Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee.

K

KPI: Key Performance Indicator, a quantitative measure used to evaluate project performance against expected results.

L

LAN: Local Area Network, more commonly referred to as the network.

LDAP: Lightweight Directory Access Protocol, an open, vendor-neutral application protocol that is an industry standard for accessing and maintaining distributed directory information services over an IP (internet protocol) network.

LEA: Local Education Agency.

Levels/Division: Refers to placement of students at a certain level of college work, i.e., lower division (first two years) or associate degree, upper division (last two years) or bachelor's degree, first level graduate or master's degree, terminal professional degree or Ph.D.

LGIP: Local Government Investment Pool.

LMS: Learning Management System. A tool to help students and faculty manage specific courses. Blackboard is currently the LMS at CEI.

LSO: Legislative Services Office.

M

Major: A specific course of study that is the focus of the undergraduate degree emphasizing one specific discipline.

MPN: The Master Promissory Note (MPN) is a legal document in which you promise to repay your loan(s) and any accrued interest and fees to the U.S. Department of Education. It also explains the terms and conditions of student loan(s).

Minor: Additional coursework in a specific discipline other than the declared major, usually related to the major, but not always.

MLA: Modern Language Association. A writing format sometimes used for liberal arts subjects.

MSG: Measurable Skills Gain.

MTT: Machine Tool Technology.

N

NACEP: National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships. This is the national association and accreditation body for Early College Programs.

NACUBO: National Association of College and University Business Officers.

NAS: Networked Attached Storage.

NSLDS: National Student Loan Data System. A database with information from schools, lenders, and the U.S. Department of Education. Students may use this system to access information about their loans.

NEA: National Education Association.

NIC: North Idaho College.

Non-Exempt: Hourly Employee.

NWCCU: Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (Accrediting body).

O

OER: Open Education Resources.

OGI: Office of Group Insurance.

OSBE: Office of the State Board of Education.

ORP: Other Retirement Plan.

OU: 'Organizational Unit' - a subdivision within the Microsoft Active Directory into which you can place users, groups, computers, and other organizational units. Organizational units at CEI usually mirror the organization's functional/business structure.

P

PAC: President's Advisory Council.

Parent PLUS Loan: Interest will accrue on this type of loan while the student is in school. To be awarded this loan, a student must complete the FAFSA and be a dependent student; parent must pass a credit check.

PCA /Sub-Object: Last set of numbers on the general ledger account number you want an invoice applied to. 00000/0000 PCA/Sub-Object.

P-Card: Purchasing Card. Provided to some CEI staff and faculty to complete work related purchases.

PERSI: Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho.

PHI: stands for Protected Health Information, which includes any past, present and future information generated or received by a healthcare provider, employer, school, or life insurance/health insurance company. This information is protected under HIPAA.

Placement / Placement Score: Test scores or completed classes that meet the requirements to allow you to take a specific class.

PO: Purchase Orders.

PowerShell: PowerShell is a command shell and scripting language for Windows.

PP: Policies and Procedures.

Professional Application: CEI students pursuing specific programs have to submit a Professional Application to their program of interest.

Program: The specific subject of study that a student chooses, sometimes also referred to as a "major".

PSA: Postsecondary Skills Assessment.

PTK: Phi Theta Kappa. CEI's honor society.

R

RAM: Random Access Memory.

RBAC: Role-Based Access Control, a method of regulating access to computer/network resources based on the roles of individual users within an enterprise.

RegisterBlast: Online registration software for the Testing Center. Current CEI students will follow the link in their Apps Page or through Blackboard. Non-CEI candidates can register through the CEI website, www.cei.edu/testing-center

Req: Requisition.

RDS: Radiation Safety.

RFI: Request for Information.

RFP: Request for Proposals.

RFQ: Request for Qualifications.

ROI: Release of Information.

RP: Reporting party.

S

SA: Student Affairs.

SAML2: Security Assertion Markup Language, an XML-based standard for communicating identity information between organizations. It is used to enable secure transmittal of authentication tokens and other user attributes across Internet domains.

SAN: Storage Area Network. Large amounts of disk space used to store the college's most important data.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP): To remain eligible for most types of financial aid, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution.

SBOE: State Board of Education.

SCCM: Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager. Used to package software for distribution in the classrooms and other learning/group spaces. The SCCM Community is a group of people that use Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager as their Windows desktop management solution.

SEA: State Education Agency.

SEFA: Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards.

Self-Service: Online student portal for CEI students to register for classes, review Financial Aid offers, make payments and view their class schedule.

Semester: A half-year term in a school or college, typically lasting 15-18 weeks.

SLA: Service Level Agreement, an official commitment or contract between service providers and clients. In an SLA, aspects of a service like uptime, quality, availability, service and communication responsibilities are described and agreed upon.

SOAR: Student Orientating Advising and Registration.

SOP: Standard Operating Procedure.

SOW: Statement of Work.

SP: Spring Semester (SP20 = Spring 2020).

SSO: Supervising Security Officer.

Student Aid Report (SAR): An electronic or paper document that gives the student basic information about eligibility for federal student aid and lists the answers to the questions on the FAFSA. If calculated, the Expected Family Contribution as well as financial aid estimations will be available on the SAR.

STL: Stereolithography. It used to represent the process of 3D printing, but is now the file format used by 3D printers.

SU: Summer Semester (SU20 = Summer 2020).

Subject Credit: When completing a course after the maximum credits allowable for transfer, a student can earn credit for the completion of the specific course, yet receive no additional credits towards graduation.

T

TAC: Technical Advisory Committee.

Tax Return: A document which tax filers use to report income, expenses, and other pertinent tax information. Tax returns allow tax payers to calculate their tax liability, schedule tax payments, or request refunds for the overpayments of taxes.

Tax Return Transcript: A document which tax filers can request from the IRS that includes the information submitted from the tax return to the IRS.

T&C: Terms and Conditions.

TCC: Technical Competency Credit.

Title IV: Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) authorizes programs that provide financial assistance to students to assist them in obtaining a postsecondary education at certain institutions of higher education (IHEs). These IHEs include public, private nonprofit, and proprietary institutions.

Title IX: A Federal civil rights law passed as a part of the Education Amendments of 1972. This law is designed to prevent discrimination and harassment.

TSA: Technical Skills Assessment.

Transcripts: The official historical record of grades and classes student's high school and/or college work.

U

UEM: Unified Endpoint Management. UEM allows us to configure, manage and monitor devices of different types while also technically applying critical security controls in a centralized, standardized fashion.

UI: User Interface or University of Idaho.

UID: stands for a Unique Identifier. It is a numeric or alphanumeric string that is associated with a single entity within a given system.

UX: stands for User Experience, a design concept that focuses on developing a deep understanding of user needs, abilities, limitations, and what they value, while also taking into account the business goals and objectives of the group managing the project.

V

Verification: A process used to verify or make corrections to any errors on a student's federal aid application.

VOIP: Voice over internet. Phone services provided over the network or internet, rather than by older, copper phone lines.

VPFA: Vice President of Finance and Administration.

VPN: Virtual Private Network. A secure way for an employee to access important college information from off campus, via the internet.

W

WACUBO: Western Association of College and University Business Officers.

WAD: Welding/Auto/Diesel (Trades).

WiFi: Local area wireless technology that allows an electronic device to exchange data or connect to the internet using 2.4 GHz UHF and 5 GHz SHF radio waves.

WICHE: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

WIOA: Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act –CCR is funded by this source and some funding is available to academic credit students to help pay for tuition.

WTCE: Workforce Training and Continuing Education.

WWW: World Wide Web.

X

XML: Extensible Markup Language (XML) is a markup language that defines a set of rules for encoding documents in a format that is both human-readable and machine-readable.

Y

Z

2FA / MFA: Two-factor or Multi-factor authentication. A second layer of identification needed to log into accounts, usually a code sent to smartphones or obtained via a "fob" device.