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## GENERAL INFORMATION

## A1. Address Information

Name of College or University: Towson University
Mailing Address: 8000 York Rd. Towson, MD 21252 USA
Main Phone Number: 410-704-2000
WWW Home Page Address: www.towson.edu
Admissions Phone Number: 410-704-2113
Admissions Toll-free Number: 1-888-4Towson
Admissions Office Mailing Address: 8000 York Rd. Towson, MD 21252 USA
Admissions Fax Number: 410-704-3030
Admissions E-mail Address: admissions@towson.edu
If there is a separate URL for your school's online application, please specify:
www.applyweb.com/apply/towson/menu.html
If you have a mailing address other than the above to which applications should be sent, please provide:
A2. Source of institutional control (check one only)
区 Public
$\square$ Private (nonprofit)Proprietary

## A3. Classify your undergraduate institution:

【 Coeducational college
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## B. ENROLLMENT AND PERSISTENCE

B1. Institutional Enrollment-Men and Women Provide numbers of students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of October 15, 2006.

|  | FULL-TIME |  | PART-TIME |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Men | Women | Men | Women |
| Undergraduates |  |  |  |  |
| Degree-seeking, first-time freshmen | 992 | 1,698 | 1 | 5 |
| Other first-year, degreeseeking | 516 | 721 | 59 | 44 |
| All other degree-seeking | 3,629 | 5,762 | 617 | 716 |
| Total degree-seeking | 5,137 | 8,181 | 677 | 765 |
| All other undergraduates enrolled in credit courses | 93 | 128 | 182 | 211 |
| Total undergraduates | 5,230 | 8,309 | 859 | 976 |
| First-professional |  |  |  |  |
| First-time, first-professional students |  |  |  |  |
| All other first-professionals |  |  |  |  |
| Total first-professional |  |  |  |  |
| Graduate |  |  |  |  |
| Degree-seeking, first-time | 77 | 261 | 95 | 286 |
| All other degree-seeking | 139 | 389 | 420 | 1,263 |
| All other graduates enrolled in credit courses | 7 | 13 | 170 | 427 |
| Total graduate | 223 | 663 | 685 | 1,976 |

Total all undergraduates: 15,374
Total all graduate and professional students: 3,547
GRAND TOTAL ALL STUDENTS: 18,921

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B2. Enrollment by Racial/Ethnic Category. Provide numbers of undergraduate students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of October 15, 2006. Include international students only in the category "Nonresident aliens." Complete the "Total Undergraduates" column only if you cannot provide data for the first two columns.

|  | Degree-seeking <br> First-time First year | Degree-seeking <br> Undergraduates <br> (include first-time <br> first-year) | Total <br> Undergraduates <br> (both degree- and non- <br> degree-seeking) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nonresident aliens | 41 | 377 |  |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 307 | 1633 |  |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 14 | 50 |  |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 111 | 596 |  |
| Hispanic | 63 | 369 |  |

B5. Of the initial 1999 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, or service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:

B6. Final 1999 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions:
(Subtract question B5 from question B4)
B7. Of the initial 1999 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by August 31, 2003):

B8. Of the initial 1999 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after August 31, 2003 and by August 31, 2004):

B9. Of the initial 1999 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after August 31, 2004 and by August 31, 2005):

B10. Total graduating within six years (sum of questions B7, B8, and B9):

B11. Six-year graduation rate for 1999 cohort (question B10 divided by question B6): $\qquad$ \%

B5. Of the initial 2000 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, or service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:
$\qquad$ N/A
B6. Final 2000 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions: 1,981
(Subtract question B5 from question B4)
B7. Of the initial 2000 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by August 31, 2004): 686

B8. Of the initial 2000 cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after August 31, 2004 and by August 31, 2005): 476

B9. Of the initial 2000 cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after August 31, 2005 and by August 31, 2006): 107

B10. Total graduating within six years (sum of questions B7, B8, and B9): 1,269

B11. Six-year graduation rate for 2000 cohort (question B10 divided by question B6): 64.1 \%

## For Two-Year Institutions

Please provide data for the 2003 cohort if available. If 2003 cohort data are not available, provide data for the 2002 cohort.

## 2002 Cohort

B12. Initial 2002 cohort, total of first-time, full-time degree/certificate-seeking students:

B13. Of the initial 2002 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanently disability, or service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:

B14. Final 2002 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions
(Subtract question B13 from question B12)
B15. Completers of programs of less than two years duration (total):

B16. Completers of programs of less than two years

## 2003 Cohort

B12. Initial 2003 cohort, total of first-time, full-time degree/certificate-seeking students:

B13. Of the initial 2003 cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanently disability, or service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:

B14. Final 2003 cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions
(Subtract question B13 from question B12)
B15. Completers of programs of less than two years duration (total): $\qquad$
B16. Completers of programs of less than two years

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within 150 percent of normal time:
B17. Completers of programs of at least two but less than four years (total): $\qquad$
B18. Completers of programs of at least two but less than four-years within 150 percent of normal time:

B19. Total transfers-out (within three years) to other institutions: $\qquad$
B20. Total transfers to two-year institutions:

B21. Total transfers to four-year institutions:
within 150 percent of normal time: $\qquad$
B17. Completers of programs of at least two but less than four years (total): $\qquad$
B18. Completers of programs of at least two but less than four-years within 150 percent of normal time:

B19. Total transfers-out (within three years) to other institutions: $\qquad$
B20. Total transfers to two-year institutions:

B21. Total transfers to four-year institutions:

## Retention Rates

Report for the cohort of all full-time, first-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered in fall 2005 (or the preceding summer term). The initial cohort may be adjusted for students who departed for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, or service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government or official church missions. No other adjustments to the initial cohort should be made.

B22. For the cohort of all full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered your institution as freshmen in fall 2005 (or the preceding summer term), what percentage was enrolled at your institution as of the date your institution calculates its official enrollment in fall 2006? 80.0 \%

## C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) ADMISSION

## Applications

C1. First-time, first-year (freshman) students: Provide the number of degree-seeking, first-time, first-year students who

SAT and ACT Policies

## Freshman Profile

Provide percentages for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, full-time and part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in fall 2006, including students who began studies during summer, international students/nonresident aliens, and students admitted under special arrangements.

C9. Percent and number of first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in fall 2006 who submitted national standardized (SAT/ACT) test scores. Include information for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted test scores. Do not include partial test scores (e.g., mathematics scores but not critical reading for a category of students) or combine other standardized test results (such as TOEFL) in this item. Do not convert SAT scores to ACT scores and vice versa.
The 25th percentile is the score that 25 percent scored at or below; the 75 th percentile score is the one that 25 percent scored at or above.

| Percent submitting SAT scores | 97.7 | Number submitting SAT scores | 2631 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Percent submitting ACT scores | 11.8 | Number submitting ACT scores | 223 |


|  | 25th Percentile | 75th Percentile |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| SAT Critical Reading | 480 | 580 |
| SAT Math | 490 | 590 |
| SAT Writing | 480 | 580 |
| SAT Essay |  |  |
| ACT Composite | 20 | 24 |
| ACT Math | 18 | 24 |
| ACT English | 19 | 24 |
| ACT Writing | 23 | 44 |

Percent of first-time, first-year (freshman) students with scores in each range:

|  | SAT Critical Reading | SAT Math | SAT Writing |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $700-800$ | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.0 |
| $600-699$ | 17.5 | 21.9 | 17.3 |
| $500-599$ | 48.3 | 50.7 | 52.8 |
| $400-499$ | 30.3 | 22.4 | 25.9 |
| $300-399$ | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.9 |
| $200-299$ | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
|  | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |


|  | ACT <br> Composite | ACT English | ACT Math |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $30-36$ | 0.9 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| $24-29$ | 25.6 | 26.5 | 31.0 |
| $18-23$ | 66.4 | 58.3 | 49.0 |
| $12-17$ | 7.0 | 13.0 | 18.8 |
| $6-11$ | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Below 6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |

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C10. Percent of all degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school class rank within each of the following ranges (report information for those students from whom you collected high school rank information).
Percent in top tenth of high school graduating class 22.6
Percent in top quarter of high school graduating class 53.5
Percent in top half of high school graduating class 89.2
Percent in bottom half of high school graduating class 11.5
Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduating class _ 0.6
Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted high school class rank: 95.8
C11. Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who had high school gradepoint averages within each of the following ranges (using 4.0 scale). Report information only for those students from whom you collected high school GPA.
Percent who had GPA of 3.75 and higher 23.2
Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.7424 .8
Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.4926 .8
Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.2419 .0
Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.995 .6
Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.490 .6
Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99 .08
Percent who had GPA below 1.00

C17. Reply policy for admitted applicants (fill in one only)
Must reply by (date): $\qquad$
No set date:
Must reply by May 1 or within 2 weeks if notified thereafter
Other: $\qquad$
Deadline for housing deposit (MMDD): 05/01
Amount of housing deposit: \$225
Refundable if student does not enroll?
Yes, in full
Yes, in part

## No

C18. Deferred admission: Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after admission?
$\boxtimes$ Yes$\square$ No
If yes, maximum period of postponement: 1 Year
C19. Early admission of high school students: Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time, firsttime, first-year (freshman) students one year or more before high school graduation?No

C20. Common Application: Question removed from CDS.

## Early Decision and Early Action Plans

C21. Early decision: Does your institution offer an early decision plan (an admission plan that permits students to apply and

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## D. TRANSFER ADMISSION

## Fall Applicants

D1. Does your institution enroll transfer students? $\boxtimes$ Yes $\square$ No (If no, please skip to Section E)

D9. List application priority, closing, notification, and candidate reply dates for transfer students. If applications are reviewed on a continuous or rolling basis, place a check mark in the "Rolling admission" column.

|  | Priority Date | Closing Date | Notification Date | Reply Date | Rolling <br> Admission |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fall |  | $2 / 15$ |  | May 1 |  |
| Winter |  |  |  |  |  |
| Spring |  | $11 / 15$ |  | Dec. 1 |  |
| Summer |  |  |  |  |  |

D10. Does an open admission policy, if reported, apply to transfer students? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
D11. Describe additional requirements for transfer admission, if applicable:

## Transfer Credit Policies

D12. Report the lowest grade earned for any course that may be transferred for credit: D
D13. Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a two-year institution: Number 64 Unit type Semester Hours

D14. Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a four-year institution: Number $90 \quad$ Unit type Semester Hours

D15. Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn an associate degree: N/A
D16. Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn a bachelor's degree: $\mathbf{3 0}$

D17. Describe other transfer credit policies:

## E. ACADEMIC OFFERINGS AND POLICIES

E1. Special study options: Identify those programs available at your institution. Refer to the glossary for definitions.

| Accelerated program | H Honors program |
| :---: | :---: |
| Q Cooperative education program | Independent study |
| Cross-registration | Internships |
| Distance learning | Liberal arts/career combination |
| D Double major | Q Student-designed major |
| Dual enrollment | Study abroad |
| Q English as a Second Language (ESL) | Q Teacher certification program |
| 区Exchange student program (domestic) | $\square$ Weekend college |
| External degree program |  |
| Other (specify): |  |

E2. Has been removed from the CDS.
E3. Areas in which all or most students are required to complete some course work prior to graduation:

| $\boxtimes$ Arts/fine arts | $\boxtimes$ Humanities |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\boxtimes$ Computer literacy | $\boxtimes$ Mathematics |
| $\boxtimes$ English (including composition) | $\square$ Philosophy |
| $\square$ Foreign languages | $\boxed{\text { Sciences (biological or physical) }}$$\boxtimes$ History |
| $\square$ Other (describe): | $\boxed{\text { Social science }}$ |

Library Collections: The CDS publishers will collect library data again when a new Academic Libraries Survey is in place.

## F. STUDENT LIFE

F1. Percentages of first-time, first-year (freshman) students and all degree-seeking undergraduates enrolled in fall 2006 whe5p (h)1.4.3(t th5.0004 fopls4p Tm0 TlSaduc001gore)2mans: degradu.3(t th5gny )1.77

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G5. Provide the estimated expenses for a iN9cal full-J1e undergradu7.2 student: 10.0-14Tf92-1.251541.3(13.8694e the Residents

## H. FINANCIAL AID

Please refer to the following financial aid definitions when completing Section $\mathbf{H}$.
Awarded aid:

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## Aid Awarded to Enrolled Undergraduates

H1. Enter total dollar amounts awarded to enrolled full-time and less than full-time degree-seeking undergraduates (using the same cohort reported in CDS Question B1, "total degree-seeking" undergraduates) in the following categories. (Note: If the data being reported are final figures for the 2005-2006 academic year (see the next item below), use the 2005-2006 academic year's CDS Question B1 cohort.) Include aid awarded to international students (i.e., those not qualifying for federal aid). Aid that is

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Note: These are the graduates and loan types to include and exclude in order to fill out CDS H4, H4a, H5 and H5a.

Include:

* 2006 undergraduate class who graduated between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006 who started at your institution as firsttime students and received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006.
* only loans made to students who borrowed while enrolled at your institution.
* co-signed loans.

Exclude:

* those who transferred in.
* money borrowed at other institutions.

H4. Provide the percentage of the class (defined above) who borrowed at any time through any loan programs (institutional, state, Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized, private loans that were certified by your institution, etc.; exclude parent loans). Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans. 49 \%

H4a. Provide the percentage of the class (defined above) who borrowed at any time through federal loan programs--Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans. NOTE: exclude all institutional, state, private alternative loans and parent loans. 49 \%

H5. Report the average per-borrower cumulative undergraduate indebtedness of those in line H4. \$ 12,472
H5a. Report the average per-borrower cumulative undergraduate indebtedness through federal loan programs--Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family

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## Process for First-Year/Freshman Students

H8. Check off all financial aid forms domestic first-year (freshman) financial aid applicants must submit:

## FAFSA

Institution's own financial aid form
CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
State aid form
Noncustodial PROFILE
Business/Farm Supplement
Other: $\qquad$
H9. Indicate filing dates for first-year (freshman) students:
Priority date for filing required financial aid forms: 1/31
Deadline for filing required financial aid forms:
No deadline for filing required forms (applications processed on a rolling basis):
H10. Indicate notification dates for first-year (freshman) students (answer a or b):
a.) Students notified on or about (date): $\qquad$
b.) Students notified on a rolling basis: yes/no If yes, starting date: 3/21

H11. Indicate reply dates:
Students must reply by (date): $\qquad$ or within 2 weeks of notification.

## Types of Aid Available

Please check off all types of aid available to undergraduates at your institution:
H12. Loans

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H13. Scholarships and Grants

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NEED-BASED:
    Federal Pell
    SEOG
    State scholarships/grants
    Private scholarships
    College/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds
    United Negro College Fund
    Federal Nursing Scholarship
    Other (specify):
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$\qquad$

H14. Check off criteria used in awarding institutional aid. Check all that apply.

| Non-need | Need-based |  | Non-need | Need-based |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  | Academics |  |  | Leadership |
|  |  | Alumni affiliation |  |  | Minority status |
|  |  | Art |  |  | Music/drama |
|  |  | Athletics |  |  | Religious affiliation |
|  |  | Job skills |  |  | State/district residency |
|  |  | ROTC |  | --------------- |  |

## I. INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY AND CLASS SIZE

I-1. Please report the number of instructional faculty members in each category for fall 2006. Include faculty who are on your institution's payroll on the census date your institution uses for IPEDS/AAUP.

The following definition of full-time instructional faculty is used by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in its annual Faculty Compensation Survey (the part time definitions are not used by AAUP). Instructional Faculty is defined as those members of the instructional-research staff whose major regular assignment is instruction, including those with released time for research. Use the chart below to determine inclusions and exclusions:

|  | Full-time | Part-time |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (a) instructional faculty in preclinical and clinical medicine, faculty <br> who are not paid (e.g., those who donate their services or are in the <br> military), or research-only faculty, post-doctoral fellows, or pre- <br> doctoral fellows | Exclude | Include only if <br> they teach one or <br> more non-clinical <br> credit courses |
| (b) administrative officers with titles such as dean of students, <br> librarian, registrar, coach, and the like, even though they may <br> devote part of their time to classroom instruction and may have <br> faculty status | Exclude | Include if they <br> teach one or more <br> non-clinical credit <br> courses |
| (C ) other administrators/staff who teach one or more non-clinical <br> credit courses even though they do not have faculty status | Exclude | Include |
| (d) undergraduate or graduate students who assist in the instruction <br> of courses, but have titles such as teaching assistant, teaching <br> fellow, and the like | Exclude | Exclude |
| (e) faculty on sabbatical or leave with pay | Include | Exclude |
| (f) faculty on leave without pay | Exclude | Exclude |
| (g) replacement faculty for faculty on sabbatical leave or leave with <br> pay | Exclude | Include |

Full-time instructional faculty: faculty employed on a full-time basis for instruction (including those with released time for research)
Part-time instructional faculty: Adjuncts and other instructors being paid solely for part-time classroom instruction. Also includes full-time faculty teaching less than two semesters, three quarters, two trimesters, or two four-month sessions. Employees who are not considered full-time instruction faculty but who teach one or more non-clinical credit courses may be counted as part-time faculty.
Minority faculty: includes faculty who designate themselves as black, non-Hispanic; American Indian or Alaskan native; Asian or Pacific Islander; or Hispanic.
Doctorate: includes such degrees as Doctor of Ph[( facult)3.7(e)8.eeophy, Doctor of

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|  | Full-time | Part-time | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a.) Total number of instructional faculty | 694 | 595 | 1,289 |
| b.)Total number who are members of <br> minority groups | 100 | 59 | 159 |
| c.) Total number who are women | 353 | 324 | 677 |
| d.) Total number who are men | 341 | 271 | 612 |

e.) Total number who are nonresident aliens

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## I-3. Undergraduate Class Size

In the table below, please use the following definitions to report information about the size of classes and class sections offered in the fall 2006 term.

Class Sections: A class section is an organized course offered for credit, identified by discipline and number, meeting at a stated time or times in a classroom or similar setting, and not a subsection such as a laboratory or discussion session. Undergraduate class sections are defined as any sections in which at least one degree-seeking undergraduate student is enrolled for credit. Exclude distance learning classes and noncredit classes and individual instruction such as dissertation or

## J. Disciplinary areas of DEGREES CONFERRED

## Degrees conferred between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006

For each of the following discipline areas, provide the percentage of diplomas/certificates, associate, and bachelor’s degrees awarded. To determine the percentage, use majors, not headcount (e.g., students with one degree but a double major will be represented twice). Calculate the percentage from your institution's IPEDS Completions by using the sum of $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ majors for each CIP code as the numerator and the sum of the Grand Total by 1st Majors and the Grand Total by $2^{\text {nd }}$ major as the denominator. If you prefer, you can compute the percentages using $1^{\text {st }}$ majors only.

| Category | Diploma/ Certificates | Associate | Bachelor's | CIP 2000 Categories to Include |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agriculture |  |  |  | 1 |
| Natural resources/environmental science |  |  |  | 3 |
| Architecture |  |  |  | 4 |
| Area and ethnic studies |  |  | 0.5 | 5 |
| Communications/journalism |  |  | 9.0 | 9 |
| Communication technologies |  |  | 4.5 | 10 |
| Computer and information sciences |  |  | 3.8 | 11 |
| Personal and culinary services |  |  |  | 12 |
| Education |  |  | 14.2 | 13 |
| Engineering |  |  |  | 14 |
| Engineering technologies |  |  |  | 15 |
| Foreign languages and literature |  |  | 0.7 | 16 |
| Family and consumer sciences |  |  | 1.8 | 19 |
| Law/legal studies |  |  |  | 22 |
| English |  |  | 3.0 | 23 |
| Liberal arts/general studies |  |  |  | 24 |
| Library science |  |  |  | 25 |
| Biological/life sciences |  |  | 3.6 | 26 |
| Mathematics |  |  | 1.2 | 27 |
| Military science and technologies |  |  |  | 29 |
| Interdisciplinary studies |  |  | 0.6 | 30 |
| Parks and recreation |  |  | 4.5 | 31 |
| Philosophy and religious studies |  |  | 0.6 | 38 |
| Theology and religious vocations |  |  |  | 39 |
| Physical sciences |  |  | 1.2 | 40 |
| Science technologies |  |  |  | 41 |
| Psychology |  |  | 8.2 | 42 |
| Security and protective services |  |  | 0.2 | 43 |
| Public administration and social services |  |  |  | 44 |
| Social sciences |  |  | 10.2 | 45 |
| Construction trades |  |  |  | 46 |
| Mechanic and repair technologies |  |  |  | 47 |
| Precision production |  |  |  | 48 |
| Transportation and materials moving |  |  |  | 49 |
| Visual and performing arts |  |  | 5.5 | 50 |
| Health professions and related sciences Business/marketing |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 8.1 \\ 16.4 \end{gathered}$ | 51 52 |

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## Certificate: See Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma.

Class rank: The relative numerical position of a student in his or her graduating class, calculated by the high school on the basis of grade-point average, whether weighted or unweighted.

## College-preparatory program:

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Minority affiliation (as admission factor): Special consideration in the admission process for members of designated racial/ethnic minority groups.
*Minority student center: Center with programs, activities, and/or services intended to enhance the college experience of students of color.

Nonresident alien:

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Public institution: An educational institution whose programs and activities are operated by publicly elected or appointed school officials, and which is supported primarily by public funds.

Quarter calendar system: A calendar system in which the academic year consists of three sessions called quarters of about 12 weeks each. The range may be from 10 to 15 weeks. There may be an additional quarter in the summer.

Race/ethnicity: Category used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community. The categories do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. A person may be counted in only one group.

Race/ethnicity unknown: Category used to classify students or employees whose race/ethnicity is not known and whom institutions are unable to place in one of

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Transfer applicant: An individual who has fulfilled the institution's requirements to be considered for admission (including payment or waiving of the application fee, if any) and who has previously attended another college or university and earned college-level credit.

Transfer student: A student entering the institution for the first time but known to have previously attended a postsecondary institution at the same level (e.g., undergraduate). The student may transfer with or without credit.
Transportation (costs): Assume two round trips to student's hometown per year for students in institutional housing or daily travel to and from your institution for commuter students.

Trimester calendar system: An academic year consisting of 3 terms of about 15 weeks each.
Tuition: Amount of money charged to students for instructional services. Tuition may be charged per term, per course, or per credit.
*Tutoring: May range from one-on-one tutoring in specific subjects to tutoring in an area such as math, reading, or writing. Most tutors are college students; at some colleges, they are specially trained and certified.

Unit: a standard of measurement representing hours of academic instruction (e.g., semester credit, quarter credit, contact hour).

Undergraduate: A student enrolled in a four- or five-year bachelor's degree program, an associate degree program, or a vocational or technical program below the baccalaureate.
*Veteran's counseling: Helps veterans and their dependents obtain benefits for their selected program and provides certifications to the Veteran's Administration. May also provide personal counseling on the transition from the military to a civilian life.
*Visually impaired: Any person whose sight loss is not correctable and is sufficiently severe as to adversely affect educational performance.

Volunteer work (as admission factor): Special consideration given to students for activity done on a volunteer basis (e.g., tutoring, hospital care, working with the elderly or disabled) as a service to the community or the public in general.

Wait list: List of students who meet the admission requirements but will only be offered a place in the class if space becomes available.

Weekend college: A program that allows students to take a complete course of study and attend classes only on weekends.
White, non-Hispanic: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East (except those of Hispanic origin).
*Women's center: Center with programs, academic activities, and/or services intended to promote an understanding of the evolving roles of women.

Work experience (as admission factor): Special consideration given to students who have been employed prior to application, whether for relevance to major, demonstration of employment-related skills, or as explanation of student's academic and extracurricular record.

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## Financial Aid Definitions

External scholarships and grants: Scholarships and grants received from outside (private) sources that students bring with them (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit scholarships). The institution may process paperwork to receive the dollars, but it has no role in determining the recipient or the dollar amount awarded.

Financial aid applicant: Any applicant who submits any one of the institutionally required financial aid applications/forms, such as the FAFSA.

Indebtedness: Aggregate dollar amount borrowed through any loan program (federal, state, subsidized, unsubsidized, private, etc.; excluding parent loans) while the student was enrolled at an institution. Student loans co-signed by a parent are assumed to be the responsibility of the student and should be included.

Institutional scholarships and grants: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants for which the institution determines the recipient.

Financial need: As determined by your institution using the federal methodology and/or your institution's own standards.
Need-based aid: College-funded or college-administered award from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify. This includes both institutional and noninstitutional student aid (grants, jobs, and loans).

Need-based scholarship or grant aid: Scholarships and grants from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a

