

# Definitions



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TERM	DEFINITION	DEFINITION SOURCE
<b>Worksheet of Admission</b>		
<b>First-year student</b>	A student who has completed less than the equivalent of one full year of undergraduate work; that is, less than 30 semester hours (in a 120-hour degree program) or less than 900 contact hours .	IPEDS
<b>SAT/ACT test score calculation</b>	SAT/ACT calculation is for ALL enrolled, degree/certificate-seeking, first-time (freshman) students who submitted test scores. If students submitted both SAT and ACT scores, but only SAT scores were considered for admission, only report the SAT scores (and vice versa).	IPEDS
<b>Transfer Student</b>	A student entering the institution for the first time but known to have previously attended a post-secondary institution at the same level (e.g., undergraduate). The student may transfer with or without credit.	Common Data Set
<b>Worksheet of Enrollment</b>		
<b>American Indian</b>	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment.	IPEDS
<b>Asian</b>	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.	IPEDS
<b>Black</b>	A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.	IPEDS
<b>Degree Seeking</b>	Students enrolled in courses for credit and recognized by the institution as seeking a degree, certificate, or other formal award. High school students also enrolled in postsecondary courses for credit are not considered degree/certificate-seeking.	IPEDS
<b>First-Generation</b>	A student for whom neither parent completed a four year bachelor's degree or higher.	IR Office
<b>Full Time Students</b>	Courseloads and full-time status: The normal courseload is four course credits. All degree candidates, including seniors, are expected to be enrolled each semester as full-time students, carrying a minimum of 3.0 and a maximum of 4.75 course credits, regardless of the number of course credits previously earned or planned for the future.	IPEDS
<b>Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) of Students</b>	The full-time equivalent (FTE) of students is a single value providing a meaningful combination of full time and part time students. IPEDS data products currently have two calculations of FTE students, one using fall student headcounts and the other using 12-month instructional activity. Bucknell University is using the fall headcount calculation.	IPEDS
<b>Hispanic</b>	A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.	IPEDS
<b>Home of Origin</b>	Student's home of origin is Pennsylvania if he/she is U.S citizen and his/her Home State is PA; Student's home of origin is other US State if he/she is U.S citizen and his/her Home State is other states; Student's home of origin is other country if he/she is not a U.S citizen.	IR Office
<b>Multi-race</b>	A person with more than one race.	IPEDS
<b>Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander</b>	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.	IPEDS
<b>Nonresident Alien</b>	A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a visa or temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.	IPEDS
<b>Pell Grant</b>	A Pell Grant is money the U.S. federal government provides for students who need it to pay for college. For details, see <a href="http://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html">http://www2.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html</a>	U.S. Department of Education

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<b>Percent of Non-Residents</b>	Percentage of the non-resident students out of the total students.	IR Office
<b>Percent of US Minority</b>	Percentage of the sum of Asian, Hispanic, Black, American Indian, Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander, and multi-race students out of the total students.	IR Office
<b>Race Unknown</b>	The category used to report students or employees whose race and ethnicity are not known.	IPEDS
<b>White</b>	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.	IPEDS
<b>Worksheet of Student Success</b>		
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	The number of students entering the institution as full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students in a particular year (cohort), as a percent of the number completing their program within 150 percent (six-year) of normal time to completion.	IPEDS
<b>POSSE</b>	The Posse Foundation identifies, recruits, and trains high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential to become Posse Scholars. For ten years, Posse has been on Bucknell's campus; we currently sponsor scholars from Los Angeles, Boston, and Washington D.C.	BU Website
<b>Retention Rate</b>	A measure of the rate at which students persist in their educational program at an institution, expressed as a percentage. For <i>four-year institutions</i> , this is the percentage of first-time bachelors (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduates from the previous fall who are again enrolled in the current fall. For all other institutions this is the percentage of first-time degree/certificate-seeking students from the previous fall who either re-enrolled or successfully completed their program by the current fall.	IPEDS
<b>Worksheet of Faculty and Staff</b>		
<b>Faculty</b>	Persons identified by the institution as such and typically those whose initial assignments are made for the purpose of conducting instruction, research or public service as a principal activity (or activities). They may hold academic rank titles of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, instructor, lecturer or the equivalent of any of those academic ranks. Faculty may also include the chancellor/president, provost, vice provosts, deans, directors or the equivalent, as well as associate deans, assistant deans and executive officers of academic departments (chairpersons, heads or the equivalent) if their principal activity is instruction combined with research and/or public service. The designation as "faculty" is separate from the activities to which they may be currently assigned. For example, a newly appointed president of an institution may also be appointed as a faculty member. Graduate, instruction, and research assistants are not included in this category.	IPEDS
<b>FTE Staff</b>	Full-time-equivalent (FTE) staff is calculated by summing the total number of full-time staff and adding one-third of the total number of part-time staff. Graduate assistants are not included.	IPEDS
<b>Full-Time staff</b>	As defined by the institution. The type of appointment at the snapshot date determines whether an employee is full time or part time. The employee's term of contract is not considered in making the determination of full or part time.	IPEDS
<b>Terminal Degree</b>	The highest earned degree in a discipline. In most cases, this is the doctorate (Ed.D., Ph.D., Doctor of Musical Arts, and Doctor of Jurisprudence). In the fine arts, the M.F.A. or Master's of Fine Arts degree is considered the highest appropriate degree.	IR Office

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<b>Worksheet of Finance</b>		
<b>All Outright Giving</b>	All annual giving including deferred giving and giving for capital purposes.	VSE Survey
<b>Endowment Funds</b>	Funds whose principal is nonexpendable (true endowment) and that are intended to be invested to provide earnings for institutional use. Also includes term endowments and funds functioning as endowment.	IPEDS
<b>Financial Aid</b>	Federal Work Study, grants, loans to students (government and/or private), assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, tuition waivers, tuition discounts, employer aid (tuition reimbursement) and other monies (other than from relatives/ friends) provided to students to meet expenses. This excludes loans to parents.	IPEDS
<b>Outright Giving</b>	Funds given for current operations.	VSE Survey
<b>Tuition</b>	The amount of money charged to students for instructional services. Tuition may be charged per term, per course, or per credit.	IPEDS
<b>Tuition Discount Rate</b>	Total financial aid awarded (does not include student loans nor student specific grant awards as determined by a government agency or third party) divided by total gross tuition and fees	IR Office
<b>VSE</b>	Voluntary Support of Education	VSE Survey

<b>Bucknell Academic Colleges and Schools</b>		
<b>College of Arts &amp; Sciences</b>	Provides 47 majors. Courses are offered in the three traditional liberal arts divisions: humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences and mathematics.	Bucknell Academics
<b>College of Engineering</b>	Provides 8 majors: Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering; Civil Engineering; Computer Engineering; Computer Science and Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Mechanical Engineering	Bucknell Academics
<b>School of Management</b>	Provides 5 majors: Accounting and Financial Management; Global Management; Managing for Sustainability; Markets, Innovation and Design; Management for Engineers	Bucknell Academics
<b>Graduate Studies</b>	The College of Arts and Sciences graduate program leads to three degrees of Master of Arts (MART), Master of Science (MSCI), and Master in Education. The College of Engineering Graduate Program leads to five degrees of Master of Science in Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.	Bucknell Academics