

COMMON TERMS USED AT WVU PARKERSBURG

TERM	MEANING
ACADEMIC YEAR	Year that begins with the Fall Term in August, extends through Spring Term and ends with the Summer Terms the following August.
ACCREDITATION	Certification that the College has met established standards and is nationally recognized by appropriate accrediting agencies. West Virginia University at Parkersburg's major accrediting agency is the North Central Association.
ACCUPLACER	The ACCUPLACER Computerized Placement Tests (CPTs) was developed by The College Board to provide information about a student's level of skill and accomplishment in reading, writing, English and mathematics. The College uses the scores and other information to determine course placement, award college credit, to aide in career development and in the admissions process.
ACT	American College Test which is a placement test required for some programs at WVU Parkersburg.
ADVANCE PLACEMENT	College credits earned prior to enrollment at West Virginia University Parkersburg through certain examinations, such as those administered by the College Entrance Examination Board.
ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS	Agreements with educational entities that allow for the transfer of course credits of incoming or outgoing students, i.e. WVU Parkersburg has an articulation agreement with West Virginia University for students seeking a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.
AUDIT	Credit course taken as non-credit.
BOARD OF GOVERNORS	The governing body for West Virginia University at Parkersburg.
CAPERTON CENTER FOR	Facility located on the WVU Parkersburg campus that is shared between WVU Parkersburg and the Wood County Schools
CATALOG	The catalog is the official publication of the College that contains all the relevant information about West Virginia University at Parkersburg. The catalog contains descriptions of all programs and courses, information regarding college policies, financial aid, student services, faculty, and staff.
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS	Programs that are skill-based and are either undergraduate (usually 18 hours or less) or degree (at least 30 hour certificates).
CHRONICLE	<i>The Chronicle</i> is the student newspaper. The paper is published every other week during the semester and can be accessed at www.wvupnews.com .
CLEP	College-Level Examination Program is comprised of national subject specific tests that can be use for college credit.
CO-OP PROGRAMS	On-the-job opportunities that link classroom theories and instruction with the actual practices of work that allow students to earn academic credit while working.
CONTINUING EDUCATION	Courses and programs designed to meet the professional development and training needs of the workforce.
COURSE LOAD	Number of credit hours a student carries in a term.
COURSE REFERENCE NUMBER (CRN)	Course number used for registration.

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CREDIT BY EXAMINATION	College credit in specified subjects granted by successful completion of local or national tests.
CREDIT HOUR	A semester hour of credit usually equal to an hour per week that a class meets per full term. Laboratories usually equate to one credit.
DEPARTMENT	Academic discipline related to each course, e.g. English, Biology, and Sociology.
DROP	Procedure student uses at specific times to remove a course from his/her class schedule without penalty.
DIVISION	Academic administrative unit responsible for a set of departments.
DEGREE AUDIT	Formal list of the courses a student has completed and still must complete in order to qualify for graduation in a specific degree program.
DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES	Courses in reading, writing, mathematics and English designed to assist students who do not place in college-level course work in corresponding skill area(s) on entry assessment. These courses do not apply toward any degree.
DUAL ENROLLMENT	Enrollment by a high school student in one or more courses that count for credit in both high school and college.
EARLY ENROLLMENT	Enrollment by a high school senior in one or more college courses that may or may not count for credit toward high school graduation and may or may not count toward a college degree.
E-CAMPUS	The electronic web-based shell that is used for all web courses in the WVU system.
EDGE	Acronym for Earn a Degree • Graduate Early which is a West Virginia program that makes it possible for students to take high school courses for community and technical college credit.
E-MAIL	West Virginia University at Parkersburg students have accounts set up in WVUP-mail. This account can be accessed from anywhere with internet access and is the system that will be used to transmit all student information.
FAFSA	The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (known as the FAFSA), is a form that can be filled out annually by current and potential students (both undergraduate and graduate) and sometimes their parents in the United States to determine their eligibility for federal student financial aid (including Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans, and work-study programs).
FEE	A financial charge for courses and services.
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA) Act that affords students certain rights with respect to the educational records.
FULL-TIME STUDENT	Enrollment for 12 or more credit hours in Fall, Spring or Summer term.

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GPA (Grade Point Average)	Obtained by dividing quality points earned (based on grades) by credit hours. GPAs range from 4.0 downward. Following are the types of GPAs calculated at WVUP: Institutional GPA: all course work at WVUP Overall GPA: all course work (including transfer) Term GPA: all course work attempted and earned for a given term Transfer GPA: all course work from other institutions
GRADE	Alphabetical measure of academic achievement ranging from excellent (A) to failure (F).
GRADE FORGIVENESS	Refers to a more recent grade in a course replacing a previous grade in the same course when certain conditions are met.
GRADUATION APPLICATION	The application a student must file in the Admissions/Records Office to be awarded a degree. This application must be submitted by the deadline date listed in the College Calendar.
GRANT	Funds, which do not require repayment, awarded for college expenses to qualified students in financial need.
GROUPWISE	Novell GroupWise is WVU's e-mail system for faculty and staff.
HLC/NCA	Higher Learning Commission of the North Central, the accrediting association that accredits institutions of higher learning in the West Virginia region.
HEPC	Higher Education Policy Commission is responsible for developing, establishing, and overseeing the implementation of a public policy agenda for the state's four-year colleges and universities. It is charged with oversight of higher education institutions to ensure they are accomplishing their missions and implementing the provisions set by state- statute.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT	A student who has entered the United States on a nonimmigrant Visa, most often an individual on a student Visa. Immigrants, refugees, and U.S. citizens who do not speak English as a native language are not classified as international students at WVU Parkersburg
JCC	Jackson County Center of WVU Parkersburg which provides outreach programs in Jackson and Roane counties
LEARNING CENTER	Offers free tutorial assistance to WVU Parkersburg students enrolled in developmental and college level courses.
MOVTI	Mid-Ohio Valley Technical Institute that is located in Pleasants County, St. Marys, WV.
OLSI	On-line Student Information System (OLSI) is where students check their registration status, class schedule, and add or drop classes. Students can also view their holds, grades, transcripts, and account summary.
ORIENTATION	Prior to registering for courses, students new to WVUP must participate in a New Student Orientation program that includes information on educational planning and college resources, a campus tour, and group advising.
OPEN HOUSE	A time for students, prospective students, families, and friends to visit West Virginia University at Parkersburg to meet representatives of the college. Usually held in mid fall.

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PLACEMENT TEST	The Placement Test is given to students entering college to find the most appropriate courses or classes for them in reading, mathematics and English. ACT scores may also be used.
PREREQUISITE	Course which must be satisfactorily completed before a higher-level related course can be taken.
PROBATION	A status given to students who fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress.
PROVISIONAL STUDENT	A student who has not met all necessary requirements for admission and, thus, has restrictions on the courses that may be taken.
QUALITY POINTS	The value, ranging from 4 to 0, for grades from A to F for all courses completed, used in determining a grade point average. (Also see GPA.)
RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS	Agreements that usually allow for reciprocity in tuition from one institution or state to another; i.e. WVU Parkersburg has a tuition reciprocity agreement with Washington State Community College in Ohio.
REGISTRAR	The Registrar is the college official who is in charge of all official student records.
SCHOLARSHIPS	Financial assistance for tuition and fee payment granted by donors to qualified recipients.
SGA (Student Government Association)	Official representatives of the student body to the administration in matters concerning student life.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	Various college-sanctioned projects, endeavors, contests, and functions of an extracurricular nature engaged in by students. www.wvuplife.org .
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT	A non-class period set aside for student activities and various presentations.
SUSPENSION	Student status under which a student is not permitted to attend college for a specific period of time.
TRANSCRIPT	A student's official academic record of courses.
TRANSFER STUDENT	Student who attended a college or university before coming to WVUP.
TRANSIENT STUDENT	Student who takes one or more courses at WVUP to apply to academic requirements at another institution or a WVUP student who takes one or more courses at another institution to apply to degree requirements at WVUP.
WCE	The Workforce and Community Education division of West Virginia University at Parkersburg is the division that focuses on entrepreneurial, non-credit and credit programs that address community and workforce needs in the region.

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WITHDRAWAL	Removal from a course(s) at the student's request or by a faculty member for excessive absences or by the College for an administrative withdrawal. (See entry on Withdrawal in this catalog.)
WORKKEYS	A job skills assessment system produced by ETS that measures real-world skills and is required in all AAS programs.
WVCCA	West Virginia Community College Association that holds conferences and serves as a resource for community colleges throughout the state.
WVCTCS	The West Virginia Community and Technical College system is part of the governance and oversight structure for WVU Parkersburg.
WVSACS	West Virginia State Advisory Council of Students