

Glossary



academic: scholarly; dealing with school, colleges, universities

academic advisor: college personnel to whom you are assigned to give you advice to help you be successful

ACT: a national college admissions examination that consists of four subject areas: English, mathematics, reading, science, plus an optional writing test

admissions officer: college staff person who interviews potential college students

application: a written or printed form on which a request is made

associate's degree: approximately 60 credit hours of study; many students can transfer into a bachelor's degree program

bachelor's degree: undergraduate degree granted by four-year colleges and universities; approximately 120-128 hours are typically needed to finish school with this degree

brainstorming: a process of developing ideas by writing down many possibilities without judgment

career: a chosen pursuit, a profession or occupation; the general course or progression of one's working life or one's professional achievements

cliché: a trite, overused expression

college catalogs: pamphlet that tells you everything you need to know about a college

College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB): controls the administration of the PSAT, SAT, and the SAT II Subject Tests

concept-mapping: a diagram showing the relationships among concepts; no "central" idea in the mapping activity

course: college class: usually meets three or four hours a week for fifteen weeks; students must complete specific courses in order to earn a college degree

course of study: group of courses students are required to take in order to earn a college degree; major

credit or credit hours: points awarded for successful completion of college courses; credit hours usually equal the number of hours a class meets per week (Associate's degrees usually requires about 60 credit hours; Bachelor's degrees, about 120 credit hours)

criteria: standards; conditions which must be met

cultural: having to do with customs, traditions, and language

degree: academic title given to students who have completed a course of study

doctoral degree: the most advanced degree, awarded after three to five years of additional study following completion of a master's degree

edit: to check the content; to revise by changing or adding to content as needed; also to proofread for spelling, grammar, sentencng, punctuation errors

essay: short literary composition on a particular theme or subject

goals: statements about what you intend to achieve

grant: giving of funds for a specific purpose; it does not have to be paid back

higher education: education beyond the secondary level, especially education at the college or university level

interview: a formal meeting in person, especially one arranged for the assessment of the qualifications of an applicant

job: a regular activity performed in exchange for payment; a position in which someone is employed

letter of recommendation: a letter sent by someone that recommends a person with favorable statements concerning character, qualifications, or ability

master's degree: academic degree conferred by a college or university upon those who complete at least one year of prescribed study beyond the bachelor's

matriculate: to enroll as a member of a body and especially of a college or university

mind's eye: imagination, thoughts

mind mapping: a diagram used to represent words, ideas, tasks or other items linked to and arranged radially around a central key word or idea

mnemonics: a study aid; a variety of techniques to help you remember facts – flash cards, acronyms, acrostics

non-traditional: someone or something that is not the usual

outlining: breaking down information into categories

program of study: courses you take to complete your degree

PSAT/NMSQT: Preliminary Assessment Scholastic Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is offered mostly to juniors who want to practice for the SAT and perhaps qualify for scholarships

SAT: Scholastic Assessment Test is a test many colleges require in order to be considered for admission

scholarship: grant of financial aid awarded to a student, for the purpose of attending a college; it does not have to be paid back

statistics: data or information in numerical form

SQ3R Method of Study: survey information, ask questions, read carefully, recite main headings, and review what you have covered

strategy: a plan of action

student loans: money you borrow to pay for school; this money can be borrowed from both the federal and state governments as well as from the schools themselves and private sources (banks); mostly repay

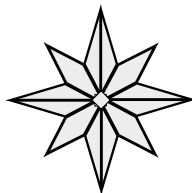
study: the pursuit of knowledge, as by reading, observation, or research

syllabi: summary or outlines of a course of study

thesis: statement put forward as a premise; the focal point of an essay

vital: very important; essential

work-study: an education plan in which students alternate between paid employment and formal study; money earned does not have to be paid back



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