

Glossary

Academic Year — the period of time, typically from fall through spring, when institutions traditionally have conducted their instructional activity.

Full-time — registration for credit hours, course load, or other required activity, as defined by the institution, amounting to at least 75 percent of the normal full-time load during an academic term. Starting in fall 2016 full time is defined as 12 or more credits for undergraduates or 6 or more for graduate students.

Graduate Student — a program of study culminating in the attainment of a master's, specialist, or doctorate degree. Includes both a student who is enrolled in a research-based graduate program or a professional program. Professional graduate programs of study include: chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine, theology and veterinary medicine.

Headcount — the number of individuals enrolled at a postsecondary institution. See Technical Notes on previous page.

International Student — a student whose residence was located outside the United States or its territories, or who was reported as a nonresident citizen in the United States on a temporary basis.

Race/ethnic background information are not collected for international students.

New Entering Student — a student who is enrolled at a postsecondary institution for the first time and who previously has not been enrolled at another postsecondary institution, except as a secondary student. This category includes students who entered with advanced standing,

through college credits earned before graduation from high school, performance on Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams, or other measures.

Part-time — registration for credit hours, course load, or other required activity, as defined by the institution, amounting to less than 75 percent of the normal full-time load during an academic term. Starting in fall 2016 part time is defined as 11 or less credits for undergraduates or 5 or less for graduate students.

Private Career Online Schools — have corporate offices in Minnesota. Their nation-wide enrollment is reported here. Most of their enrollments are graduate students enrolled from out of state. Currently includes Capella University and Walden University.

Private Career Schools — are predominately for-profit institutions offering only career specific certificates, diplomas, and degrees. While institutions in this group offer mostly programs that can be completed in two years or less, some institutions offer limited career specific bachelor's degrees, and/or graduate programs in addition to their shorter programs.

Programs are offered predominantly in the following fields of study:

- Allied Health and Health Services
- Business, Management and Marketing
- Communication and Communication Technologies
- Computer and Information Sciences
- Design and Applied Arts
- Legal Support Services
- Personal and Culinary Services
- Transportation, Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Services

Private Colleges and Universities — are predominately not-for-profit four-year liberal arts or religious institutions. In addition to providing undergraduate education, some private colleges offer professional education and graduate degree programs in certain fields.

Private Graduate and Professional Schools — institutions predominately offering specialized graduate or first professional programs. In some cases, limited undergraduate programs may also be offered. These may be for-profit or not-for-profit institutions. A first professional program requires completion of a program that is necessary to practice in the profession; at least two years of college work prior to entering the program; and a total of at least six academic years of college work to complete the program. First professional degrees may be awarded in the following 10 fields:

- Chiropractic
- Dentistry
- Law
- Medicine
- Optometry
- Osteopathic Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Podiatry
- Theology
- Veterinary Medicine

Racial/Ethnic Background — reported by the student. This is the group with which the student identifies. The reporting options are: American Indian or Alaskan Native; Asian; Hawaiian Native or Other Pacific Islander; Black or African American; Two or More Races; White; or unavailable.

Secondary Student — a student who is concurrently enrolled in high school and a postsecondary institution. Students may be enrolled through the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEO) or the College in the Schools Program.

State Colleges — 30 public two-year community, technical and comprehensive institutions that are part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System located in 47 communities. These colleges offer general education, associate degrees and shorter programs leading to occupationally specific diplomas or certificates.

State Universities — seven public four-year comprehensive institutions that are part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System. The state universities offer bachelor, master's degrees and other advanced degrees.

Unclassified Graduate Student — a student enrolled for graduate credit whose status as a graduate student has not been specified.

Unclassified Undergraduate — a student enrolled for undergraduate credit whose specific class level cannot be specified. Examples include students who are not seeking a degree such as high school students concurrently enrolled, or students enrolled in specialized career schools where traditional grade level classifications are not relevant.

University of Minnesota — comprises five campuses. The Twin Cities campus is the state's land-grant research university, offering bachelor's degrees, professional education, and graduate education through the doctorate. The Morris campus offers an undergraduate liberal arts curriculum. The Crookston campus focuses on career and technology based undergraduate programs. The Duluth campus offers a broad undergraduate and graduate curriculum. The Rochester campus specializes in health professions.