

Below is a list of words, phrases, acronyms and other items that will be helpful for you to know as you prepare to come to Simpson.

ABP: Au Bon Pain aka one of our breakfast and lunch sandwich options in Kent

Academic advisor: professor in your major that officially helps you with class and professional choices

Adding A Class: Officially adding a class to your course load through SC Connect

Advanced Standing Credit: Credit hours accepted/ earned elsewhere

Application/Acceptance/ Admission: Process by which a prospective student submits the required forms & credentials to his/ her chosen institution

Area Coordinator: Staff overseeing a residence hall

Associate Degree: an undergraduate academic degree awarded by community colleges, junior colleges, technical colleges, bachelor's degree-granting colleges, and universities upon completion of a course of study usually lasting two years

Audit: A student who does not want to receive credit in a course may, with approval of the instructor, audit the course as a "visitor"

Bachelor's Degree: a degree awarded by a college to a person who has completed undergraduate studies.

Board: \$7 meal options with one swipe to be used at meal centers

BPAC: Blank Performing Arts Center aka our theatre on campus with classrooms

Business Office: Responsible for all financial transactions of the institution

C&G: Continuing and Graduate. Non-traditional students who are getting more than their undergraduate degrees

CA/RA: Community Advisor, upperclassmen living among residence halls trained for emergencies and conflict

CAB: Campus Activity Board. Creates on campus activities for students on weekends

Capstone: research class and paper focused on your major of study

Catalog: Provide all types of information parents & students need to know about a school

Chalk & Wire: website for education students to submit their licensure portfolio files

CLEP: College Level Examination Program can be administered to students who desire to obtain college credit by taking proficiency tests in selected courses

COA: cost of attendance for you to go to college (includes personal expenses)

Commencement: graduation ceremony

Community College: A 2-year institution of higher education, course offerings generally include a transfer curriculum with credits transferable toward a bachelor's degree at a four-year college & a technical curriculum with courses designed to prepare students for employment in 2 years

Commuter: A student who lives off-campus & drives to class, or commutes

Concurrent Enrollment: A student can enroll & attend 2 educational institutions at the same time provided that certain criteria are met

Convocation: Ceremony welcoming incoming first year students

Curriculum: Those classes outlined by an institution for completion of a program leading to a degree

Declaring a Major: Filling out the official form through the registrar's office to make your major show up on your degree audit

Deferment: a postponement or delay of payment obligations

Degree Audit: document indicating your class requirement progress towards graduation

Degree Requirements: Requirements prescribed by other institutions for completion of a program of study are generally termed degree requirements

Dependent Student: this is determined by completing the FAFSA. EFC's for dependent students are calculated using the student and the parent income and household data

Dropping A Class: Officially dropping a class from your course load through SC Connect

Duty Phone: number to call for the on-duty CA

E- Sports: video gaming for competition

ECC: gen-ed graduation requirements embedded in classes to develop well-rounded students

Enrollment: The procedure by which students choose classes each semester & includes the assessment & collection of fees

EFC: expected family contribution (used to determine Pell Grant eligibility and amount of financial need)

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid usually required before a student can be considered for scholarships. Can be paper or electronic

Fall Break: four day weekend halfway through the fall semester

Finals: given during the last week of classes each semester

Financial Aid: Grants, scholarships, loans, and part-time employment from federal, state, institutional, and private sources

First-Year (Not Freshman): student in their first academic year at Simpson

Flex: unrestricted money to be used at meal centers. The extra flex rolls over into the next semester.

Forum: speaker or discussion on campus

Full-Time Enrollment: A full-time student is enrolled in 12 or more credit hours in a semester

FWS: Federal Work Study. Campus employment that is need based.

General Education Requirements: classes or skills outside of a student's major they must complete before graduating

GPA: Grades at most colleges are figured by multiplying the number of hours a course is worth by the number of points for the letter grade, then add up the totals for each course & divide by the number of credit hours

Grant: financial aid money that does not have to be repaid. (Pell Grant is most common)

Half-time Enrollment: taking 6 to 11 credit for the term. (Fall and Spring)

Help Desk / ITS: computer and tech support free for students on campus

Honorary Fraternities: organizations built around academics or field of studies. Examples = Alpha Psi Omega (Theatre), Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership), etc.

Honors: academic recognition at graduation OR advanced coursework

Independent Student: this is determined by completing the FAFSA. EFC's for independent students are calculated using only the students and spouses household income

Internship: real workplace experience in your field

Intramurals: non-NCAA games for students to compete in against classmates

Lab: science or math class in addition to the three standard classes focused on experiments and hands-on learning

Lecture: college class

LU House: Latinos United student house south of the football field

May Term: 3 Week course after spring semester. Special courses that include on campus, domestic and abroad options Two are required over the time students are here at Simpson.

Meal Plan: how you pay for meals at our dining centers

Mid-Terms: popular exam week before grades are due halfway through a semester

NCAA: college athletic association, Simpson plays at the D3 level

Need Based: financial aid that has eligibility determined by financial need. Financial need is calculated by subtracting Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the Cost of Attendance (COA)

Overload: Student taking 20 credits or over

PA House: Performing Arts House. One of the theme houses on campus

Parking Tickets: \$15 fine for a parking violation on campus

Practicum: education student's observation hours in a local school

Pre-Rec: class you need to pass or earn a C- before taking an advanced class

Registrar: office that deals with any academic paperwork

Res Life: student and staff organization on campus focused on student living

Residential student: student who lives in on-campus housing

SAP: Satisfactory Academic Progress. Federal student regulations require that students maintain a minimum grade point averages and earn a certain amount of credits per semester according to their schools standards.

SAR: Student Aid Report. The report you receive from the Department of Education after submitting your FAFSA. The report contains the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

SARA: Sexual Assault Response Advocates aka confidential students on campus to help with Title IX issues

SC Connect: section of Simpson website to find most academic tech tools, financial statements, and your graduation progress

Scholar: section of Simpson website students find their grades and turn in assignments for classes

SCL: Simpson Colloquium Leader

SC101: Simpson Colloquium

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Security Van + Safe Driving: free student transportation around campus

SGA: Student Government Association. Made up of students elected by students to communicate with administration.

SI: scheduled supplemental instruction outside of a class that students typically struggle in

Simpsonian (Simp): campus newspaper

Slate: Admission's Website

SOAR: Simpson Orientation Advising and Registration Days

Spring Break: Week-long break in the middle of the spring semester

Stand Around: Campus-wide celebration of the start of the school year put on by CAB

Syllabus: A syllabus is an academic document that communicates information about a specific course and defines expectations and responsibilities. There are several essential components to an academic syllabus: Instructor information, General course information, Course objectives, Course policies, Grading and evaluation, Learning resources, and the Course Calendar.

Symposium: academic gathering presenting research

The Center for Academic Resources (CAR): academic assistants and tutors in the library for students

Title IX: federal law ensuring gender and sexual equality in education and extra-curriculars

Transcript: A permanent academic record of a student at college that shows courses taken, grades received, academic status, & honors received

TRIO/SSS: federal outreach programs for students of less advantaged upbringings

Tuition: The amount paid for each credit hour of enrollment

UGA: student assistant to the boss of a specific work study job

Undergraduate: a student in a college or university who has not yet earned a bachelor's degree

Webmail: college email

Welcome Week: new student orientation starting the Saturday before classes begin in the fall

WF: Writing Fellow

WGRC: Women's and Gender Resource Center

Winter Break: Month-long break in between fall and spring semesters

Withdrawal: students may withdraw from courses during a semester, but there are established procedures for doing so. The college catalog &/or Class Schedule generally specifies the procedures. Written approval from a university official must be secured

Work Study: on campus job through a government program making minimum wage

WSS: Wesley Service Scholars aka volunteering for a scholarship