

Definitions

- **Active:** A matriculated student who has not officially withdrawn from a program or the college, or has not registered for classes within a given semester but returns to the college within 3 semesters. They are eligible to register for classes under the original program of study; all others must reapply to the program/college and follow the new program of study. Non- matriculated students who are registered for the semester are considered active for that semester.
- **Full time:** A student who is registered for at least 12 credits in any given semester. Only the credits as part of a student's program of study will be considered when determining financial aid eligibility.
- **Part time:** A student who is registered for fewer than 12 credits.
- **Matriculated:** A student who applies to and is officially accepted by the college in a program. The status remains until the student withdraws officially from the program/college or is dismissed for academic/disciplinary reasons or upon graduation. Matriculation defines a student's program of study and ensures that courses taken will meet program requirements.
- **Non-matriculated:** A student who is enrolled in a course or courses but who has not officially been accepted into a college program. A student who has taken individual courses and decided to work for a degree should commit to a specific program and formally matriculate after proper counseling prior to the satisfactory completion of 9 semester hours in appropriate courses. To ensure that credits earned meet program of study requirements, a student should matriculate as early as possible.