

# Academic Glossary



What are we referring to when we say...

## **1ST HALF-TERM CLASSES** –

Classes offered the first 8 weeks of the semester.

## **2ND HALF-TERM CLASSES** –

Classes offered the second 8 weeks of the semester.

**ADD** – Students may add classes to their original enrollments within seven days from the first day of classes.

**ADVISING DAY** – An opportunity for students to meet with their Academic Advisor to discuss future coursework and register for the next semester. There are generally no classes held on Advising Day.

**AUDIT** – Registering for a class and attending it without earning a grade or credit for it. Audits are useful for those who are interested in the subject of a course but who don't want to take the class for formal credit.

**CREDIT HOUR** – Typically one clock hour in the classroom or at least two hours in a lab per week.

**DROP** – Students may drop courses within seven days from the first day of classes and the drop(s) will not be on the students' transcript.

**FULL-TERM CLASSES** – Classes running the full length of the semester.

**FULL-TIME STATUS** – Students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours per semester.

**MID-TERM** – Mid-term progress reports are used to make sure students know how they are doing in a course. Mid-term grades may be given as a grade or they may simply be an S (satisfactory) or a U (unsatisfactory).

**PART-TIME STATUS** – Students enrolled in 11.5 or fewer credit hours per semester.

**PREREQUISITE** – Specific requirements necessary in order for a student to take a specific course. Examples of prerequisites include successfully completing a lower level course, scoring at a certain level on placement tests, or having the permission of the instructor.

**WITHDRAW FROM CLASSES** – Officially leaving a course before it is complete. These withdrawals are transcribed as a "W".

**WITHDRAW FROM COLLEGE** – Officially leaving the college before the semester is complete. These withdrawals are transcribed as a "W".