

Common Phrases and Acronyms Used Campus Wide

Academic Calendar	Lists important deadlines; provided by the Registrar's office
Academic Dishonesty	Includes cheating and plagiarism
Academic Field/Discipline	An area of study taught or researched at the college or university level
Academic Integrity	Displaying honesty and ethical principles in the creation of your work
Academic Probation	Students whose cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0; you are issued a warning and are required to seek out an academic advisor to create your schedule for the following semester
Academic Standing	Based on a student's GPA; to be in good standing you need a GPA of 2.0 or higher
Add/Drop	The process of adding or removing classes from your schedule that can only be done within the Add/Drop period, which can be found in the academic calendar
Administrator	Key member of staff that is there to provide leadership to a particular department or program
Advisor	Professional staff member who will guide you in making choices throughout your career
Bachelor's/Baccalaureate Degree	Degree you receive after completing your undergraduate coursework
Blackboard	Virtual classroom—access class notes, documents, and participate in message board discussions
Bulletin	Undergraduate Bulletin is available online and provides important information about your time at Stony Brook
Bursar	University official in charge of handling funds and managing the Bursar's Office; the place where students come to pay any university bills
Campus Life Time	A campus common hour devoted to student life
Co-Requisite	A class that must be taken simultaneously with another class
Credit Hour	An academic unit which represents one hour of study per week; certain number required to maintain full-time

	number required to maintain full-time status
Dean (of a College or School)	An academic staff member who manages and organizes a particular department
Dean of Students	Person responsible for the welfare and co-curricular success of a student body
Discipline	An area of study, such as history or mathematics
Degree Progress Report	A report available on SOLAR that shows a student's progress towards their declared major
Elective	An optional course of study
Emeritus Professors	A retired professor that may be invited back to give talks or teach classes
Enrollment	Action of enrolling in classes or the number of people enrolled
Full-time	A student who is enrolled in 12 or more credits
Faculty	An employee of the university hired to teach and/or conduct research
GPA	Grade Point Average
General Education Requirement	Class that fulfills part of the fundamental curriculum established by the Trustees of the State University of New York
Humanities	Liberal Art courses such as philosophy, language, history and culture
Incomplete	A grade that may be given if a student has not completed all of the work required in a particular course
Independent Study	An opportunity to customize your study by collaborating with a professor on a syllabus designed just for you
Interdisciplinary	Connecting several courses of study
Internship	A valuable way to gain experience and job training in a specific profession
Lab	An academic period reserved for doing scientific or practical work
Lecture	An instructional speech on a particular topic
Major	A specialized concentration in a particular field of study
Master's Degree	A postgraduate degree awarded after you have attained a Bachelor's
Matriculate	To be admitted as a student into a degree program
Minor	A secondary course of study, usually augmenting a major
Multidisciplinary	Presenting several courses of study while leaving any perceived connection

	while leaving any perceived connection between them up to the student
Non-matriculated	To attend classes without being enrolled in a degree program
Office Hours	A scheduled time during the week where you can meet with your instructor to ask questions about the class, your notes, and your progress
G/P/NC (Graded/Pass/No Credit)	A grading option that can be utilized on select classes; speak with an advisor to use this option
Part-time	Being enrolled in less than 12 credits in a semester
Peer Education	Student leaders who serve as models for their peers; work under the behest of the Center for Prevention & Outreach
PhD	Philosophy Doctorate—indicates a person has a high level of expertise in a chosen field
Plagiarism	Includes but is not limited to: copying others' work, using references without properly citing sources, turning in the same paper for two classes, purchasing an already written paper, etc.
Pre-requisite	A more basic course that is required to be taken before a more advanced course
Professor	A person who is esteemed in their area of research, of which they conduct on campus while also teaching classes
Provost	The Deans and Directors of the Colleges, Schools, Libraries, Centers and Institutes, other than those in the Health Science Center, report to the Provost. The Provost reports to the President
Quad Director (QD)	A professional staff member who directs the RHDs and ensures that the concerns of residents in all buildings of the quad are addressed
Quad	A grouping of residence halls
Resident Assistant (RA)	A student who facilitates the development of a community of a given hall, floor or group of suites
Recitation	A class period especially in association with and for review of a lecture
Registration	Enrollment process; includes signing up for classes and paying fees
Research University	University official responsible for keeping records of student enrollment; office that serves as the campus authority on degree completion and academic standing

	academic standing
Residence Hall	An institution of higher learning with a research mission
Residence Hall Director (RHD)	Serve residential students by providing them with a place to live, socialize with other residents, and attend class
Residency Requirement	Refers to actual number of credits you must earn at Stony Brook in order to receive a degree from Stony Brook University
Semester	A period of the academic year
Seminar	A single session of a particular topic
SOLAR	The university's self-service system which gives faculty, staff, and students online access to manage personal information