Variable	Description
UID	String Variable Unique Identifier (**U**ser **ID**)
TERM	String variable indicating Term 20XXYZ: 20XX = Year (20**12**, 20**13**…) Y = "Year Set" (2012**3** + 2012**3** = 1 Calendar Year) Z = Semester (4 = Fall, 8 = Spring) All together: 201238 = Spring 2012 201234 = Fall 2012 1 Academic Year: 201234 - 201348 aka FA 2012 - SP 2013 1 Calendar Year: 201238 - 201234 aka SP 2012 - FA 2012
CURR_GPA	Float variable indicating last recorded GPA of the student
FIRST_YEAR_CREDITS	Numeric variable indicating the number of credits a student was enrolled in during their first term of enrollment
DFWIS	Numeric Variable DFWI stands for**:** **D**'s, **F**'s, **W**ithdraws, and **I**ncompletes This measures the number of *classes* a student gets a D, F, is withdrawn from, or receives an incomplete grade

PRIOR_SEMESTERS_COMPLETED	Numeric Variable The number of semesters a student completed at that point in the semester (students start at 1 instead of 0) I.e. a student in spring of their sophomore year will have completed 4 semesters
MAJORS	String variable Comma separated string of majors
MINORS	String Variable Comma separated string of minors
IN_STATE	Dichotomous indicator of in state status (Yes/No)
INTERNATIONAL	Dichotomous indicator of in International status (Yes/No)
GENDER	String variable indicating: Male, Female, Unknown, Other Gender Expression
ETHNICITY	String variable indicating race/ethnicity: American Indian or Native Alaskan Asian Black or African American Hispanic Multiracial Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Unknown White
FIRST_YEAR_ON_CAMPUS	Dichotomous variable indicating whether or not a student spent their first year at PLU on campus (in a resident hall) (Yes/No)
AGE	Ordinal variable indicating if a student is: Under 18 19 - 24 Over 25
FGEN	Dichotomous variable indicating whether a student is a first generation student (Yes/No)

GRADUATED	Dichotomous variable indicating if a student graduated (Yes/No)
STILL_ENROLLED	Dichotomous variable indicating if a student is still enrolled (Yes/No) * data was pulled in FA2023 (202344)
FIRST_YEAR_MEAL_PLAN	Dichotomous indicator if a student received a meal plan in their first year of enrollment
WORK_STUDY	Numeric variable indicating how much a student received in federal work study by semester *Work study is a need-based award which qualifies students for work-study jobs. If a student was working as a TA and was paid through work study, rather than the department paying the student, the student's paycheck would come from this work study fund. Need is assessed through EFC (see EFC) **The amount you see indicates how much money the student was paid at this work study position ***Students who accept work study and don't work a work study position will be at 0. Students who didn't accept/did not qualify will be blank.
PELL	This is a float variable that indicates how much in pell grants this student received in pell grant by semester *The pell grant is a need-based federal grant. Unlike a federal loan, grants do ot have to be paid back by the student. Need is assessed through EFC (see EFC). **The EFC level to qualify for pell grants (and other need based aid) changes every year due to tuition increases.
LOAN	This is a numerical variable that indicates how much in personal loans (subsidized, unsubsidized, and private) a student is taking out by semester

	*This does not include parent PLUS loans
NON_PLU_SCHOLARSHIP	A numeric variable that indicates how much scholarship money this student is receiving which comes from a source outside of PLU
PLU_SCHOLARSHIP	A numeric variable that indicates how much in scholarships this student is receiving which comes from a PLU source (endowed, merit, involvement) *Every student receives an academic scholarship regardless of their FAFSA status **PLU scholarships can be need based (Q club for example) but is contingent on the completion of a FAFSA to assess need
EFC	A numeric variable that indicates how much a student can contribute to their tuition **for the academic year** based on calculations from the FAFSA *The FAFSA takes student and parent tax information and generates the EFC **New changes to the FAFSA have moved away from the EFC to the Student Aid Index (SIA) which now includes other sources of student funds (grandparents, relatives, etc.) ***Students who do not fill out a FAFSA will not receive need-based aid from PLU and are indicated as NO FAFSA. *****The EFC is the metric used to assess need. If a student is under a specific EFC amount, that will qualify them for certain need based aid (like pell grants or work study)