Glossary

Item	Description
UNIQUE_ID	A unique ID derived from the student's ID to prevent disclosure
YEAR	Cohort Year
TERM	Cohort term (Fall)
COHORT	Code value for cohort. First position designates cohort term (F = Fall, S = Spring), second and third position designates the last two digits of the cohort year, and the fourth through seventh position is the college attend status. "1xFR" indicates a student in a "first time" cohort. Note: the "FR" means "freshman" which is a misnomer because first-time students may matriculate with a class level of other than freshman due to college credits earned before graduating from high school. Example: "F141xFR" indicates a student in the Fall or 2014 first-time cohort.
COHORTSTATUS	Indicates student's status at matriculation (FULLTIME or PARTTIME)
GENDER	Female, Male, or NULL for Undisclosed
RE_FORMER	Federal race/ethnicity values prior to the Fall 2010 (Alaska Native [2004], Arabian American [to 2007], Asian, Asian or Pacific Islander [to 2006], Black, Caucasian, Hawaiian Pacific Islander, Latino, Multi Ethnic, Native American, Non US Resident, Undisclosed, and NULL)
RE_CURRENT	Federal race/ethnicity categories that began in the Fall of 2010. There are two ethnicities (Hispanic or Latino and Not Hispanic and Latino), and five race categories. NonResident aliens are categorized as such and aren't reported with an ethnicity or race. New students admitted in the Fall of 2010 were asked the new race/ethnicity category questions. Since the new categories asked the leading "Hispanic/Latino" question, the race and ethnicity selections made by returning students couldn't be converted to the new categories. Starting in the Fall of 2010, and once a term in several subsequent terms, returning students were asked to update their race/ethnicities to the new categories using SelfService keeping unknowns to a minimum (less than 8%). The former and current race/ethnicity categories are stored in separate database tables.
	Am. Indian/Alaska Native (American Indian or Alaska Native). A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.
	Asian. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
	Black/African Amer (Black or African American). A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as "Haitian" or "Negro" can be used in addition to "Black or African American."
	Hispanic/Latino (Hispanic or Latino). A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, "Spanish origin," can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."
	Hawaiian/Pac Islands (Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander). A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

	White. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.	
	Nonresident alien	
	Two or more races	
	Unknown (Undisclosed)	
FIRSTGEN	First Generation is the first in their family to pursue college education. Domestic students are asked the first generation question on their application. However, students on visas are not asked the first generation question. The First Generation field in the student management system has only a "Y" for students that are first generation which assumes that all of the other students are not First Generation, Since the students on a Visa aren't asked a first generation question, "n/a" is used for these students.	
DEGREE	The degree is the basis of the students' credential at graduation	
	BA - Bachelor of Arts	
	BS - Bachelor of Science	
	BSCE - Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering	
	BSIT - Bachelor of Science in Information Technology	
	BSME - Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	
	BSN - Bachelor of Science in Nursing	
	BSW - Bachelor of Social Work	
MAJOR	The students' major and associated degrees are determined at the end of first term and may not reflect that major (and degree) at admittance or at the start of the first term. Only the first major is included in the query and resulting dataset. Some majors have ended since 2004 and others have started since 2004. Those are annotated as such. Majors without an annotation existed since 2004.	
	Accounting	
	Biology	
	Business Administration	
	Chemistry	
	Civil Engineering	
	Communication Studies (started in the Fall of 2014)	
	Community Services (taught out Fall 2015)	
	Computer Science	
	Criminology and Criminal Justice	
	Education	
	Educational Studies (started in the Fall of 2015)	
	Elementary Education	
	English (replaced by Literary Studies in the Fall of 2019)	
	Environmental Studies (started in the Fall of 2017)	
	Exercise Science (started in the Fall of 2019)	
	History	
	Humanities (taught out Spring 2010)	
	Information Technology (started in the Fall of 2017)	
	Interdisciplinary Studies (started in the Fall of 2009)	
	Literary Studies (started in the Fall of 2019)	
	Mathematics	

MAJOR (cont)	*Mechanical Engineering*
	Music
	Nursing (taught out Fall of 2000; re-started in the Spring of 2016)
	Physical Education
	Political Science
	Pre-Nursing (started in the Fall of 2019)
	Psychology
	Religious Studies
	Secondary Education (started in the Fall of 2019)
	Social Studies (taught out Spring 2010)
	Social Work (started in the Fall of 2012)
	Sociology and Cultural Anthropology
	Special Education
	Theatre Arts
	Undeclared
STEM	The following majors are categorized as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs: Computer Science, Information Technology, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Biology, Mathematics, and Chemistry.
MILSTATUS	Military Status. This variable denotes the students' military or veteran status or association with the military at the end of the students' initial term.
	Active Duty
	Civilian
	Disabled Veteran
	Disabled Veteran Spouse
	Family Member
	National Guard
	Reservist
	Veteran
INITIALCREDITS	Student's enrolled credits in initial term
COUNTY	Student's county on their permanent address record at the time of admit
STATE	Student's state on their permanent address record at the time of admit
COUNTRY	Student's country on their permanent addrss record at the time of admit
HSGPA	High School GPA. Office of International Programs do not enter high school GPAs.
ACT	ACT Composite score
FORMERSATMATH	SAT math score taken prior to March 2016
FORMERSATREAD	SAT reading score taken prior to March of 2016
FORMERSATWRIT	SAT writing score taken prior to March of 2016
CURRENTSATMATH	SAT math score taken March 2016 or later
CURRENTSATEBRW	SAT Evidence-Based Reading Writing score taken March 2016 or later
ACAINDEX	Academic Index. This number between 1 and 5, inclusive, is assigned to domestic students for the purpose of awarding scholarships
PELL	Pell Grant received in the student's initial fall term. If student received any amount then "Y". Otherwise "N"
WSNG	WA State Need Grant (changed to WA College Grant in the Fall of 2019) received in the student's initial fall term. If student received any amount, then "Y", otherwise "N".

RESCOM	Resident, Commuter status. This is the students' residency in their term. "Other" is usually used when a student starts the term living in the resident hall but changes to commuter during the semester.
TERM GPA	Student's initial term GPA. Students who withdrew or have no Term GPA will have a Term GPA of NULL.
WITHDREW	Flag students who withdrew in their initial term -- "Y" if yes (received "W" final grades on all classes)
RETAINED	Retained flag of "Y" if student was enrolled in credits in the following fall term
RETEXCLUSION	Retention exclusion. If a student is flagged as excluded from the retention rate calculations ("Y") if they left the institution prior to the end of the fall term in the following year for one of the following reasons: death or total and permanent disability; service in the armed forces (including those called to active duty); service with foreign aid service of the federal government, such as the Peace Corps; or service on official church missions.