

TERM	DEFINITION
Add	The process of increasing an academic course load.
Associate Degree	The degree typically awarded by a community or junior college following the completion of a two-year program of study or approximately sixty-five credits.
Articulation Agreement(s) or Degree Articulation(s)	A partnership between Columbia State and another institution stating that certain classes will be considered the same or equal between said institutions (includes high school to college agreements).
Call Number	The 5-digit number assigned to every course that is used to register. 80015 – ENGL 1010 or 81208 - COMM 2025.
Co-requisites	Courses that you are required to take while enrolled in another related course.
Course Load	The number of credit hours in which a student is enrolled during a semester.
Course ID	The three-letter or four-letter department code that appears before the course number, as in ENGL 1010 or COMM 2025.
Course Number	The three-number designation that appears after the department code and before the section code, as in ENGL 1010 or COMM 2025.
Credit Hour	A unit of academic credit assigned to a course; usually determined by the amount of time a student is in a class during a week.
Curriculum (also Paradigm)	A set of courses leading to earning a degree or a certificate.
Degree Evaluation or Degree Audit	A print out of required courses based on the degree or program being reviewed; Met (courses completed) and Not Met (courses remaining) are defined.
Degree Requirements	A list of exact courses, subject areas and credit hours needed to obtain a specific degree or certificate.
Drop	The process of decreasing an academic course load.
Electives	Courses in which a student may enroll, depending upon his or her interests and needs. When choosing electives, students should consult an advisor.
FAFSA	Free Application for federal student aid.
Freshman	A student who has not completed more than 29 credit hours.
Full-time Student	A student enrolled in 12 or more credit hours during a semester.
General Education Requirements	Courses that will provide all degree students with a broad knowledge in a variety of disciplines.
Grade Point Average (GPA)	Indicates a student's academic progress and status on a 4.0 scale.
Major	The subject area leading to a degree or certificate in which a student chooses to concentrate his/her academic work.

Part-time Student	A student enrolled in less than 12 credit hours during a semester.
Placement Test	Results of the ACT, SAT, or Compass Exam tests are used to place students at the appropriate entry level with respect to reading, writing and mathematical skills.
Pre-requisite	A course or courses a student must complete before being allowed to register for a more advanced course in the same or related subject area
Program of Study	The subject area in which a student chooses to concentrate his/her academic work.
PR (developmental study course)	Means Progress, not pass. This means the course must be repeated.
PVT (domain)	PVT is the name of the "private" domain used at Columbia State; a domain is a way of uniquely identifying a computer or group of computers on the Internet. Logging into the PVT domain provides secure access and better control of computers and information resources.
PVT Password	A computer generated number assigned to a student upon application to the college; usually based on a student's date of birth; it is recommended to change passwords periodically to increase security.
PVT Username	A computer generated name assigned to a student upon application to the college; usually based on a student's first initial and last name and sometimes includes a number.
Quality Hours	Credits earned which affect the student's grade point average.
Quality Points	The number of quality hours (for a course) multiplied by the numerical value of the grade earned (A = 4.0 points, B = 3.0 points, etc). The total number of quality points divided by the total number of quality hours equals a student's cumulative grade point average.
RODP (Regents Online Degree Program)	Collaboration between the Tennessee Board of Regents technology centers, community colleges, and universities to offer certain courses online.
SAR	Student Aid Report.
Section Code	The 1-3 letters and/or characters that appear after the Course ID and course number in the schedule that denotes the location of a course; as in ENGL 1010 C01 , COMM 2025 W01 or BUS 120 R50 .
Sophomore	A student who has successfully completed between 30 and 60 college-level credit hours.
Transcripts	Written record of a student's academic performance. Students may obtain an <i>unofficial</i> transcript from his/her ChargerNet account. An <i>official</i> transcript can be obtained by contacting the Records Office in writing.
Transfer Program	An academic program designed primarily to enable students to enter the third year of a baccalaureate program at a four-year college/university.
Tuition	The charges assessed for each credit hour in which a student has registered.
Withdrawal	The process of dropping out of a course, program of study or leaving the College. Students that properly withdraw will receive a "W", this does not effect the GPA. Students who do not follow the proper withdrawal procedures may receive a grade of "F", this does negatively effect the GPA.