

# IPEDS

2020-21

## Prior Year Data Revision System

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## 2020-21 Survey Materials > Form

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### Institutional Characteristics for non-degree-granting 2-year program tuition reporters

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#### Overview

##### Institutional Characteristics Overview

Welcome to the Institutional Characteristics (IC) component. This component collects important information about your institution's mission, student services, and student charges.

Much of the data reported on IC appear on College Navigator, which is updated once after IC data have been reviewed. Thus, errors may stay on College Navigator for a full year.

Additionally, the cost of attendance data are used to calculate the net price of attendance in the Student Financial Aid component. This has important implications for what students see about your institution, and also for the College Affordability and Transparency Center's lists. **Revisions or changes to costs can ONLY be made in the Student Financial Aid component and not in the prior year revision system.**

Remember, it is the responsibility of the keyholder to submit accurate data about the institution. Please contact the IPEDS Help Desk for clarifications to make sure that you are reporting correctly.

##### Data Reporting Reminder:

- Report data to accurately reflect the time period corresponding with the IPEDS survey component, even if such reporting is seemingly inconsistent with prior-year reporting. For example, if a summer term began later than usual due to to Coronavirus Pandemic postponements, continue to report using the timeframes as defined in the IPEDS instructions. NCES expects that some data reported during the 2020-21 data collection year will vary from established prior trends due to the impacts of Coronavirus Pandemic. If an error edit is triggered even when submitting accurate data, please indicate in the corresponding context box or verbally to the Help Desk that the seemingly inconsistent data are accurate and reflect the effects of Coronavirus Pandemic.

##### Changes to reporting for 2020-21:

- The term 'dual credit' has been replaced with the term 'dual enrollment'

##### Common Errors

Quality control reviews of past IC data indicate frequently made errors. Please review the common errors below to ensure accurate reporting.

- Part C, question 8 should only be marked 'YES' if your institution is **EXCLUSIVELY** distance education. Do not mark 'YES' if your courses/programs are also available in person.
- Do not try to outsmart fatal errors; this is falsifying data. Contact the Help Desk to override, or fix, the data.
- Make sure you understand ALL definitions before responding to questions. For example, make sure that you are reporting for an 'ACADEMIC YEAR' or 'PROGRAM' as defined by IPEDS.

##### Resources:

- To download the survey materials for this component: [Survey Materials](#)

If you have questions about completing this survey, please contact the IPEDS Help Desk at 1-877-225-2568.

Part A - Mission Statement

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**1. Provide the institution's mission statement *or* a web address (URL) where the mission statement can be found. Typed statements are limited to 2,000 characters or less. The mission statement will be available to the public on College Navigator.**


Mission Statement URL:

Mission Statement:

## Part B - Services and Programs for Servicemembers and Veterans

### 1. Which of the following are available to veterans, military servicemembers, or their families?

- Yellow Ribbon Program (officially known as Post-9/11 GI Bill, Yellow Ribbon Program)
- Credit for military training
- Dedicated point of contact for support services for veterans, military servicemembers, and their families
- Recognized student veteran organization
- Member of Department of Defense Voluntary Educational Partnership Memorandum of Understanding
- None of the above

 You may use the box below to provide additional context for the data you have reported above. Context notes will be posted on the College Navigator website. Therefore, you should write all context notes using proper grammar (e.g., complete sentences with punctuation) and common language that can be easily understood by students and parents (e.g., spell out acronyms).

Part C - Student Services - Special Learning Opportunities

1. Does your institution accept any of the following? [Check all that apply]

- Dual enrollment
- Credit for life experiences
- Advanced placement (AP) credits
- None of the above

2. What types of special learning opportunities are offered by your institution? [Check all that apply]

- ROTC
  - Army
  - Navy
  - Air Force
- Study abroad
- Weekend/evening college
- Teacher certification (for the elementary, middle school/junior high, or secondary level)  
Do not include certifications to teach at the postsecondary level.
  - Students can complete their preparation in certain areas of specialization
  - Students must complete their preparation at another institution for certain areas of specialization
  - This institution is approved by the state for the initial certification or licensure of teachers
- None of the above

Part C - Student Services: Other Student Services

4. Which of the following selected student services are offered by your institution? [Check all that apply]

- Remedial services
- Academic/career counseling services
- Employment services for current students
- Placement services for program completers
- On-campus day care for children of students
- None of the above

5. Which of the following academic library resource or service does your institution provide? [Check all that apply]

- Physical facilities
- ⓘ An organized collection of printed materials
- ⓘ Access to digital/electronic resources
- A staff trained to provide and interpret library materials
- Established library hours
- ⓘ Access to library collections that are shared with other institutions
- None of the above

6. Indicate whether or not any of the following alternative tuition plans are offered by your institution.

- No
- Yes
  - Tuition guarantee
  - Prepaid tuition plan
  - Tuition payment plan
  - Other (specify in box below)

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Part C - Student Services - Distance Education

Reporting Reminders:

- When reporting distance education offerings, do not include remote learning implemented in response to Coronavirus Pandemic unless the program anticipates maintaining this modality permanently. Allowing program completion via distance education is not the same as having planned full distance education programs.

**7. Please indicate at what level(s) your institution does or does not offer distance education courses and/or distance education programs. Check all that apply.**

	<b>i</b> <u>Distance education courses</u>	<b>i</b> <u>Distance education programs</u>	Does not offer Distance Education
Undergraduate level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Graduate level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**8. Are all the programs at your institution offered exclusively via distance education programs?**

Select No if all programs at your institution are offered exclusively via distance education only temporarily in response to Coronavirus Pandemic.


- No
- Yes

Part C - Student Services: Disability Services

**9. Please indicate the percentage of all undergraduate students enrolled during Fall 2019 who were formally registered as students with disabilities with the institution's office of disability services (or the equivalent office).**

3 percent or less

More than 3 percent:  %

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Part D - Student Charges Questions

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**1. Are all full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking students required to live on-campus or in institutionally controlled housing?**

*If your institution typically has this requirement but such requirement is temporarily suspended due to Coronavirus Pandemic, please answer Yes.*

*If you answer **Yes** to this question, you will not be asked to report off-campus room and board in the price of attendance (D7).*

*This is only a screening question, and your response does not show up on College Navigator.*

*If you make any exceptions to this rule, and have even one full-time, first-time student living off-campus, please answer **No** so that this does not cause conflicts with the Student Financial Aid survey. Making changes to the SFA component is very difficult and may lead to inaccurate reporting for your institution.*

- No
- Yes, and we do not make **ANY** (even one) exceptions to this rule

**3. Does your institution offer institutionally-controlled housing (either on or off campus)?**

*If your institution typically offers institutionally-controlled housing but has temporarily suspended such offerings due to Coronavirus Pandemic, please answer Yes.*

*If you answer **Yes** to this question, you will be expected to specify a housing capacity, and to report a room charge or a combined room and board charge (D10).*

- No
- Yes

Specify housing capacity for academic year 2020-21

**4. Do you offer board or meal plans to your students?**

*If your institution typically offers board or meal plans but has temporarily suspended such offerings due to Coronavirus Pandemic, please answer Yes.*

*If you answer **Yes** to this question, you will be expected to report a board charge or combined room and board charge (D10).*

- No
- Yes - Enter the number of meals per week in the maximum meal plan available
- Yes - Number of meals per week can vary (e.g., students charge meals against a meal card)



Part D - Student Charges - Number of programs

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**5. How many programs are offered at your institution?**

*Be sure not to report single courses, report only full programs. If you do not know what a program is, review the definition in the glossary or call the Help Desk.*

Number of programs

Part D - Student Charges - Cost of Attendance

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**7. Cost of attendance for entering students**

Please enter the amounts requested below for each Cost of Attendance (COA) category. These data will be made available to the public on College Navigator. If your institution participates in any Title IV programs (e.g., Pell, Direct Loans), you must provide all information. Estimates of expenses for books and supplies, room and board, and other expenses are those from the COA report used by the financial aid office in determining financial need. Please confirm with your institution's financial aid office the correct values for these COA categories, as its staff are most familiar with federal guidance (e.g., Federal Student Aid Handbook) and professional standards in determining COA.

Notes:

- If your institution offers room (housing) but does not offer board, refer to your institution's COA budgets to report an estimate of how much students would spend on board.
- Similarly, if your institution offers board but does not offer room (housing), refer to your institution's COA budgets to report an estimate of how much students would spend on room.
- The academic year length you report should be the same calculation used for required reporting for your Pell budget. This number will be used to calculate academic year costs for your institution and will impact your net price calculation. Please discuss this information with your financial aid office to ensure accurate reporting.

LARGEST PROGRAM BY ENROLLMENT:	
CIP Code	<input type="text"/>
Title	<input type="text"/>
<a href="#">Enter new largest program</a>	<i>If your largest program has changed from the one listed above, or if no program appears above, click the 'enter new largest program' link, choose a program and enter data for all three years. Note: if your institution participates in Title IV programs, you must complete all cells.</i>
How is your program measured?	<input type="radio"/> <a href="#">Clock Hours</a> <input type="radio"/> <a href="#">Credit Hours</a>
Total length of <u>PROGRAM</u> in clock or credit hours	<input type="text"/>
Total length of <u>PROGRAM</u> in WEEKS, as completed by a student attending full-time	<input type="text"/>
<b>i</b> Total length of <u>ACADEMIC YEAR</u> (as used to calculate your Pell budget) in clock or credit hours	<input type="text"/>
<b>i</b> Total length of <u>ACADEMIC YEAR</u> (as used to calculate your Pell budget) in WEEKS	<input type="text"/>

If the institution charges an [application fee](#), indicate the amount.

	<b>i</b> Amount	Prior year
<a href="#">Application fee</a>	<input type="text"/>	

The following numbers need to be reported for the **entire length of the program**. For example, if your program is 18 months long, report 18 months worth of tuition, fees, books and supplies.

If your institution charges differently based on residence, please use in-state charges. The correct numbers should be available from your financial aid office.


Published student charges <b>for the entire program</b>	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	<b>i</b> 2020-21
<a href="#">Tuition and required fees for the entire program</a>				<input type="text"/>
<b>i</b> <a href="#">Books and supplies for the entire program</a>				<input type="text"/>

The following numbers need to be reported for **4 weeks (1 month)**.

The correct numbers should be available from your financial aid office. Off-campus numbers should be based on costs for your area, not on national averages.

On-campus:				
<a href="#">Room and board for 4 weeks (1 month)</a>				<input type="text"/>
<a href="#">Other expenses for 4 weeks (1 month)</a>				<input type="text"/>
Room and board and other expenses for 4 weeks (1 month)				
Off-campus (not with family):				

<u>Room and board</u> for 4 weeks (1 month)				<input type="text"/>
<u>Other expenses</u> for 4 weeks (1 month)				<input type="text"/>
Room and board and other expenses for 4 weeks (1 month)				
<b>i Off-campus (with family):</b>				
<u>Other expenses</u> for 4 weeks (1 month)				<input type="text"/>

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Part D - Student Charges - Cost of Attendance - Calculated values

**7. Cost of attendance - Calculated values**

Please review the numbers below for accuracy. If something looks incorrect, please go to the previous page and make sure all of the numbers reported on that page are correct. If you still do not think the numbers are correct, please contact the IPEDS Help Desk at 877-225-2568.

CIP CODE OF LARGEST <u>PROGRAM</u> BY ENROLLMENT				
TITLE OF LARGEST <u>PROGRAM</u> BY ENROLLMENT				
Published student charges <b>for the entire program</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
<u>Tuition</u> and <u>required fees</u>				
<u>Books and supplies</u>				
On-campus:				
<u>Room</u> and <u>board</u>				
<u>Other expenses</u>				
Room and board and other expenses				
<u>Off-campus (not with family):</u>				
<u>Room</u> and <u>board</u>				
<u>Other expenses</u>				
Room and board and other expenses				
<u>Off-campus (with family):</u>				
<u>Other expenses</u>				
Published student charges <b>for an academic year</b>				
<u>Tuition</u> and <u>required fees</u>				
<u>Books and supplies</u>				
On-campus:				
<u>Room</u> and <u>board</u>				
<u>Other expenses</u>				
Room and board and other expenses				
<u>Off-campus (not with family):</u>				
<u>Room</u> and <u>board</u>				
<u>Other expenses</u>				
Room and board and other expenses				
<u>Off-campus (with family):</u>				
<u>Other expenses</u>				

Part D - Student Charges - Program Data


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**8. Please list your second through sixth largest programs by enrollment and provide the requested information for each program.**

To enter a CIP code and program title, click on the **select** button, and then click on the program from the list provided. Choosing **clear** will remove the CIP code and title. Report the tuition and fees and the cost of books and supplies for the TOTAL LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM. Also report the length of the entire program in terms of clock or credit hours and provide the number of months it takes a full-time student to complete the entire program.

Note: The "largest" programs are determined by enrollment size and NOT program length. Use total enrollment size from the last reporting year, as the total current year enrollment is unknown. Enrollment includes students enrolled for credit regardless of their full-time/part-time status or if they are Title IV eligible.

Do not skip lines when reporting programs. Your 2nd largest program should be listed as 2nd, your 3rd as 3rd, etc.

	CIP Code	<u>Tuition and required fees</u>	 <u>Cost of books and supplies</u>	Total length of program	Program Measurement	# of months to complete
1st					<input type="radio"/> Clock hours <input type="radio"/> Credit hours	
	Title					
2nd	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Clock hours <input type="radio"/> Credit hours	<input type="text"/>
	Title					
3rd	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Clock hours <input type="radio"/> Credit hours	<input type="text"/>
	Title					
4th	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Clock hours <input type="radio"/> Credit hours	<input type="text"/>
	Title					
5th	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Clock hours <input type="radio"/> Credit hours	<input type="text"/>
	Title					
6th	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Clock hours <input type="radio"/> Credit hours	<input type="text"/>
	Title					

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Prepared by

**Prepared by**

Reporting Reminders:

- The name of the preparer is being collected so that we can follow up with the appropriate person in the event that there are questions concerning the data.
- The Keyholder will be copied on all email correspondence to other preparers.
- The time it took to prepare this component is being collected so that we can continue to improve our estimate of the reporting burden associated with IPEDS.
- Please include in your estimate the time it took for you to review instructions, query and search data sources, complete and review the component, and submit the data through the Data Collection System.
- Thank you for your assistance.

This survey component was prepared by:		
<input type="radio"/> Keyholder	<input type="radio"/> SFA Contact	<input type="radio"/> HR Contact
<input type="radio"/> Finance Contact	<input type="radio"/> Academic Library Contact	<input type="radio"/> Other
Name:	<input type="text"/>	
Email:	<input type="text"/>	

How many staff from your institution only were involved in the data collection and reporting process of this survey component?
<input type="text"/> Number of Staff (including yourself)

How many hours did you and others from your institution only spend on each of the steps below when responding to this survey component? <i>Exclude the hours spent collecting data for state and other reporting purposes.</i>				
Staff member	Collecting Data Needed	Revising Data to Match IPEDS Requirements	Entering Data	Revising and Locking Data
Your office	<input type="text"/> hours	<input type="text"/> hours	<input type="text"/> hours	<input type="text"/> hours
Other offices	<input type="text"/> hours	<input type="text"/> hours	<input type="text"/> hours	<input type="text"/> hours

## Institutional Characteristics

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### **Purpose of Survey**

The primary purpose of the IPEDS Institutional Characteristics (IC) component is to collect basic institutional information including mission, student services, and athletic association. IC also collects student charges data including tuition for different levels and cost data for first-time, full-time students either for programs or for an academic year. This includes tuition and fee data as well as information on the estimated student budgets for students based on living situations (on-campus or off-campus). The cost numbers are also used in the SFA survey during the Winter collection to calculate net price of attendance.

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### **Changes in reporting**

The following changes were implemented for the 2020-21 data collection period:

- The term 'dual credit' has been replaced with the term 'dual enrollment'

For 2020-21 changes, please review the preview screens available on the [Survey Materials](#) page.

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### **General instructions**

#### **Context Boxes**

Context boxes are provided to allow institutions to provide more information regarding survey component items. Note that some context boxes are posted on the [College Navigator Website](#), which is the college search tool offered by NCES. NCES will review entries in these context boxes for applicability and appropriateness before posting them on the [College Navigator Website](#); institutions should check grammar and spelling of their entries.

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### **Coverage**

Carefully read each question in the Institutional Characteristics survey to ensure you are reporting data for the appropriate students. The student groups for which data are collected vary throughout the IC survey (e.g., undergraduate and graduate). In general, for each group, ensure that the guidelines below are met.

#### **A. Who to include**

- Students enrolled in courses creditable toward a diploma, certificate, degree, or other recognized postsecondary credential.
- Students enrolled in courses that are part of a vocational or occupational program, including those enrolled in off-campus centers.
- High school students taking regular college courses for credit under their classification as recorded by the institution.
- Full-time students taking remedial courses if the student is considered degree-seeking for the purpose of student financial aid determination.
- Students from overseas enrolled in U.S. courses (e.g., online students).

- Graduate students enrolled for thesis credits, even when zero credits are awarded, as these students are still enrolled and seeking their degree.

## B. Who NOT to include

- Students enrolled exclusively in courses not creditable toward a recognized postsecondary credential or the completion of a vocational program.
- Students taking Continuing Education Units (CEUs) unless they are also enrolled in courses creditable toward a degree or other recognized postsecondary credential.
- Students exclusively auditing classes.
- Residents or interns in Doctor's - professional practice fields, since they have already received their Doctor's degree.
- Any student studying abroad (e.g., at a foreign university) if their enrollment at this institution is only an administrative record and the fee is nominal.
- Students in any branch campus located in a foreign country.
- Students in Experimental Pell Programs.

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## Where to Get Help with Reporting

### IPEDS Help Desk

Phone: (877) 225-2568

E-mail: [ipedshelp@rti.org](mailto:ipedshelp@rti.org)

### Web Tutorials

You can consult the [IPEDS Website's Trainings & Outreach](#) page which contains several tutorials on IPEDS data collection, a self-paced overview of IPEDS tools, and other valuable resources.

### IPEDS Resource Page

The [IPEDS Website's Reporting Tools](#) page contains frequently asked questions, a link to data tip sheets, tutorials, taxonomies, information centers (e.g., academic libraries, average net price, human resources, race/ethnicity, etc.), and other valuable information.

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## Where the Reported Data Will Appear

Data collected through IPEDS will be accessible at the institution and aggregate levels.

At the institution-level, data will appear in the:

- [College Navigator Website](#)
- [IPEDS Use the Data portal](#)
- [IPEDS Data Feedback Reports](#)
- [College Affordability and Transparency Center Website](#)

At the aggregate-level, data will appear in:

- [IPEDS Data Explorer](#)
- [IPEDS Data Feedback Reports](#)
- [The Digest of Education Statistics](#)
- [The Condition of Education](#)

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## Reporting Directions

### Part A – Mission Statement

#### **Mission Statement**

Provide your institution's mission statement or a web address (please select http:// or https://) where the statement can be found. Typed statements are limited to 2,000 characters. The mission statement will be available to the public on College Navigator.

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### Part B - Services for Military Servicemembers, Veterans, and Eligible Family Members

#### **Services and Programs for Military Servicemembers and Veterans**

Indicate which of the following are offered to veterans, military servicemembers, or their families.

For the Post-9/11 Bill, Yellow Ribbon Program, please choose this only if the Yellow Ribbon Program is available at your institution.

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## Part C - Student Services

### ***Special learning opportunities***

#### **Special credit**

Indicate if your institution accepts credit earned prior to admission through any of the sources listed.

#### **Special learning opportunities**

Indicate if the listed special learning opportunities are offered by your institution. Teacher certification refers to pre-K through 12; if the institution only provides certification for some levels (e.g., elementary only and not secondary), be sure to indicate that only certain levels are offered.

#### **Years of study required for entry (Not applicable to less-than-4-year institutions)**

If the institution limits entrance to students who have completed certain academic requirements, select the years of study required for entry. For example, upper division only schools may require 2 years (60 credits) of study prior to admittance, and schools that offer only graduate programs may require bachelor's degrees or 4 years of study for entrance.

### ***Student services***

#### **Student services**

Indicate which of the listed services are offered by your institution.

#### **Library**

Indicate whether your institution offers any of the listed resources or services. If none of the listed resources/services apply, select "None of the above".

#### **Alternative tuition plans**

Indicate if your institution offers any alternative tuition plans. Use the context box on the bottom of the page to provide details about tuition plans for College Navigator. Please provide only factual information, context boxes are reviewed and inappropriate information (such as marketing information) will be removed.

### ***Distance education***

Distance education uses one or more technologies to deliver instruction to students who are separated from the instructor and to support regular and substantive interaction between the students and the instructor synchronously or asynchronously.

Requirements for coming to campus for orientation, testing, or academic support services do not exclude a course from being classified as distance education. Technologies used for instruction may include the following: Internet; one-way and two-way transmissions through open broadcasts, closed circuit, cable, microwave, broadband lines, fiber optics, satellite or wireless communication devices; audio conferencing; and video cassette, DVDs, and CD-ROMs, if the cassette, DVDs, and CD-ROMs are used in a course in conjunction with the technologies listed above.

#### **Distance education course**

A course in which the instructional content is delivered exclusively via distance education.

#### **Distance education program**

A program for which all the required coursework for program completion is able to be completed via distance education courses.

#### **Distance education levels**

Indicate whether you offer distance education courses and/or programs at the undergraduate level and/or graduate level. Please check all that apply. If you do not offer distance education courses and/or programs, please select "Does not offer distance education" at the undergraduate and/or graduate level.

#### **Exclusively distance education programs**

Indicate whether or not ALL programs offered by your institution are delivered exclusively via distance education, meaning all the required coursework for program completion is able to be completed via distance education courses.

### ***Disabilities***

Please indicate the percentage of all undergraduate students enrolled in the time period indicated on screen who were formally registered as students with disabilities with the institution's office of disability services (or the equivalent office). This may include students with physical or learning disabilities, as well as other types of disabilities. If greater than 3% of students are registered as having a disability, you will need to indicate a percentage.

Please use the context box on the page to provide information, such as the webpage for your disabilities services website.

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## Part D - Student Charges

### **Screening questions**

If you responded to questions regarding full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students in the Institutional Characteristics Header survey, your institution will be required to answer all the questions.

#### **On-campus or institutionally controlled off-campus housing requirement**

Indicate if ALL full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking students are required to live on campus or in institutionally controlled off-campus housing. **If you make ANY exceptions, you should not select this as a requirement, as this will cause inconsistencies in your reporting between this section and the Student Financial Aid survey calculation of net price.**

This question is a screening question, and does not appear on College Navigator. Please respond correctly.

#### **Tuition based on residence**

Indicate if the institution charges a different price for students from in-district, in-state, or out-of-state.

#### **Institutionally controlled housing**

Indicate if the institution provides institutionally controlled housing (either on- or off-campus) and if so, specify the housing capacity.

#### **Meal plans**

Indicate if the institution offers board or meal plans to students. If the institution offers fixed meal plans, provide the number of meals per week in the maximum plan available. Institutions will be asked to report the board charges or combined room and board charges on later screens.

### **Tuition and fees for undergraduate students (academic year reporters) (Part D – Undergraduate Student Charges)**

#### **Undergraduate students include:**

- Students who have not attained a bachelor's degree;
- Students in bachelor's degree programs that require *at least 4 years but fewer than 6 years* of college work; or
- Students in occupational or general study programs requiring 1, 2, or 3 years of college work that are designed to prepare students for immediate employment or to provide general education rather than to serve as the first 1, 2, or 3 years of a bachelor's degree program.

#### **Undergraduate application fee**

If the institution charges an application fee, indicate the amount. An application fee is the amount of money that an institution charges for processing a student's application for admittance to the institution. This amount is not creditable toward tuition or required fees, nor is it refundable if the student is not admitted to the institution.

#### **Tuition and required fees for undergraduate students**

This tuition value differs from cost of attendance as it is the average tuition and fees for ALL undergraduate students and all levels (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, etc.). It is possible that this number will be different from the cost of attendance that you will report if you have first-time, full-time students.

Since tuition and required fees and room and board charges may be different for varying groups of **full-time undergraduate students** at an institution, adhere to the following rules regarding reporting:

- Report the average tuition and required fees for the full academic year charged to in-district, in-state, and out-of-state students. If you selected 'yes' for the screening question that you charge different tuitions for in-district, in-state, and out-of-state, provide amounts in all columns even if two are the same. If they are all the same, go back to the screening question that asks about this and indicate that you do not charge different tuitions.
- If the institution charges tuition on a per-credit-hour basis, estimate average tuition based on the average full-time credit-hour load for an entire academic year.
- When reporting required fees, include all fixed sum charges that are REQUIRED of a majority of students.
- Do not include any charges that are clearly optional.
- If the institution has a single lump sum charge for tuition, required fees, and room and board, enter the amount as a comprehensive fee.

#### **Per-credit-hour charges for part-time undergraduate students**

Enter the average dollar amount your institution charges to part-time undergraduate students per credit hour of instruction. Do not include fees. If you selected 'yes' for the screening question that you charge different tuitions for in-district, in-state, and out-of-state, provide amounts in all columns even if two are the same. If they are all the same, go back to the screening question that asks about this and indicate that you do not charge different tuitions.

## **Tuition and fees for graduate students (Part D – Graduate Student Charges)**

**Graduate students include** any student who holds a bachelor's degree or equivalent and is taking courses at the post-baccalaureate level. These students may or may not be enrolled in graduate programs.

### **Graduate application fee**

If the institution charges an application fee, indicate the amount. An application fee is the amount of money that an institution charges for processing a student's application for admittance to the institution. This amount is not creditable toward tuition or required fees, nor is it refundable if the student is not admitted to the institution.

### **Tuition and required fees for graduate students**

Since tuition and required fees may be different for varying groups of full-time graduate students at an institution, adhere to the following rules regarding reporting:

- **Do not include** doctor's-professional practice tuition. This will be collected separately.
- Report the average tuition and required fees charged to full-time graduate students for the full academic year. If you selected 'yes' for the screening question that you charge different tuitions for in-district, in-state, and out-of-state, provide amounts in all columns even if two are the same. If they are all the same, go back to the screening question that asks about this and indicate that you do not charge different tuitions.
- When reporting required fees, include all fixed sum charges that are REQUIRED of a majority of students.
- Do not include any charges that are clearly optional.

### **Per-credit-hour charges for part-time graduate students**

Enter the dollar amount the institution most frequently charges to part-time graduate students per credit hour of instruction. Do not include fees. If you selected 'yes' for the screening question that you charge different tuitions for in-district, in-state, and out-of-state, provide amounts in all columns even if two are the same. If they are all the same, go back to the screening question that asks about this and indicate that you do not charge different tuitions.

### **Doctor's - professional practice tuition and fees**

Report the tuition and fees (if applicable, for both in- and out-of-state) for students in the selected professional practice programs.

### **Number of programs (program reporters only)**

Provide the total number of occupational programs offered by your institution. A program is a combination of courses and related activities organized for the attainment of broad educational objectives as described by the institution. Please do not count single courses as a program.

### **Room and Board (Part D – Room and Board)**

Institutions that offer institutionally controlled housing (either on- or off- campus) will be required to answer the questions in this section.

Report the typical room charge for the full academic year (as indicated on screen) for a full-time student sharing a room with one other student. Report the board charge based on the maximum meal plan available for the full academic year (as indicated on screen) to a full-time student. Report a combined room and board charge only if room and board charges cannot be separated.

### **Academic year reporters cost of attendance for full-time, first-time undergraduate students (Part D – Cost of Attendance)**

If you made errors in the prior year reporting, you will need to make changes in the Student Financial Aid component in the Winter. Revisions or changes to costs can ONLY be made in the Student Financial Aid component and not in the prior year revision system.

This question requires working with your student financial aid office.

Institutions with standard academic terms (semesters, quarters, trimesters, or 4-1-4 or hybrid institutions) should provide cost information for in-district, in-state, and out-of-state students for the **FULL ACADEMIC YEAR** in the columns indicated. The numbers reported for tuition, fees, books and supplies, room and board, and other expenses *must match the amounts used by your financial aid office for determining eligibility for student financial assistance*. If your institution has a single lump sum charge for tuition, required fees, and room and board, enter the amount as a comprehensive fee. You will not be able to lock your submission without these data.

Report BOTH tuition and fees, separately. Please report accurately as these numbers are used in the calculation of net price during the Student Financial Aid survey. Net price appears to the public in College Navigator, including the College Affordability and Transparency Center, as mandated in accordance with Sec. 111 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA).

Indicate whether the tuition and/or fees reported are covered by a tuition guarantee plan. If they are, but it is not a flat rate, please provide the guaranteed maximum rate of increase.

Room and Board:

- If your institution offers room (housing) but does not offer board, refer to your institution's cost of attendance budgets from your financial aid office to report an estimate of how much students would spend on board.

- If your institution offers board but does not offer room (housing), refer to your institution's cost of attendance budgets from your financial aid office to report an estimate of how much students would spend on room.

### **Program reporters cost of attendance (Part D – Cost of Attendance)**

Institutions with no full-time, first-time students will report the six largest programs on one page, and should follow the directions under 'Reporting the next 5 largest programs' to report these data. **For public institutions, report the in-state or in-district costs if applicable.**

#### **Reporting the largest program by enrollment**

Errors can be corrected in the Student Financial Aid component in the Winter.

This question requires working with your student financial aid office.

The "largest" programs are determined by enrollment size and NOT program length. Use total enrollment size from the last reporting year, as the total current year enrollment is unknown. Enrollment includes students enrolled for credit regardless of full-time/part-time status or if they are Title IV eligible.

This section asks questions about the largest program by enrollment your institution has offered for entering students. Institutions that provided data for the largest program in the prior year will see pre-loaded data (when CIP code has changed, you will need to update the CIP with an appropriate CIP). If the largest program has changed, check the box provided and indicate a different program. You will be required to enter data for all 4 years as indicated on the screen.

#### **To enter or change the largest program**

- Select the CIP category code from the first drop-down box and title from the second drop-down box. If you need to restore the pre-loaded information, click the reset button at bottom of the screen.
- Provide the total length of program in clock or credit hours and in weeks (as completed by a student attending full-time).
- Provide the total length of the academic year, as used to calculate your Pell budget, in clock or credit hours and in weeks.
- Enter an application fee (if applicable).
- Provide amounts for tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, and other expenses **FOR THE TIME PERIOD INDICATED** (either for the length of the program, or for 4 weeks). These are the amounts used by your financial aid office for determining eligibility for student financial assistance.

**Note:** Programs of English as a second language and GED courses are not to be included in IPEDS. Institutions should report their largest program based on enrollment size, regardless of whether or not that program is Title IV.

#### **Reporting the next 5 largest programs by enrollment**

This section asks questions about the next 5 largest programs by enrollment your institution offers for entering students (or, if you have no full-time, first-time students, the 6 largest programs).

- *Only* if reporting 6 largest programs because you do not have full-time, first-time students, enter an application fee (if applicable).
- Select the CIP category code from the first drop-down box and title from the second drop-down box. If you need to restore the pre-loaded information, click the reset button at bottom of the screen.
- Enter the tuition and required fees charged for the entire length of the program.
- Enter the cost of books and supplies for the program.
- Report the full length of the program and indicate whether the length of the entire program is measured in clock or credit hours.
- Report the number of months it takes a full-time student to complete the program.

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### **Part E - Athletic Association**

Indicate if the institution is a member of a national athletic association.

For institutions belonging to NCAA or NAIA, select the conference (by sport) from the pull-down menu provided.

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### **Part F - Campus information**

For campuses, refer to the instructions on the appropriate screen.

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## Glossary

Term	Definition
Academic year	The period of time generally extending from September to June; usually equated to 2 <u>semesters</u> or <u>trimesters</u> , 3 <u>quarters</u> , or the period covered by a <u>4-1-4 calendar system</u> .
Application fee	That amount of money that an institution charges for processing a student's application for admittance to the institution. This amount is not creditable toward <u>tuition</u> or <u>required fees</u> , nor is it refundable if the student is not admitted to the institution.
Board charges	Charges assessed students for an <u>academic year</u> for meals.
Board plan	The method for providing meals to students during an <u>academic year</u> . Plans may include a specific charge for a specified number of meals per week or a specified amount against which students may charge their meals.
Books and supplies	The average cost of books and supplies for a typical student for an entire <u>academic year</u> (or <u>program</u> ). Does not include unusual costs for special groups of students (e.g., engineering or art majors), unless they constitute the majority of students at an institution.
Child institution	An institution that has some or all of its data reported by another institution, known as the <u>parent institution</u> .
CIP code	A six-digit code in the form xx.xxxx that identifies instructional <u>program</u> specialties within educational institutions.
Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP)	A taxonomic coding scheme for secondary and postsecondary instructional programs. It is intended to facilitate the organization, collection, and reporting of <u>program</u> data using classifications that capture the majority of reportable data. The CIP is the accepted federal government statistical standard on instructional program classifications and is used in a variety of education information surveys and databases.
Clock hour	A period of time consisting of (1) A 50- to 60-minute class, lecture, or recitation in a 60-minute period; (2) A 50- to 60-minute faculty-supervised laboratory, shop training, or internship in a 60-minute period; or (3) Sixty minutes of preparation in a correspondence course.
Comprehensive fee	A single fixed amount of money charged by an institution that covers <u>tuition</u> , <u>required fees</u> , <u>room</u> , and <u>board</u> . For some institutions, this amount may also cover <u>books and supplies</u> .
Contact hour (old definition)	A unit of measure that represents an hour of scheduled <u>instruction</u> given to students. Also referred to as <u>clock hour</u> .
Cost of attendance	The amount of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and other expenses that a full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking student can expect to pay to go to college for an academic year. Costs reported by the institutions are those amounts used by the financial aid office to determine a student's financial need.
Counseling service	Activities designed to assist students in making plans and decisions related to their education, career, or personal development.
Credit for life experiences	Credit earned by students for what they have learned through independent study, noncredit adult courses, work experience, portfolio demonstration, previous licensure or certification, or completion of other learning opportunities (military, government, or professional). <u>Credit</u> may also be awarded through a credit by examination program.
Credit for Military Training	Postsecondary credit granted by institutions to military servicemen or veterans for experiences and training gained while in the service.
Credit hour	A unit of measure representing the equivalent of an hour (50 minutes) of <u>instruction</u> per week over the entire term. It is applied toward the total number of <u>credit</u> hours needed for completing the requirements of a <u>degree</u> , <u>diploma</u> , <u>certificate</u> , or other recognized postsecondary credential.
Day care service	A student service designed to provide appropriate care and protection of infants, preschool, and school-age children so their parents can participate in <u>postsecondary education programs</u> .
Degree/certificate-seeking students	Students enrolled in courses for credit who are seeking a degree, certificate, or other recognized postsecondary credential. This includes students who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- received any type of federal financial aid, regardless of what courses they took at any time;</li> <li>- received any state or locally based financial aid with an eligibility requirement that the student be enrolled in a degree, certificate, or transfer-seeking program; or</li> <li>- obtained a student visa to study at a U.S. postsecondary institution</li> </ul> <p>High school students also enrolled in postsecondary courses for credit are not considered degree/certificate-seeking.</p>

Department of Defense Voluntary Education Program Memorandum of Understanding	A voluntary program that functions to expand and improve postsecondary opportunities for servicemembers worldwide. It is funded by the Department of Defense through a contract with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).
Disability services	Programs designed to provide reasonable academic accommodations and support services to empower students who have disabilities to competitively pursue postsecondary education. May also include assistance to campus departments in providing access to services and programs in the most integrated setting possible.
Distance education	Education that uses one or more technologies to deliver instruction to students who are separated from the instructor and to support regular and substantive interaction between the students and the instructor synchronously or asynchronously.  Technologies used for instruction may include the following: Internet; one-way and two-way transmissions through open broadcasts, closed circuit, cable, microwave, broadband lines, fiber optics, satellite or wireless communication devices; audio conferencing; and video cassette, DVDs, and CD-ROMs, if the cassette, DVDs, and CD-ROMs are used in a course in conjunction with the technologies listed above.
Distance education course	A course in which the instructional content is delivered exclusively via <u>distance education</u> . Requirements for coming to campus for orientation, testing, or academic support services do not exclude a course from being classified as distance education.
Distance education program	A program for which all the required coursework for program completion is able to be completed via <u>distance education courses</u> .
Doctor's degree-professional practice	A doctor's degree that is conferred upon completion of a program providing the knowledge and skills for the recognition, credential, or license required for professional practice. The degree is awarded after a period of study such that the total time to the degree, including both pre-professional and professional preparation, equals at least six full-time equivalent academic years. Some of these degrees were formerly classified as <u>first-professional</u> and may include: Chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.); Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.); Law (J.D.); Medicine (M.D.); Optometry (O.D.); Osteopathic Medicine (D.O); Pharmacy (Pharm.D.); Podiatry (D.P.M., Pod.D., D.P); or, Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), and others, as designated by the awarding institution.
Dual enrollment	Refers to students who enroll in college courses offered by an institution of higher education while enrolled in high school or seeking a recognized equivalent. Student performance is recorded on a college transcript and postsecondary credit is awarded for a passing grade in the course. - Includes: All postsecondary courses, independent of course delivery mode, course location, course instructor, whether secondary credit is also offered, and whether the student enrolls through a formal state/local program or enrolls outside a formal state/local program. - Excludes: Credit-by-exam models such as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate in which the student is not enrolled in a postsecondary institution.
Employment services for current students	Activities intended to assist students in obtaining part-time employment as a means of defraying part of the cost of their education.
First-time student (undergraduate)	A student who has no prior postsecondary experience (except as noted below) attending any institution for the first time at the <u>undergraduate level</u> . This includes students enrolled in <u>academic</u> or <u>occupational programs</u> . It also includes students enrolled in the <u>fall term</u> who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term, and students who entered with advanced standing (college <u>credits</u> or recognized postsecondary credential earned before graduation from high school).
Full-time student	Undergraduate: A student enrolled for 12 or more <u>semester credits</u> , or 12 or more <u>quarter</u> credits, or 24 or more <u>clock hours</u> a week each term. Graduate: A student enrolled for 9 or more semester credits, or 9 or more quarter credits, or a student involved in thesis or dissertation preparation that is considered full-time by the institution. <u>Doctor's degree - Professional practice</u> - as defined by the institution.
Governing board	An entity that ensures on behalf of the public the performance of an institution or a group of institutions. Responsibilities of the board may include appointing, supporting, and monitoring the president of the institution; reviewing educational and public service programs; insisting on strategic planning; and, ensuring good management and adequate resources.
Graduate student	A student who holds a bachelor's <u>degree</u> or above and is taking courses at the postbaccalaureate level. These students may or may not be enrolled in graduate <u>programs</u> .
Housing capacity	The maximum number of students for which an institution can provide residential facilities, whether on or off campus.
In-district student	A student who is a legal resident of the locality in which he/she attends school and thus is entitled to reduced <u>tuition</u> charges if offered by the institution.
In-district tuition	The <u>tuition</u> charged by the institution to those students residing in the locality in which they attend school. This may be a lower rate than <u>in-state tuition</u> if offered by the institution.
In-state student	A student who is a legal resident of the state in which he/she attends school.

In-state tuition	The <u>tuition</u> charged by institutions to those students who meet the state's or institution's residency requirements.
Institutionally controlled housing	Any residence hall or housing facility located on- or off-campus that is owned or controlled by an institution and used by the institution in direct support of or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes.
Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)	The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), conducted by the <u>NCES</u> , began in 1986 and involves annual institution-level data collections. All <u>postsecondary institutions</u> that have a <u>Program Participation Agreement</u> with the Office of Postsecondary Education (OPE), U.S. Department of Education (throughout IPEDS referred to as "Title IV") are required to report data using a web-based <u>data collection system</u> . IPEDS currently consists of the following components: <u>Institutional Characteristics (IC)</u> ; <u>12-month Enrollment (E12)</u> ; <u>Completions (C)</u> ; <u>Admissions (ADM)</u> ; <u>Student Financial Aid (SFA)</u> ; <u>Human Resources (HR)</u> , composed of Employees by Assigned Position, Fall Staff, and Salaries; <u>Fall Enrollment (EF)</u> ; <u>Graduation Rates (GR)</u> ; <u>Outcome Measures (OM)</u> ; <u>Finance (F)</u> ; and <u>Academic Libraries (AL)</u> .
Library	An organized collection of printed, microform, and audiovisual materials which (a) is administered as one or more units, (b) is located in one or more designated places, and (c) makes printed, microform, and audiovisual materials as well as necessary equipment and services of a staff accessible to students and to faculty. Includes units meeting the above definition which are part of a learning resource center.
Net price	The <i>Higher Education Act, as amended (2008)</i> , defines institutional net price as "the average yearly price actually charged to first-time, full-time undergraduate students receiving student aid at an institution of higher education after deducting such aid." In IPEDS, average institutional net price is generated by subtracting the average amount of federal, state/local government, or institutional grant and scholarship aid from the total <u>cost of attendance</u> . Total cost of attendance is the sum of published tuition and required fees (lower of in-district or in-state for public institutions), books and supplies, and the weighted average for room and board and other expenses. Cost of attendance data are collected in the Institutional Characteristics (IC) component of IPEDS, and financial aid data are collected in the Student Financial Aid (SFA) component of IPEDS.
Off-campus (not with family)	A living arrangement in which a student does not live with the student's parents or legal guardians in any housing facility that is not owned or controlled by the educational institution.
Off-campus (with family)	A living arrangement in which a student lives with the student's parents or legal guardians in any housing facility that is not owned or controlled by the educational institution.
Off-campus housing	Any housing facility that is occupied by students but is not owned or controlled by the educational institution.
On-campus housing	Any residence hall or housing facility owned or controlled by an institution within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area and used by the institution in direct support of or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes.
Other expenses	The amount of money (estimated by the financial aid office) needed by a student to cover expenses such as laundry, transportation, and entertainment.
Out-of-state student	A student who is not a legal resident of the state in which he/she attends school.
Out-of-state tuition	The <u>tuition</u> charged by institutions to those students who do not meet the institution's or state's residency requirements.
Parent institution	An institution that reports some or all data for another institution, known as the <u>child institution</u> .
Part-time student	Undergraduate: A student enrolled for either less than 12 <u>semester</u> or <u>quarter</u> credits, or less than 24 <u>clock hours</u> a week each term. Graduate: A student enrolled for less than 9 semester or quarter credits.
Placement services for program completers	Assistance for students in evaluating their career alternatives and in obtaining full-time employment upon leaving the institution.
Post 9/11 GI Bill	A federal education benefit program for veterans, who served on active duty after September 10, 2001. This Department of Veteran Affairs benefit provides up to 36 months of education benefits at an approved institution for the following college costs: tuition and fees, books and supplies, and housing. The tuition and fees payment, which is the cost for an in-state student attending a public institution, is made directly to the postsecondary institution whereas payments for books and supplies and housing are sent directly to the student.
Postsecondary education institution	An institution which has as its sole purpose or one of its primary missions, the provision of <u>postsecondary education</u> .
Prepaid tuition plan	A program that allows students or their families to purchase college tuition or tuition credits for future years, at current prices.
Program	A combination of courses and related activities organized for the attainment of broad educational objectives as described by the institution.
Recognized postsecondary credential	A recognized postsecondary credential includes any credential that is received after completion of a program that is eligible for Title IV federal student aid or that is awarded in recognition of an individual's attainment of measurable technical or industry/occupational skills necessary to obtain employment or advance within an industry/occupation. These technical or industry/occupational skills generally are based on standards developed or endorsed by employers or industry associations.

Remedial services	Instructional activities designed for students deficient in the general competencies necessary for a regular postsecondary curriculum and educational setting.
Required fees	Fixed sum charged to students for items not covered by <u>tuition</u> and required of such a large proportion of all students that the student who does not pay the charge is an exception.
Room charges	The charges for an <u>academic year</u> for rooming accommodations for a typical student sharing a room with one other student.
Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges	A membership group of over 1,700 institutions that functions to expand and improve voluntary postsecondary opportunities for servicemembers worldwide. It is funded by the Department of Defense through a contract with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).
Shared library	A facility housing an organized collection of printed, microform, and audiovisual materials, and (a) is jointly administered by more than one educational institution, or (b) whose funds or operating expenditures have been received from more than one educational institution. The location of the facility is not a determining factor.
Study abroad	Arrangement by which a student completes part of the college program studying in another country. Can be at a campus <u>abroad</u> or through a cooperative agreement with some other U.S. college or an institution of another country.
System	An organization of two or more institutions of higher education under the control or supervision of a common administrative governing body. Governing bodies generally have the power to act in their own name, to hire and fire personnel, enter into contracts, etc. A coordinating body without these powers or a section of a state agency usually would not be considered a system office.
Teacher certification program	A program designed to prepare students to meet the requirements for certification as teachers in elementary, middle/junior high, and secondary schools.
Title IV institution	An institution that has a written agreement with the Secretary of Education that allows the institution to participate in any of the Title IV federal student financial assistance programs (other than the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) and the National Early Intervention Scholarship and Partnership (NEISP) programs).
Tuition	The amount of money charged to students for instructional services. Tuition may be charged per term, per course, or per <u>credit</u> .
Tuition and fees (published charges)	The amount of <u>tuition</u> and <u>required fees</u> covering a full academic year most frequently charged to students. These values represent what a typical student would be charged and may not be the same for all students at an institution. If tuition is charged on a per-credit-hour basis, the average full-time <u>credit hour</u> load for an entire academic year is used to estimate average tuition. Required fees include all fixed sum charges that are required of such a large proportion of all students that the student who does not pay the charges is an exception.
Tuition guarantee	A program where the institution guarantees, to entering first-time students, that tuition will not increase for the years they are enrolled. These guarantees are generally time-bound for four or five years.
Tuition payment plan	A program that allows tuition to be paid in installments spread out over an agreed upon period of time, sometimes without interest or finance charges.
Undergraduate	A student enrolled in a 4- or 5-year <u>bachelor's degree</u> program, an <u>associate's degree</u> program, or a vocational or technical <u>program</u> below the baccalaureate.
Weekend/evening college	A <u>program</u> that allows students to take a complete course of study and attend classes only on weekends or only in the evenings.
Yellow Ribbon Program	A voluntary program through which participating public and private institutions can provide veterans and eligible beneficiaries additional institutional aid to cover the costs of tuition and fees at their institutions. The Yellow Ribbon Program is a supplementary program to the Post 9/11 GI Bill coverage of in-state tuition and fees. The Department of Veterans Affairs matches the institutional aid provided beyond the in-state tuition and fees, but up to a certain limit each year.