



ALPHABET SOUP

(College Edition)

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| AA | Associate of Arts Degree (2-year degree – 60 credits) |
| ACT | American College Testing program |
| AP | Advanced Placement |
| AS | Associate of Science Degree (2-year degree – 60 credits) |
| BA | Bachelor of Arts Degree (4-year degree) |
| BS | Bachelor of Science Degree (4-year degree) |
| CEEB | College Entrance Examination Board (code number used when registering for the ACT and SAT exams) |
| CLEP | College Level Examination Program (offered by CollegeBoard) |
| COA | Cost of Attendance |
| Common App | Although not a true abbreviation – this is the Common Application – a generic application used by over 500 colleges and universities |
| CO-OP | “cooperative” – some colleges offer Co-op Programs where students combine on-campus study with periods of actual work experience |
| CR | the Critical Reading portion of the SAT |
| CSS PROFILE & IDOC | College Scholarship Service Profile (via the CollegeBoard) and Institutional Documentation Service |
| EA | Early Action |
| ED | Early Decision |
| EFA | Estimated Financial Assistance |
| EFC | Expected Family Contribution |
| FAFSA | Free Application for Federal Student Aid |
| FERPA | Family Education Right to Privacy Act |
| FHSAA | Florida High School Athletic Association |
| FWS | Federal Work Study |
| GE REQS (aka GEN-EDS) | General Education requirements – courses that are required by colleges and/or universities and generally completed over the first two years |
| GPA | Grade Point Average |
| IB | International Baccalaureate |
| LAS | Liberal Arts & Sciences |
| NACAC | National Association for College Admission Counseling |
| NCAA | National Collegiate Athletic Association |
| ORM | Over-Represented Minority (those of Asian descent) |
| OSFA | Office of Student Financial Assistance (in Florida) – administers the Florida Student Scholarship & Grant Programs aka Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and the FAFSA |
| PIN | Personal Identification Number |
| PSAT/NMSQT | Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test |
| RA | Residential Assistant or Resident Advisor |

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| RD | Regular Decision |
| REA | Restrictive Early Action (aka EASC – Early Action Single Choice or SCEA – Single Choice Early Action) |
| ROLL | Rolling Admission |
| ROTC | Reserve Officers Training Corps |
| SAP | Satisfactory Academic Progress (to remain eligible for financial aid) |
| SAR | Student Aid Report |
| SAT | Scholastic Aptitude Test |
| SAT II | Scholastic Aptitude Subject Tests (also known as SAT Subject Tests) |
| SSAR | Student Self-Reported Academic Record (online transcript for UF and FSU) |
| TA | Teaching Assistant |
| URM | Under-Represented Minority (African-Americans; Mexican-Americans; Native- Americans including American Indians, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians; Pacific Islanders; mainland Puerto Ricans, and Latinos) |

