

Terminology Cheat Sheet

Department Roles	
DGP	Director of Graduate Programs
GSC	Graduate Services Coordinator
Systems	
SIS	Student Information System
Slate	Admissions System
NextGen	Graduate Assistantship Appointment System
GradPath	Portal for students to monitor their academics and professional experiences
Degree Types	
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
EdD	Doctor of Education
DDES	Doctor of Design
MR	Master of
MS	Master of Science
MA	Master of Arts
MEd	Master of Education
MFA	Master of Fine Arts
GCERT	Graduate Certificate
Student Funding	
GSSP	Graduate Student Support Plan
ISTA	In-state Tuition Award
TR	Tuition Remission (the difference between the out-of-state and in-state tuition rates)
GSHI	Graduate Student Health Insurance – RA/TA health plan or Mandatory Health Plan
GA1	Electronic form for departments to pay charges on a student's bill
Academic	
3MT®	3-Minute Thesis Competition
A2G	Apply to Graduate
A2i	Accelerate to Industry
Academic Load Waiver	Waiver used by authorized student advisors (usually the DGP) to certify a change in what constitutes a full-time course load for a student. This is not the same and is separate from the RCL (for international students, both the RCL and Academic Load Waiver may be needed).
ABM	Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's program
CIP	Classification of Instructional Program – academic program codes
ETD	Electronic Theses and Dissertations
GPOW	Graduate Plan of Work
IN	Incomplete Grade
LOA	Leave of Absence
PTP	Preparing the Professoriate
RCL	Reduced Course Load – request to allow an F-1 visa student to be enrolled below full-time. This is for immigration compliance purposes, pursued through the Office of International Services, and is not the same as an Academic Load Waiver (in that, the RCL does not technically change the course load determination). Both the RCL & Academic Load Waiver may be needed for a student.
SAR	System Access Request – security access to MyPack Portal
SRF	Schedule Revision Form
TR	Transfer Credit

Academic Term Codes

Term codes describe a specific term using a four-digit number. The first three digits represent the year. This is coded by taking the year and removing the second digit. So, 2018 would be represented as "218." The year 2038 would be represented as "238." The year code is then followed by the term code. The term is coded by either 1, 6, 7, or 8 based on the month that semester starts (1 (January) = Spring, 6 (June) = Summer 1, 7 (July) = Summer 2, 8 (August) = Fall).

Examples:

Term Code 2188	Year 2018 218	Fall Term 8
Term Code 2206	Year 2020 220	Summer 1 Term 6

OUC Codes

An OUC (Organization Unit Code) is a department/unit identification code. The first two digits of the code identify the college. The second two digits identify the department/unit within the college. The last two digits are used to identify sub-areas of the department/unit.

Example:

OUC 141188	College of Engineering 14	Nuclear Engr 11	Graduate Student Employment 88
OUC 140988	College of Engineering 14	Mechanical and Aerospace Engr 09	Graduate Student Employment 88
OUC 118501	CALS 11	Bioinformatics Research Center 85	Department Main 01

Calendar Years

There are multiple Calendar Years that you may be asked to work with. Below is a short list of some of the most popular as it relates to graduate education.

Calendar	Start	End
Academic Year	August 16	August 15
Financial Aid Year	August 1	July 31
State Fiscal Year	July 1	June 30
Federal Fiscal Year	October 1	September 30