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Academic Year — begins in summer session and concludes in the spring semester. For example the 2009-10 academic year consists of Summer Session 2009, Fall Semester 2009-10 and Spring Semester 2009-10.

ACT (American College Testing Assessment) — is a college entrance exam designed to test skill levels in English, math, reading, and science reasoning.

Alumni — are those who have attended or graduated from a Purdue school, college, or university. This includes graduates and former students for whom we have an active address (i.e., they are not deceased, nor "lost").

ASF (Assignable Square Feet) — is a measure of the useable space within a building that is available for assignment to user departments. It excludes non-assignable spaces such as public hallways and stairways, building mechanical rooms and restrooms, the areas used for walls, mechanical shafts, etc.

Auxiliary Enterprises — are self-supporting and receive no state funds. Includes housing & food services, intercollegiate athletics, health & recreation services, parking facilities, transportation & printing services, and Purdue Airport.

Benchmark — is a measurement or evaluative strategy used to compare Purdue University's performance to other universities. The comparison is external.

Class — consists of one or more course sections meeting with the same instructor(s) at a common time. It is the physical group of students and instructors meeting together. Includes course sections that are conjoined or normally meet with each other as part of an instructional offering, such as when a section from both an "honors" course and from the related regular course share a common lecture.

Course Section — or Section, is one or more students meeting with an instructor(s) to complete the requirements of a formal instructional offering, identified by a specific subject field and course number.

Credit Hour — is a unit of University academic credit. Represents approximately three hours of work per week by an average student in a normal semester, or the total work equivalent for short courses.

Distinguished Professor — A special recognition bestowed on a select few professors of outstanding accomplishment who have achieved national and international prominence. Conferring the title of distinguished professor requires a rigorous academic review and appointment by the Board of Trustees.

Dual Level Courses — are numbered 500-599. May be taken by either graduate or undergraduate students.

Extramural Awards — are received from outside sponsoring agencies such as the federal government, state and local governments, foreign governments, industrials and foundations, other universities, national laboratories, and other miscellaneous sponsoring agencies including Purdue Research Foundation. The awards support research, instruction, public service, and fellowship programs.

Fiscal Year — begins July 1 of a specific year and ends on June 30 the following year for Purdue University.

FTE (Full Time Equivalency) — is a numerical measure for reporting purposes. FTE students is calculated by summing a specific time period's total credit hours and dividing by 15 for undergraduate, professional and certificate students, and by 12 for graduate students. An FTE employee is defined as effort normally expected of a full-time employee and not as a particular course load for faculty nor by clock hours for exempt staff. Less than full-time staff FTE for faculty and exempt staff is established by mutual agreement between the supervisor and the staff member. FTE for non-exempt staff is based on a forty-hour work week.

Grade Index/Semester Grade Index — is a grade average determined by weighting each grade received during a given semester by the number of semester credit hours in each course.

IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Educational Data System) — is a system of surveys under the federal Department of Education designed to collect institution-level data in such areas as enrollment, program completions, faculty, staff, and finances from all primary providers of postsecondary education.

Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne — is a campus administered by Purdue University. Offers Purdue and Indiana University degree programs.

Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis — is a campus administered by Indiana University. Offers Purdue and Indiana University degree programs.

Source: Office of Institutional Research

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Named Professor — A title that recognizes a professorship supported by external funding as outlined in the University's Guidelines for Naming Opportunities and Endowed Funds for the West Lafayette Campus (II.B.3) or an equivalent funding plan. A named professorship is not an academic designation, although holders would normally be individuals of high accomplishment. Faculty of the rank of assistant, associate, or full professor can hold a named professorship.

Named University Professor — The Transitional title for faculty who received named professor appointments under the prior University policy that bestowed this title as an academic recognition similar to distinguished professorships.

New Beginning Student — 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 undergraduate level. This includes students enrolled in academic or occupational programs. It also includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term, and students who entered with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school). Also included are students that have previous non-degree credit with Purdue University.

Professional Students — are students who are enrolled in the School of Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine professional programs.

PULSe — is the Purdue University Life Sciences interdisciplinary program.

SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) — is the most widely taken college entrance examination. It is designed to test skill levels in math, vocabulary, and reading comprehension.

Semester — is a regular fall or spring session of classes as defined in the academic calendar for each campus.

SMART Grant — is Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent which is a national grant available to eligible full-time students majoring in physical, life, or computer sciences, mathematics, technology, or engineering or in a foreign language determined critical to national security.

Summer Session — is the regular session held for eight weeks in the summer or as defined in the academic calendar for each campus.

WSCH (Weekly Student Class Hours) — is a measure of instructional activity or load, the average number of "50-minute hours" per week that students are in organized class settings in contact with a teacher for instructional purposes. They are weekly averages using a 16-week semester as the base. Weekly student class hours are not generated by independent study types of instructions (i.e., by thesis research, experiential learning, individual study, and distance education).

Underrepresented Minority (URM) — a person with any self-reporting race/ethnicity of American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

Hispanic or Latino — a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture of origin, regardless of race.

American Indian or Alaska Native — a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through 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, Korean, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American — a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or 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.

U. S. Minorities — This calculated value includes the total student headcount minus international students.

International — count based on citizenship/visa codes.

Nonresident alien — count based on fee residency.

Source: Office of Institutional Research

Technical Notes

1. Percentage totals in some tables will not sum to 100 due to rounding. For the same reason, values in some columns or rows may not exactly match the printed sum values.
2. The most current data are reported to the extent possible. Because of timing differences in the availability of data, the reported times vary. For example the reported budget and expenditure information based on Fiscal Year data for 2009-2010 is July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. The Academic Year consists of the summer, fall, and spring terms, e.g., the 2009-10 Academic Year includes the summer session 2009, the fall semester 2009-10, and the spring semester 2009-10.
3. The fall semester student and teaching activity information used for official reporting purposes is based on a "snapshot" of the data on a specific day, which is normally at the beginning of the second week of classes. Similarly, a "snapshot" file (the Workforce File) is used to prepare the faculty and staff information.
4. Student Credit Hours in Fast Facts on page one are reported based on the Summer, Fall and Spring official enrollment reports from the Office of Student Analytical Reporting.
5. Extramural awards include all contracts and grants that were processed through Sponsored Program Services. Research and Sponsored Program Expenditures include expenditures incurred on sponsored program projects, state and federally appropriated research projects, and gifted research projects.
6. Number of students in Fraternities, Sororities and Cooperative Housing reported on page 32 is information acquired by the Dean of Students Office from each chapter/house president and reflects affiliation, not residency.
7. The Student Fees Budget on page 74 was changed in 2002-03 to be reported as gross student fees with fee remissions added to the expenditure side of the budget. Prior to 2002-03, fee remissions were deducted from total student fees and reported as net student fees.
8. On the Faculty and Staff Headcount pages pertaining to race/ethnicity, the international staff are included within the race/ethnicity categories. On the Student Headcount pages pertaining to race/ethnicity, the international students are counted and reported separately from the race/ethnicity categories.
9. Strategic Plan Dashboard Measures data shown on pages 107-109 are from national sources and the definitions may vary from internal definitions.
10. In some instances, it has been found that more valid and reliable data are available or the methodology for calculating data has been modified and improved. Thus, historical data may not always exactly match the data published in prior *Data Digests*.
11. The counts on pages pertaining to Faculty and Staff exclude unfilled positions.
12. The Audiology and Nursing programs are professional programs that are administered by the Graduate School. In the official enrollment reports and in the figures published in the *Data Digest*, the students in these two programs are counted as Graduate students.
13. The Named and Distinguished Professors shown on pages 42-44 include only West Lafayette and does not include the regional campuses.
14. The College of Health & Human Sciences was formed on July 1, 2010. The new college brings together nine academic units including all programs from the College of Consumer & Family Sciences; Psychological Sciences and Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences from the College of Liberal Arts; and the Health Sciences and Nursing programs from the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences (renamed the College of Pharmacy). Students are reported in the new configuration although official enrollment in the new college does not begin until January 2011.

Source: Office of Institutional Research