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GLOSSARY

Academic Advisor - Students are assigned an academic advisor who can provide guidance regarding class scheduling and program requirements.

Academic Divisions - There are five divisions at NSCC - Allied Health, Business, and Public Services; Science, Technology, Engineering Tech, and Math; Nursing; and Arts and Science, Industrial Technology.

Academic Probation - Students are placed on academic probation at the end of any semester, including summer term, in which their cumulative grade point average falls below the minimum levels.

Academic Suspension - A student on academic probation will be suspended at the end of any semester, including summer, if the minimum cumulative grade point average is not reached while on probation.

ACCUPLACER Assessment - assessment of a student's reading, writing, and mathematical skills.

Accreditation - NSCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Admissions - the department to which prospective students submit applications.

Audit - the term "audit" refers to a course which is taken without credit and must be defined on date of registration.

College Credit Plus - a unique opportunity for students in grades 7-12 to earn college and high school credit at the same time, enabling them to challenge themselves academically while getting a jump start on completing a college degree.

Cost of Attendance - The total amount it will cost a student to go to school. This amount includes, but is not limited to, tuition and fees, books, living expenses, transportation, and supplies. The students' direct cost is tuition, fees, and books.

Credit Hour - a unit of academic credit measured in semester hours; one credit hour usually represents one hour of class time per week.

CRN - a course reference number, which is four-digits.

Cumulative Grade Point Average - a student's grade point average for all college work based on a total number of quality points earned and the total numbers of semester hours.

Dean - this administrator directs an academic division (such as "Nursing") at the college.

Dean's List - a list honoring students for academic achievements.

Developmental Courses - any course that is below a 100 level (e.g. MTH080, CIS090, etc). These pre-college courses in reading, mathematics, science, and English help develop basic skills and prepare students for college level course work. These courses are graded pass/fail (S/U) and do not meet course requirements for graduation.

Drop/Add - If students want to add a course after the term has begun, they must complete an add form and obtain signatures from the instructor and dean of that division. To drop a course after the refund period is a "withdrawal" and can be completed on the web.

Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) - this amount is generated from a student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and is used to determine all financial aid eligibility.

Federal Parent Loan (PLUS loan) - a federally guaranteed loan program that allows parents to borrow funds to help pay educational expenses. The program requires the borrower to pass a credit check.

Federal Stafford Loan - a federal loan program that enables students to borrow money for his/her education costs. Students must complete a FAFSA and be enrolled in at least six credit hours a semester. This is a loan that must be paid back upon graduation or enrollment of less than six credits. Repayment is usually based on a ten-year schedule.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant - a grant that is available to undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional financial need according to the results of the FAFSA.

Federal Work Study Program - a program that allows students the opportunity to work and earn dollars on or off campus.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - application to apply for federal/state grants, loans, and work study programs at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Financial Aid - a combination of scholarships, awards, loans, grants, and work study programs to help students meet education costs.

Fresh Start Policy - a student may apply to change a D, F, U or WF grade to a W in a maximum of two courses which are not program requirements. Specific requirements apply.

Full-time Ohio Instructional Grant (OIG) - State grant monies for Ohio residents.

Full-time Student - Carries 12 or more credit hours in a full term (fall or spring), or carries 6 or more credit hours during the summer term.

First-Year Student - a student with 29 or less earned credit hours.

myNSCC - allows online access to student registration and account information.

National Student Loan Database System (NSLDS) - centralized database for student financial aid records.

NSCC ID Card - a student ID card issued by the College.

Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) - state grant monies awarded to part-time and full-time students.

Part-time Student - Carries 11 credit hours or less in a full term (fall or spring), or carries 5 or less credit hours during the summer term.

PELL - a federal program where free monies are awarded to undergraduate students with the highest amount of financial need and have not earned a bachelor degree.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) - level of academic standing that a student must maintain in order to continue receiving federal student aid.

Second-Year Student - has earned at least 30 credit hours.

Student ID number - a computer generated number issued to students upon admission to the College. The number begins with an "N" and contains 8-digits.