COLLEGE Vocabulary

Academic Year: The period of the year that the college or university is open for students to attend.

Advisor: An expert who gives advice. This can be in relation to your degree plan or school in general.

Audit: To attend academic courses without getting credit.

Bachelor's Degree: A degree on successfully completed undergraduates studies.

Blackboard: A virtual learning environment used by faculty to manage the classroom environment.

Bursar: The treasurer at a college or university.

Campus: A field on which the buildings of a university are situated.

Commencement: An academic exercise in which diplomas are conferred.

Credit: Recognition that a course of studies has been completed.

Cum Laude: To do something, like graduate, with honor.

Curriculum: An integrated course of academic studies.

Dean: An administrator at a university or college.

Department: A specialized division of a large organization.

Dining Hall: A large room at a college or university where food services are offered.

Dormitory: A college building containing living quarters for students.

Enrollment and Completion Advisor (ECA): A freshmen advisor who teaches Freshman Seminar as well.

Extracurricular: Outside the regular academic course of studies.

Financial Aid: Money to help pay for college. Can be in the form of grants, loans, work-study, or

scholarships.

GPA: A measure of a student's academic achievement at a college or university.

Inceptia: A document management system that guides students and parents through the verification process for Financial Aid.
Installment Plan: An arrangement for payment by 4 installments. It is mandatory that you are in an installment plan after you register for classes.
Lecture: An educational talk delivered by a teacher in a classroom.
Liberal Arts: Studies intended to provide general knowledge and intellectual skills (rather than occupational or professional skills.
Major: The principal field of study of a student at a university.
Master's Degree: An academic degree higher than a bachelor's degree.
Matriculation: Admission to a group, especially a college of university.
Minor: A secondary field of academic concentration.
MyTSU Web: The University's online self-service tool. You can log in to your account for real time updates on financial aid, your schedule, email, and more!
PhD: A doctorate usually based on a three years of graduate study. A terminal degree.
Philanthropy: The act of donating money or time to promote human welfare
Prerequisite: required as a prior condition or course of study.
Professor: A member of the faculty at a college or university.
Purge: To be dropped from all of your classes due to nonpayment. Your first installment on your student bill is due the first day of class. Students who are not enrolled in an installment plan and have paid 25% of their bill will be purged from classes.
Quad: A rectangular area surrounded on all sides by buildings.
Recitation: A regularly scheduled session as part of a course of study.
Registrar: The administrator responsible for student records.
Registration: The act of enrolling.

Scholarship: Financial aid provided to a student on the basis of merit.

Seminar: A course offered for a small group of advanced students.

Syllabus: An integrated course of academic studies.

Transcript: A written record of dictated or recorded speech.