



Glossary of Terms and Phrases to get you started

Immigration

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| USCIS | United States Citizenship and Immigration |
| USICE | United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement |
| USCBP | United States Customs and Boarder Protection |
| COS | Change of Status |
| DHS | Department of Homeland Security |
| D/S | Duration of Status. At the port of entry, an immigration officer will indicate "D/S" on the international student's I-94 card or form I-20. This notation means that the international student's permission to remain in the U.S continues for the duration of time that he/she maintains F-1 student or F-2 dependent status. |
| DSO | Designated School Official. Person who processes international students' records in SEVIS. |
| EAD card | Employment Authorization Document |
| F-1 visa | Nonimmigrant Visa status for international students |
| I-20 | Also known as Certificate of eligibility. This document indicates that a prospective international student has met all admissions requirements of an institution, and the student, therefore, has been offered an admission to study at a U.S institution. If the international student resides outside the U.S, he/she must present the I-20 at the nearest U.S embassy for a visa to travel to the U.S. |
| I-94 | Arrival Departure Record (also known as I-94 card. It is a small white card). At the port of entry, a U.S immigration officer puts an expiration date on the I-94 to indicate the length of stay that the individual will have in the U.S. Usually, it will be stapled into your passport. |
| PDSO | Principal Designated School Official. Primary person who serves as liaison between U.S immigration office and international students on behalf of an educational institution. |

POE Port of Entry (JFK Airport, Newark Airport, Philadelphia Airport ect)

SEVIS Student and Exchange Visitor Information System

Office of International Student & Scholar Services-Spring '08Orientation

Academic

Ace: To get a grade of A on an exam

All-nighter: stay up all night the night before an exam to study, or to write a paper which is due the next day

Annotated Bibliography: a bibliography which includes references material and also a brief synopsis of the content of the book or article

Blue Books: small notebooks used for taking exams

Bomb: to do poorly, be unsuccessful, generally used in reference to exams or dates

Class Rank: in order of your grade point average, your number in your class

Course Outline: a week-by-week listing of the material required for the course (readings, assignments, examination schedule, etc).

Cram: to study hard just before an exam, when one hasn't studied much before

Curved exam: when the entire exam in a class are graded numerically, the instructor determines the percent of A's, B's, C's, etc. in the class and fits the number grades into those letter percents.

Finals: final examinations given at the completion of courses

Flunk: fail an exam

GPA: Grade Point Average

Gut course: course with a reputation of being easy

Hit the books: study

Hump week: the week that marks the middle of the semester

Independent Study: a planned "course" during which the student works one-on-one with an instructor to learn a particular subject, issue or material in depth. Student and instructor plan the program of study. Credit is given, and grade is assigned. (?)

Internship: a paid or unpaid practical experience related to the content of a particular course or a major

Intro: introduction, can be used for courses – “Intro to Art” or people

Lab: a session in a laboratory which is part of the requirement for a particular course, usually a science course

Lower level or Lower division course: a course generally taken by students during their first two years of study in a university

Mid-term: an examination given about halfway through the term

No-brainer: easy exam, course, question

Open book exam: an exam during which you are allowed to take your textbook and notes with you and use them to search for answers

Quiz: a short test

Reading week: This period is designated for students to prepare for examinations and complete assignments due at the end of the semester.

Recommended Reading: reading assignments listed on the course outline which are recommended but not required reading for a particular class

Required Reading: reading assignments listed on the course outline as required for a particular class session

Reserve book: a book which is kept behind the reserve desk at the library and which may generally be used only in the library’s reading room. Sometimes there’s a time limit on how long each student can use the reference book.

Seminar course: an upper-level course with a small number of students which involves discussion and interaction

Survey course: a large lecture course which provides a broad overview of a particular subject area

Take Home Exam: an exam which is given to you and which you write outside of class, using any resources desired

Term paper: a major research report, should always contain footnotes and bibliography

Upper level or Upper division course: a course usually taken by students in their last two years of undergraduate study

Waitlist: a list of students who have not been enrolled in a class due to lack of space, who hope to be able to enroll at a later date

Waive: to be allowed not to take a required class, based on an exam or other proof that content is already learned

Withdraw: to voluntarily resign from a course or from college

Social

Into: intense enthusiasm for something

Jerk: a person whose behavior is inappropriate

Nuts: crazy, insane, generally not in the medical sense

On the ball: quick and able to respond

Psyched: excited, looking forward to

R.A.: resident advisor, an upperclassman or woman who lives in your dorm and who is there to listen, help and advise students in that dorm

Rip-off: cheat or steal

Slam: criticize strongly

Tuned in: aware of what is going on around him/her

What's up: how are you? What's going on?

What's the deal?: what are the arrangements? What is going on?

Wiped out: exhausted

Burned out: exhausted

Come on to (someone): to make sexual or romantic overtures

Frat House: fraternity house

Get real: be realistic, not idealistic

Greeks: members of fraternities or sororities

Wasted: drunk from too much alcohol consumption

Zoned: withdrawn into self and out of touch with reality around him / her