

Credit Hour (also called Semester Credit Hour)

A unit of measure attached to academic courses, usually reflecting the number of lecture hours per week a course meets in a fall or spring semester.

Curriculum

A combination of courses that compose a particular area of study.

Dean

The highest ranking academic official in a college (e.g., College of Education).

Declaration of Major/Minor Form

The form submitted by an undergraduate student to **officially** declare a major and/or minor. The form is submitted to the departmental chair of the department housing the student's declared major.

Degree

An academic credential awarded upon the completion of a specific area of study. Universities offer baccalaureate degrees at the undergraduate level and master's and doctoral degrees at the graduate level.

Degree Plan

A specific list of academic requirements that must be completed to earn a degree.

Departmental Chair

An individual responsible for the administrative functions of an academic department. The functions include, but are not limited to, coordination of curriculum planning, faculty course assignments, and evaluation of faculty performance.