

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Census

The date in which enrollment is considered finalized for the term/semester. After this date, full tuition is assessed for any new courses added to a student's schedule or withdrawn courses.

Credit of Semester Hour

The unit of measurement for college credit. For each credit hour earned, students will spend approximately 50 minutes per week in class. Most core classes are three credit hours. Most degrees require 120 credit hours to graduate, however, some require more. Often, credit hours are referred to as "hours" or "credits."

Class Level

The student's class level is based on the number completed credit hours. Class level is determined by the following credit-hour breakdown:

- First-Year/Freshman: 0-29 completed semester hours
- Sophomore: 30-59 completed semester hours
- Junior: 60-89 completed semester hours
- Senior: 90-120 completed semester hours

College or School

An individual degree-granting unit within the University.

At CU Denver, there are seven undergraduate school and colleges:

- College of Architecture and Planning
- College of Arts and Media
- Business School
- School of Education and Human Development
- College of Engineering, Design and Computing
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- School of Public Affairs

All of which are part of the University of Colorado Denver. Regardless of what school or college a student has been admitted to, they are a CU Denver student.

Course Drop

Dropping one or more courses, but not all, within a specific term **prior** to census. Dropped courses are not reflected on the student's transcript.

Course Withdrawal

Dropping one or more courses, but not all, within a specific term **after** census. When students withdraw from a course, the course earns a grade of "W," which will be reflected on the student's transcript, but does not affect a student's GPA.

Core Curriculum

The set of general education requirements all CU Denver students must complete.

The core curriculum of the CU Denver Downtown Campus is designed to provide each undergraduate student with a high quality general education based on a liberal arts foundation, while allowing students flexibility

based on their individual backgrounds and specific career goals. The Core Curriculum develops multiple literacies, stimulates creative thinking, and utilizes technology. A goal of the CU Denver Core Curriculum is to engage students in developing sensitivity to diversity and developing their place in an urban environment as well as in the rapidly changing global environment.

The Core Curriculum includes courses in:

- English
- Math
- Arts
- Humanities
- Behavioral Science
- Social Science
- Biological and Physical Sciences
- Cultural Diversity
- International Perspectives

General Electives

Courses students choose to take in addition to the CORE, school or college, and major requirements.

Grades

Please see the Grading System (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/records-registration/grading-credits-exams/grading-system/>) section of the catalog for more information.

Grade Point Average

The grade point average (GPA) is calculated by multiplying the credit hours for the course by the points for the letter grade, totaling all the credit points and dividing them by the number of credit hours included. Pass grades and no-credit courses are not included in a student's GPA.

Student's University of Colorado GPA will not include courses that have been taken at other institutions prior to enrollment at the University of Colorado. The GPA for undergraduate students includes all courses taken as an undergraduate. This includes all grades for courses taken more than once.

Hold

A hold is a service indicator that prevents registering for classes and receiving an official transcript and/or diploma. A hold can be placed on a student's record for a variety of reasons that may include financial, health, academic standing, required documentation, and advising. Students can view holds in the UCDAccess student portal. Students should contact the appropriate department to resolve the hold in a timely manner.

Incomplete Grade

Policies with respect to "I" grades are available in the individual college and school dean's offices. Use of the "I" is at the discretion of the course instructor and/or the academic dean's office. Please see the Grades definition for more information.

Lower Division Courses (1000 & 2000 level)

Introductory level survey courses designed for first year/freshmen and sophomores.

Major

As a component of a degree, a major is the area of study chosen by a student to be their main focus of study. The number of credits required for a major varies by degree type and/or the school or college offering the major.

Major Electives

Courses students choose to take within their major that may be required to fulfill the major requirements. Some departments within schools and colleges have approved lists of major electives from which students can choose.

Minor

An optional course of study that allows students to take several classes as an introduction to a specific subject or discipline area outside of their major. Minors require significantly fewer credits than majors and are not required at CU Denver.

Recitation

A class component, in addition to lecture, which involves supplemental discussion of course content.

Requisites

Prerequisites

A course that needs to be taken prior to registration for the next course in the designated sequence.

Co-requisites

A course(s) that must be completed concurrently, in the same semester, with another course. Some schools and colleges may allow students to complete corequisites before enrolling in a concurrent course.

Restrictions

Restricted to a specific population (i.e. Restricted to MUSC majors, Restricted to junior standing, etc.)

Repeat

A course students may have re-enrolled in after completing the same course with a D- or higher. If a student has earned credit for a course already and chooses to re-enroll in the same course, the student will not earn additional credit.

Semester/Term Withdrawal

Dropping all courses within a specific semester or term. When students withdraw from all courses, each course earns a grade of "W," which will be reflected on the student's transcript, but does not affect their GPA. A term withdrawal note is also reflected separately on the transcript.

Upper Division Courses (3000 & 4000 level)

Advanced academic courses designed for juniors and seniors.