

## **GLOSSARY**

Full time students must carry a minimum of 12 credits per term and complete all courses.

Students are considered **part time** if enrolled in under 11 credits and must complete all courses on their original registration form.

**A.A. Degree:** 2 Year Associate of Arts Degree provides a broad liberal arts and science background and constitutes the first two years of a four year degree or program.

**A.A.S. Degree:** 2 Year Associate of Applied Science Degree. Students complete the requirements in approved Occupation Programs, Executive Administrative Secretarial, Office Technology, Home Health Aid Certification, Human Services, Law Enforcement and Registered Nurse Program.

**A.S. Degree:** 2 Year Associate of Science Degree. These programs have highly structured professional level technical requirements such as Business and Financial Services.

**Academic Advisor:** Departmental faculty or professional advisor who in addition to teaching, advises students in specific majors.

**Academic Dean:** Part of President's Administrative Team who oversees all curriculum and course content. Also supervises all faculty members.

**B.S. Degree:** 4 Year Bachelor of Science Degree provides intensive concentration in a specific area and foundation in the Liberal Arts. Examples include Business & Finance, Corrections, Environmental Science, Nutrition and other specific Health related programs and Law Enforcement.

**B.A. Degree:** 4 Year Bachelor of Arts Degree (also known as Baccalaureate) combines liberal education with sufficient specialization for most occupations in Art, Sciences, Industry and Government Services.

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**B.A.S. Degree:** 4 Year Bachelor of Applied Sciences Degree is a variation of a baccalaureate with concentration in an occupation area or concentration in a specialized area. This degree is not offered at all schools so please check with your Admissions Staff or Academic Advisor.

**B.F.A. Degree:** 4 Year Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree combines Liberal Arts with a specialization in Art.

**F.A.O.:** Financial Aid Office - it is important you become familiar with staff who can provide assistance when applying for scholarships, grants and other forms of aid.

**F.A.F.S.A.:** Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This application is available every January and every student is required to complete this. It is the "building block" for your financial aid package. You may file this online at [www.fafsa.edu.gov](http://www.fafsa.edu.gov). You will be assigned a personal PIN# so keep this in a safe place. The FAFSA determines eligibility for federal and state Financial Aid programs.

**I.S.I.R.:** Institutional Student Information Record. This is the Financial Aid Office's version of your Student Aid Report. Your Student Aid Report (SAR) is the result of filing your annual FAFSA.

**I.S.A.P.:** Indian Scholarship Assistance Program. This application is used by the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program and is also called the "needs analysis" or "budget sheet". Students must complete the front page and the Financial Aid Office completes the back page. Most MN Reservation Scholarship Programs also use this form to determine scholarship awards. For out of state students most Reservation Scholarship Programs have their own version of the ISAP or needs analysis.

**M.I.S.P.:** Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program. This is a state legislatively funded program that began in 1955. Eligibility criteria includes documentation of 1/4 Indian blood degree, a Minnesota resident and acceptance at an accredited college, university or technical school.

**Merit Scholarship:** This is generally offered to students who provide documentation of academic excellence and community service. It is not based on "Financial need".

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**B.I.A.:** Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**PELL Grant:** This is a Federal grant and eligibility is based on family and/or student income and the cost to attend your selected college, university or technical school. The Federal Processing Center calculates all the financial information you include on the FAFSA to determine your PELL eligibility.

**Registrars Office:** This office maintains all academic records. This is where instructors turn in student grades and students may get their transcripts here.

**S.A.R.:** Student Aid Report. This is the response you receive after completing and filing the FAFSA. It generally arrives in the mail but you may access it using your PIN# and going on the Federal website; [www.fafsa.edu.gov](http://www.fafsa.edu.gov).

**S.E.O.G.:** Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant is a federal grant. Individual colleges and universities receive minimal annual amounts from the federal government and these funds are allocated to those eligible students who apply early. Awards are based on FAFSA information.

**Subsidized Stafford Loans:** These are "need based" loans. The federal government pays the interest on your loan while you attend school. Most Reservation Scholarship Programs discourage student loans so please notify your Scholarship Director and make sure you meet with the Financial Aid Staff so you completely understand your obligation for repayment.

**Unsubsidized Stafford Loans:** These are "non need based" loans. Student recipient is responsible for paying the interest on the loan while attending school. Again, make sure you understand your obligation for repayment.

**Vice President or Dean of Student Services:** Oversees all Student Support Programs including the Financial Aid Office, Counseling Staff and Student Activities Groups.

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