

Glossary

n. *noun*, v. *verb*, adj. *adjective*, adv. *adverb*

ABD, n. An acronym that stands for “all but dissertation.” It is used to describe doctoral candidates who have done everything except complete their dissertation. *He is ABD, but he should finish his dissertation next spring.*

absent, adj. Something or someone is not present. *Since the students were sick they were absent from class.*

academic probation, n. Because of poor academic performance, a student is given a time when they are monitored and must improve their academic standing. *Jeff failed three classes last semester, so now he is on academic probation.*

academic standing, n. A ranking given to a particular student based on their academic history. *A student with high academic standing will be more likely to receive scholarship funds.*

ace, v. To do very well on an exam or project. *Jill aced the exam.*

ACT, n. An exam that indicates a student’s preparedness to attend college. A perfect score is 36. This test is used by many universities to assess applicants. *I got a 30 on the ACT.*

add/drop deadline, n. The last day that you can add new courses or drop courses you do not want. *You’d better add that Korean class before Friday. That is the add/drop deadline.*

advanced placement (AP), adj. High school classes for students who are classified as advanced. These courses are more difficult than regular courses, and college credit can be awarded for exceptional results. *I am taking AP Calculus this year, so I have to study every day.*

all-nighter, n. Work on a project, assignment, or other class material that takes all night. *I pulled an all-nighter last night to finish that history project.*

assessment, n. Usually an exam or test. *You will have an assessment this Friday that covers chapters one through seven.*

Associate’s Degree, n. A college degree that usually takes two years to complete and is required for many vocational jobs such as paralegal, machinist, and lab technician. *I got my Associate’s Degree last fall so I could work as a lab technician.*