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Academic Advisor	Advisors guide and advise students to make informed choices related to their program of study, course selection, career choices, and other matters. Note that students bear ultimate responsibility for completing all requirements for graduation.		
Academic Calendar	The academic calendar lists important dates related to academic programming, opening and closing dates, and other official information for the semester and year. Every academic calendar contains dates including when students can register, cancel, withdraw, drop classes, reading day and final examinations period. This can be found on the Registrar's Webpage.		
Academic Plan	An Academic plan can help you stay on track to graduate. It can help in ensuring you are registering for the right courses each semester. The academic plan found in Self Service shows all the courses you need to be able to graduate for your major and the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum. The system will show you which requirements you have completed, are currently enrolled within, and what requirements still need completing. It can also help you predict how many semesters you have left until you can graduate.		
Academic Probation	To have satisfactory academic standing, students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a GPA of 2.0 for the previous semester's work. Students who fall below these averages will be placed on academic warning, placed on academic probation, or academically dismissed from the University by the Committee on Academic Standing and Petitions. In order for a student to participate in varsity sports, be an officer of a student organization, a class officer or a senator, a student must be in good academic standing with the University.		
Academic Progress	Although students on probation are given the opportunity to achieve satisfactory standing, they are on notice that they could become academically dismissed from the University. Students may be continued on warning or probation for a subsequent semester, but they must show progress or they may be academically dismissed from the University.		
Academic Accommodations	Academic Progress indicates the successful completion of coursework towards a degree or certificate. Academic accommodations are a means to level the playing field for students with disabilities. Academic accommodations are not an advantage or a gift. It is intended to create an opportunity for students with disabilities to learn and for professors to evaluate fairly. Students with disabilities expect access and opportunities, not alterations in academic expectations. Academic requirements and course objectives should remain unchanged. Modifications may need to be made in the way a student receives information or demonstrates knowledge but not in the academic proficiency standards.		
Academics	Experiential. Personalized. Global. These are the cornerstones of Arcadia University's promise and approach to liberal arts education. At the heart of everything we do is a commitment to preparing Arcadia graduates to contribute and prosper in a diverse and dynamic world.		
Add/Drop	The add/drop period at the beginning of the semester is the time in which students may make schedule changes without incurring a failing grade.		
Advising	Students will have an academic advisor assigned to them for each of their academic programs. Advisors guide and advise students to make informed choices related to their program of study, course selection, career choices, and other matters.		
AP Exam	Advanced Placement examinations (AP exams) are exams offered in United States by the College Board and are taken each May by students. The tests are the culmination of year-long Advanced Placement (AP) courses.		
Arcadia Exhibitions	Arcadia Exhibitions organizes programming for four distinct gallery spaces on campus throughout the calendar year. Its goal is to provide a broad-based community constituency with a stimulating roster of individual and thematic exhibitions of contemporary art ranging in scope and stature from the regional to the international. Public lectures, panel discussions, gallery tours, and receptions generate vital contexts for each exhibition while also serving as a forum to encourage dialogue among artists, educators, students, and the general public about contemporary art and its socio-cultural relevance. Arcadia Exhibitions (formerly Arcadia University Art Gallery) now programs four venues on campus. The Spruance Gallery, housed in a renovated power station (built in 1892), is part of the Benton Spruance Art Center. The Harrison and Rosedale Galleries are located on the first and second floors of the University Commons, about a minute's walk from the Spruance Gallery.		
Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum (AUC)	As a liberal education, the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum or AUC is a broadly based educational experience that all students, regardless of major field are required to complete. By taking courses across the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum(AUC), students will be able to demonstrate the ability to: Communicate effectively, engage with and respond to multiple perspectives of a changing world, apply disciplinary knowledge in multiple contexts and apply critical thinking and problem solving skills in a variety of contexts.		
Areas of Inquiry	Part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum or AUC. The curriculum enables you to discover your purpose and your passions. You are therefore encouraged to pursue activities designed to offer you a variety of experiences and room to grow intellectually and personally during your undergraduate studies. Areas of Inquiry is meant to deepen Your Knowledge. Many of our graduates say their well-rounded education expanded how they think and what they enjoy in life. That's how a liberal arts education works, by learning multiple ways of viewing the world and finding your role in it. This includes the Natural and Physical World, Creative Expressions, Self and Society and Cultural Legacies.		
Attendance	Attendance can include attendance in person class as well as class related activities. Because instructional methods, expected class participation and the nature of the courses vary, no fixed number of absences is applicable to all situations. Each instructor is responsible for making clear to the class at the beginning of the semester his or her policies and procedures in regard to class attendance and the reasons for them. It is expected that the instructor's policies in this regard will be consistent with the conduct and the objectives of the course, including the emphasis placed on student contributions to the class sessions.		
Athlete	Arcadia Athletics believes that sports provide a forum for personal development and serve as a means to unify the university community. We look to our core values as shared beliefs and ideals that guide our actions. Ultimately, we strive to create a dynamic department where our members will reflect upon their collective experiences and confidently say "I GREW" Integrity: We are honest, ethical, and moral in our actions and demonstrate both accountability and responsibility for our commitments. We are stewards of Arcadia that are committed to acting in a professional manner, respecting the rights of others, and supporting the greater good of the university. Growth: We challenge individuals to grow beyond what they perceive to be possible in an effort to help them reach their full potential. Respect: We embrace our differences and strive to create a community built upon trust, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Sports provide an opportunity to bring individuals of diverse backgrounds together, to learn from one another, and to utilize our individual and collective strengths for positive action. Excellence: We may "play for the love of the game", but we are competitors and committed to high standards of success in everything we do. Well-Being: We are committed to the personal health and safety of our members as well as the overall welfare of our community. We strive to provide a quality personal experience that is balanced and nurturing.		
Audit	Full-time students can audit courses with the approval of the faculty advisor and permission of the instructor. Courses audited are recorded on the student's permanent record and receive a final grade of "AU". Part-time students may request to audit one or two courses during regular semesters for a fee.		
Bachelors Degrees	Arcadia University offers two bachelor's degree, the Bachelor of Arts(B.A.) and the Bachelor of Science (B.S.)		
BIPOC	BIPOC is an acronym that stands for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.		
Books2Go	Books2Go is a service with the Arcadia University Landman Library. To place a hold on a library book, you'll need to log into Koha, our library catalog, to place a Hold. Start at https://koha.arcadia.edu/cgi-bin/koha/opac-user.pl to log into your account with your Arcadia credentials, or just begin a search from the Search the Library Catalog box on the library's home page and look for the login link at the top right of the search results page. You don't need to log into your account to search the catalog, but you will have to do so to place holds. When you find an item you want to check out, select Place hold from the sidebar at the right side of the screen.		
Campus Map	Arcadia University's interactive campus map (www.arcadia.edu/map) contains an aerial view of campus, featuring detailed 3D models of campus facilities, as well as descriptions of buildings and office locations. The mobile-friendly, printable map is built on top of Google Maps, allowing you to use familiar Google zoom, pan, and street view tools, as well as toggle between map and satellite views. In addition, you can search for directions to and from campus. Street-level photos of campus which allow you to remotely experience a first-person view of campus.		
Campus Work Study	Campus Work-Study is a federally funded program. The purpose of this program is to assist full-time undergraduate students that are determined to have financial need, according to the FAFSA Form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), in contributing toward their educational expenses. If a student is eligible for a Campus Work-Study award, his/her award letter will indicate this. The wages of students receiving a Campus Work-Study award are partially funded by the Federal Government and partially funded by Arcadia University.		
Canvas	Canvas is a web-based learning management system, or LMS used by Arcadia University's courses. Canvas gives students access to and management of online course learning materials and communicate about skill development and learning achievement.		

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	Bring Four Years of Coursework and Personal Experiences Together The Senior Capstone Project is the opportunity for you to bring four years of coursework and academic and personal experiences together by engaging in an extended project in your major. What you do for your Senior Capstone Project depends on both your chosen field of study and your own personal interests. Each major department designs the parameters of the project to help you develop an expertise and synthesize the learning you've done at Arcadia. And you select the focus of your research, scholarly or creative activities.		
Capstone-Senior Research	Then when you've completed your Senior Capstone Project at the conclusion of your final year, you tell the world about your work during our campus-wide celebration of senior projects. Faculty members, family, and friends come out to learn about and enjoy the product of your academic labors. Art and Design majors host an exciting group exhibit. Majors in some departments give oral presentations describing their research and engage in lively discussion sessions. And those in other departments create visual displays of their work for interactive public poster fairs.		
Career Assessment	Career assessment is a way to learn more about how well a variety of careers might suit you. Different types of assessments focuses on specific areas, such as skills, interests, or values. Typically, an assessment asks you to answer questions about what you like, don't like, what's important to you, and what your values and strengths are. Career Educators in the Office of Career Education partner with you to interpret your assessment results and apply them to you major selection and/or building your career path.		
Career Education	The mission of the Office of Career Education is to educate and create connections for the Arcadia University community to facilitate the holistic career development of undergraduate students, graduate students, and alumni.		
Career Educator	Career Educators help teach and empower individuals in the development of skills needed to evaluate potential career paths. They serve as a guide for individuals who are navigating the bridge from academic education to the career world.		
Career Exploration	Explore majors and career options.		
Career Goals	Career goals describe where you want to head in your career, where you want to end up, and the accompanying steps needed to reach that point. Setting both short-term and long-term milestones, or goals, will direct you down the necessary path and lead where you want to be.		
Career Mentoring	Someone who shares their knowledge and expertise with you in order to help you set goals, connect with others in your industry, troubleshoot problems, and make good choices along your career path. Career Mentors can be alumni, professors, supervisors, or anyone with more advanced knowledge in your field than you currently have. Mentorships can be short-term or last a lifetime.		
Career Path	A sequence of jobs that leads to your short- and long-term career goals. An individual's path may be linear, within one field, while others change fields periodically to achieve career or personal goals. Career paths can refer to either your path through an industry or your path through an organization.		
Career Peer Advisor	Career Peer Advisors (CPAs) provide one-on-one peer professional development assistance to Arcadia University students throughout their undergraduate education. CPAs assist students with refining and marketing their professional qualifications. They also inform students about career planning resources, educate them on the resources available for internship and job searches, and they act as a representative of Career Education throughout the campus community.		
Cohort	A cohort is a group of students with common interests or connections that bring this group together.		
Commencement	Commencement is the formal name of the graduation ceremony held each May.		
Common Read	This is the first intellectual experience you'll share with all other first-year students: the Common Read. Every year a new book is chosen for the Common Read, which all first-year students read before arriving on campus, and then discuss at Fall Orientation in August. The Common Read will expose you to new ideas, diverse points of view, and topics that are at the heart of public discourse today.		
Commuter Assistant	Commuter Assistants are upperclassmen who have been selected to serve as resources, role models, and mentors for commuter students. With an office adjacent to the Commuter Lounge in Heinz Hall, the CA is the most immediate link with between the RCL team and commuter students. The CAs work under the direction of the Area Coordinator for Heinz, Knight, and Commuter Life.		
Commuter Student	A Arcadia University student who lives off-campus rather than in one of the Arcadia University residence halls.		
CORPS	Committee on the Protection of Research Subjects (COPRS). Oversight of all on-campus and off-campus university-authorized research (funded and non-funded) that involves human participants and animal subjects is exercised by the Committee on the Protection of Research Subjects (COPRS). COPRS consists of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). This oversight is applicable to all research, research training, experimentation, biological testing, psychological testing, and related activities involving human participants or animal subjects. If you will be conducting research involving human participants or animal subjects, you must contact COPRS.		
Counseling Services	The mission of Arcadia University Counseling Services is to assist students through personal challenges that may interfere with academic success. Counselors provide a safe, confidential place in which students have an opportunity to identify their problem areas and find creative solutions. Counseling Services also provides educational programs, consultation, and outreach to the larger campus community regarding prevention and overall emotional health and wellness. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment that is respectful to the diversity of our students.		
Courses	Courses are the basic units of teaching that typically lasts one academic term. Courses can be led by one or more instructors and will have a set amount of students within the class roster. A course usually covers an individual subject.		
	Arcadia University's Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs are housed within the Office of Academic Affairs and the Registrar. These online catalogs serve as a place to research an official archive of all academic programs, courses, and policies. Each catalog serves as the criteria for degree completion based on matriculation year.		
	You will find detailed information on:		
	Schools and Colleges, their departments, and their faculty Degree and non-degree programs and their requirements Courses offered with detailed requirements Academic policies including registration and attendance		
Course Catalog			
Course Equivalency	A course that may transfer into Arcadia University for credits and a specific academic requirement from a different college or university from across the US.		
Creative Expression	Creative Expression is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum(AUC) under Areas of Inquiry. In Creative Expression students participate in the creative process through the expression and application of original ideas and imagination. These project-based courses—typically in the fields of fine arts, performing arts, and creative writing—explore and develop ideas by means of production, review, revision and presentation.		
Credit Hour	The U.S. Department of Education uses the "credit hour" as a measure of ensuring consistency both within and between institutions of higher education. This is necessary for ensuring the transferability of a "credit hour" and demonstrating that a course maintains sufficient academic rigor, content, and depth. Each institution is required to establish and enforce a definition of "credit hour" as a requirement for eligibility for federal funding. The current "Credit Hour Policy" recognizes the inherent differences of teaching and learning formats and/or delivery modality. Arcadia University has adopted a variant of the traditional "Carnegie Unit" as a measure of the academic experience associated with a "credit hour." The Registrar's Office utilizes this policy in the scheduling of courses each semester.		
Crossing Boundaries	Crossing Boundaries is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum(AUC) under intellectual practices. In Crossing Boundaries students examine issues related to interconnectedness, interdependence, and inequity within and among nation-states of the world. Crossing Boundaries-designated courses also explore issues of social justice, social welfare, and economic rights across national and social boundaries.		
CTLM	The CTLM stands for The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Mentoring (CTLM). The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Mentoring (CTLM) works to energize and amplify faculty, staff, and student efforts to support Arcadia's innovative pedagogies and adaptive strategies. The CTLM serves the needs of all members of the Arcadia community—faculty, staff, and student peer educators—who are responsible for delivering transformative learning experiences. The CTLM Director along with Faculty, Staff, and Student CTLM Fellows work to collaboratively lead teaching, learning, and mentoring discussions and innovations on campus, shape academic continuity processes and plans and plan innovative teaching, learning, and mentoring initiatives in the coming academic year.		
Cultural Legacies	Cultural Legacies is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum(AUC) under Areas of Inquiry. In Cultural Legacies students study human experience and expression through the exploration of the history and interpretation of past cultures and cultural texts. By examining aspects of past cultures such as their politics, religions, ethical systems, and literary and artistic production, students engage in asking and answering questions about understanding the past.		
Curricular Practical Training (CPT)	Curricular Practical Training, or CPT, is defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as, "alternate work/study, internship, cooperative education, or any other type of required internship or practicum which is offering by sponsoring employees through cooperative education with the school". Only F-1 students who have work experience as a required component of their program are eligible to apply for CPT.		
Curriculum	The totality of a student's experience that is required in the educational process. Specifically a planned sequence of instruction, or to a view of the student's experiences in terms of the educator's or school's instructional goals. Arcadia's Undergraduate Curriculum is structured with the belief that every student is an individual, Arcadia's flexible curriculum allows you and your advisor to design an academic path specially tailored to your interests. As you pursue your major, you will make the connections—across disciplines and global cultures—that will prepare you for success after you leave Arcadia. Choose from more than 65 fields of study in the arts and sciences, social sciences, humanities, education, and business.		
Curriculum Lab	The mission of the Curriculum Lab collection is to support the education and professional development of Arcadia University's preservice and current teachers by providing pedagogical materials useful for developing lessons and curricula for PreK-12 education.		

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Dean	The head of a division of a college at the University. (i.e. Dean of Student Life)		
Dean's List	The Dean's Distinguished Honor List and Dean's Honor List, calculated twice yearly, recognize students who have attained high GPAs during the previous term. ("Term" is defined as a semester for full-time students (12 earned credits or more) and the previous 12-month period (including summer) for part-time students. Part-time students must have earned 12 credits during the previous 12 month period to qualify for either Honor List.) Students are placed on the Dean's Distinguished Honor List with a GPA of 3.9 or higher. The Dean's Honor List consists of students with a term GPA of 3.67 to 3.89.		
Degree	A diploma or title awarded to students by a college or university after successful completion of a program of study.		
Degree Completion	The action of completing all requirements within a degree.		
Degree Verification	Official verification that a degree has been completed and conferred.		
Department	A division of a school, made up of faculty and support staff that gives instructions in a particular field of study.		
Designated School Official (DSO)	DSO stands for "Designated School Official". The DSO assists F students and will guide you throughout the process of studying in the United States. DSOs are required at all SEVP-certified schools, and responsibilities include communicating with SEVP, updating your student record, and helping you maintain your student status by providing advice, or helping your fill out important forms.		
Disability	According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (the ADA) a person with a disability is one who: Has a condition which substantially limits their ability to function in a major life activity; Has a record or history of such an impairment; or Is regarded as having such an impairment. (P.L. 101-336, Sec.) Major life activities include, but are not limited to, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, caring for oneself, and performing manual tasks. These impairments may be present among people with learning disabilities, emotional disturbances, chronic health impairments, attention deficit disorder, diabetes, asthma, physical disabilities, sensory impairments, or other conditions. The ADA definition is an inclusive definition that tends to capture both the largest and broadest estimate of people with disabilities. It describes a disability as a condition which limits a person's ability to function in major life activities – including communication, walking, and self-care (such as feeding and dressing oneself) – and which is likely to continue indefinitely, resulting in the need for supportive services.		
Disability Support Services	The Office of Academic Development provides services and coordinates academic accommodations for students with disabilities. Students who wish to receive accommodations from the university due to a disability must meet with Disability Support Services (DSS). In order to receive accommodations, students must meet with DSS before each semester that they are enrolled at the university. Students with disabilities are accommodated on an individual basis to best meet their particular needs. We will discuss reasonable and appropriate accommodations with students and assist them with arranging those accommodations. All discussion between our staff and students is strictly confidential. Students are not required to reveal a disability unless they will need accommodations.		
Discipline	An area of academic study.		
Drop	To withdraw from a course. The university has a period of time at the beginning of a term during which students can add or drop courses, without incurring any tuition or fees expense or impacting their GPA.		
E3	e3: Career and professional development made easy! Designed for Arcadia undergraduates, the e3 Career Action Plan provides an easy to follow, clear, and step-by-step career exploration and professional development program. Students receive incentives (free swag!) by mail after completing each of the plan's three levels - Explore, Engage and Embark. Along with newly enhanced career readiness, students who successfully finish all three levels earn an e3 professional development certificate to highlight on a resume, and a cord at graduation.		
Embedded Tutors	Embedded tutors, attend classes, have access to the Canvas course, and perform tasks in the class as directed by the course instructor. These tutors can hold scheduled sessions outside of class for all students enrolled in the targeted course. In these informal sessions, tutors and students may review notes, work on assigned problems/exercises, discuss readings, develop organizational tools, and prepare for examinations. The intent for these sessions is for students to learn how to integrate course content with reasoning and study skills.		
Enrollment Status	The status of a student at the university based enrollment. Matriculated students are degree seeking applicants that are admitted, registered, and begin their studies within the University. Non-Matriculated Students are non-degree seeking applicants that are registered and begin their studies with the University. Enrollment levels are based on credit totals. Students can be designated as part time or full time students.		
Enrollment Verification	Proof of enrollment. Enrollment Verification may be needed for items like health insurance or loan deferment. Arcadia University has authorized the National Student Clearinghouse to provide enrollment and degree verifications. Contact the National Student Clearinghouse online at www.degreeverify.org or by mail: National Student Clearinghouse, 2300 Dulles Station Boulevard, Suite 300, Herndon, VA 20171.		
Express Advising	Please note: current students may obtain their own free and immediate enrollment verification through Arcadia's SelfService to the National Student Clearinghouse (Grades tab, Enrollment Verification link). All Arcadia students have access to Express Advising with the Office of Career Education. This is a "drop-in" option to connect with a Career Peer Advisor (CPA) for 15-mins for assistance with a resume or cover letter review, LinkedIn Profile review, Job/Internship search strategies, and more. Express Advising hours change each semester and can be found on the OCE website (www.arcadia.edu/expressadvising)		
Faculty	A school's teaching and administrative staff who is responsible for designing programs of study.		
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is a form completed by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.		
Federal Work Study	Also know as Campus Work-Study is a federally funded program. The purpose of this program is to assist full-time undergraduate students that are determined to have financial need, according to the FAFSA Form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), in contributing toward their educational expenses. If a student is eligible for a Campus Work-Study award, his/her award letter will indicate this. The wages of students receiving a Campus Work-Study award are partially funded by the Federal Government and partially funded by Arcadia University.		
FERPA	The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, popularly known as "FERPA" or the Buckley Amendment, is the federal law that governs the rights of students and the corollary responsibilities of institutions of higher education with respect to student education records. The law applies to all colleges and universities that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. The materials listed below provide detailed information regarding FERPA and how student education records are managed at Arcadia University.		
Financial Aid Counselor	Financial Aid staff within Enrollment Management to help you navigate the financial aid application process and answer questions you may have about paying for your college education. You may contact us by email or by phone with questions. Undergraduate students are assigned a financial aid counselor based on the first letter of the student's last name.		
Final Exam Period	The semester does not officially end until the last examination is completed. Examinations must be taken as scheduled except in cases of illness or other unavoidable reasons. Final critiques in art are considered examinations and are scheduled during examination week. Exceptions may be made only by petition to the Committee on Academic Standing and Petitions no later than the Wednesday after mid-semester. Unexcused absence from an examination or critique results in failure of the examination.		
First Year Experience	Whether you are a freshman or transfer student, your first year at Arcadia sets the stage for your educational career. You will study interesting topics, become immersed in campus life, work alongside classmates and faculty, and engage in local and global communities to make a difference.		
First Year Seminars(FYS)	The academic core of the First-Year Experience revolves around the First-Year Seminar—a small, interactive class where you explore special topics that interest you. Every first-year student takes a First-Year Seminar in his or her first semester at Arcadia University. Class size is limited to approximately 18-20 students. Past students have enjoyed class trips to Broadway, museums, farms, cafés, nature parks, Philadelphia, and New York. And they have studied everything from the night sky to Harry Potter to crime scene evidence to the 1960s and more.		
Full-Time Status	Students may enroll on either a full-time (12 or more credits) or a part-time (0 to 11 credits) basis. Full-time students take 12 to 18 credits during each regular semester.		
FYSAE	First-Year Study Abroad Experience (FYSAE) Through Arcadia's First-Year Study Abroad Experience, you will study abroad in London, England for the entire second semester of your first-year. You'll take courses just as you would on the Glenside campus, and earn credits towards your Arcadia degree. FYSAE provides extensive support from Arcadia faculty, overseas staff, and student mentors to engage you throughout the experience.		
Gender Neutral Housing	Gender neutral housing options allow students who identify as transgender*, gender non-conforming*, cisgender* and similar the ability to choose a roommate of any gender or gender expression. Gender inclusive housing options help further develop a residential climate that is positive, respectful, and inclusive for all residents. Gender inclusive housing is voluntary.		
Global Field Study (GFS)	Global Field Study (GFS) consists of semester-long courses with a global focus and are open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Some courses may admit sophomores; please see course descriptions for more information.		

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Global Connections Experience and Reflection	Global Connections Experience and Reflection is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum(AUC) under integrative learning. In Global Connections Experience and Reflection students have a sustained cross-cultural experience where you will meet people and learn about a society different from that in which you have lived previously, whether at home or abroad.		
Grade Point Average(GPA)	Grading in education is the attempt to apply standardized measurements of varying levels of achievement in a course. Grade points earned for a course are determined by multiplying the number of academic credit hours by the grade point value of the grade received. The grade-point average (GPA) is determined by dividing the total grade points by the total number of course credits for which the student has been enrolled. A minimum 2.0 cumulative and major GPA is required to graduate from the University. A+ grades may be recorded on student transcripts but are calculated into the GPA as 4.0. Courses graded S and those taken under the pass-fail option are not computed in the GPA. Thus, a student receiving one S and three Cs, or one P and three Cs, would have a GPA of 2.0. Grades earned in courses taken at other schools also are not computed in the GPA. As an exception, however, courses taken through SEPCHE agreements and through The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University are computed in the GPA.		
Grades	Reports of grades are issued to students at the end of each semester. Most courses at Arcadia University are graded by the conventional letter system: A designates excellent quality of performance; B, good; C, satisfactory; D, poor but passing; F, failure. The addition of a plus or minus for each of the passing grades gives opportunity to differentiate performance within each of the stated grades.		
Graduate School	Graduate school is an advanced program of study focused on a particular academic discipline or profession. Traditionally, graduate school can be "academic," meaning it is centered on generating original research in a particular discipline or it may be "professional," meaning it is centered on developing skills and knowledge for a specific profession. Or it can be a combination of both. Arcadia graduate programs are nationally ranked and accredited and emphasize learning from experience. During your program, you'll create a network of diverse professionals that will benefit you throughout your career.		
Handshake	Online hub for Arcadia students and alumni. Apply for internships or jobs, publish your resume, & sign up for on-campus interviews, career events, and career consultations.		
Helpdesk	The helpdesk is a service for the Arcadia University community provided by Information Technology Support Services. Arcadia University students, staff, and faculty can email or call the helpdesk for technology assistance. The helpdesk can help with issues and concerns surrounding: Software Installation, Connection Issues (Network Related), Basic Tutorials and How-Tos and Equipment Troubleshooting (prior to scheduling an appointment)		
Hold (Business Office; Health Records; Official Transcript)	A stop on a student account. Students with any type of hold on their account (e.g., financial, health-related, library) will may not be able to register for classes, get final grades or transcripts, be eligible for certain financial aid packages, etc. If you are unsure if you have a hold on your account, please log into SelfService to see if your account is on a hold (Stop list). Here are the appropriate contacts if you find your account is on a hold (Stop list): If you are on a Business Office or Official Transcript hold, please contact the Business Office; busoffice@arcadia.edu If you are on a Health Records hold, please contact Wellness Services; shs@arcadia.edu If you are on a Library hold, please contact the Library; reference@arcadia.edu, If you are on a Non-Matriculation hold, please contact Enrollment Management; admis@arcadia.edu, If you are on any other hold, please contact the Registrar's Office; registrar@arcadia.edu		
Honor's Convocation	Honors Convocation at Arcadia celebrates the scholastic achievements and academic excellence of the University community. Students are recognized for Dean's List and Distinguished Dean's List Honors and are inducted into national honor societies, and departmental awards are presented. The highly esteemed Provost's Prize, presented to the sophomore who has attained the highest cumulative GPA for three semesters of study at Arcadia, and the President's Prize, presented to the junior who has earned the highest cumulative average for five semesters of study at Arcadia, are also awarded. Faculty awards including the Provost's Award for Outstanding Advising and Mentoring and the Adjunct Faculty Award are also presented.		
I-20	The Form I-20 is a United States Department of Homeland Security, specifically ICE and the Student and Exchange Visitor Program, document issued by SEVP-certified schools that provides supporting information on a student's F or M status.		
IEP/504 Plan	The Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) is a plan or program developed to ensure that a child who has a disability identified under the law and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives specialized instruction and related services. The 504 Plan is a plan developed to ensure that a child who has a disability identified under the law and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives accommodations that will ensure their academic success and access to the learning environment.		
Independent Study	An individual project under the direct supervision of a faculty member in an area in which the student has had prior formal training or experience. Independent Study, as commonly used for many years in most Universities is subject to its interpretation. It is intended to mean individual study under a faculty supervisor. An independent study is independent of the class room, but not totally without guidance, supervision, and periodic assessment throughout the semester by the faculty supervisor.		
Intellectual Practices	Intellectual Practices is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum or AUC. The curriculum enables you to discover your purpose and your passions. You are therefore encouraged to pursue activities designed to offer you a variety of experiences and room to grow intellectually and personally during your undergraduate studies. Intellectual Practices focus on engaging your mind. You will develop intellectual practices—another way of saying "ways of thinking and doing." These practices and skills cut across majors and minors, informing how you see the world and how you interact with it. This includes Crossing Boundaries, Writing, Modern Languages, Visual Literacy, and Quantitative Reasoning.		
Integrative Learning Experiences	Integrative Learning Experiences is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum or AUC. The curriculum enables you to discover your purpose and your passions. You are therefore encouraged to pursue activities designed to offer you a variety of experiences and room to grow intellectually and personally during your undergraduate studies. Integrative Learning Experiences are about making connections. Integrative learning experiences are about joining the different aspects of your education, bringing together multiple disciplines as well as academic and experiential learning. This includes Global Connections Experience and Reflection; University Seminar; Senior Capstone Project.		
Interlibrary Loan	Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is a lending service offered through Landman Library to provide members of Arcadia's community with the opportunity to request and borrow materials not available through our campus' collection. Books, full-text journal articles and media not owned by Landman Library or found in a subscribed online resource may be requested through this service.		
International Student	Interlibrary Loan services are only available to Arcadia faculty, staff, and currently enrolled students. Students who chose to undertake all or part of their education in a country other than their own and move to that country for the purpose of studying		
Internship	An experience that allows students to work in a professional environment to gain training and skills. Internships may be paid or unpaid and can be of varying lengths during or after the academic year. Arcadia internship programs maximize the career-building potential of study abroad by embedding work placements in coursework. The range of experiences on offer is vast for both summer and semester terms. Our interns boost their resumes and get hands-on experience in the global workforce, all while earning credit and staying on track for graduation. Our experienced staff will work with you from your application and throughout your program to set and achieve goals aligned with your career objectives.		
International Internship	You can choose Arcadia-taught internship programs, where your experience is combined with courses taught by Arcadia faculty overseas, or you can add on an internship experience to your course of study with an Arcadia partner institution such as University of Sydney, University of Technology Sydney, Macquarie University, University of Westminster or Edinburgh Napier University.		
IPALS	International Peer Associates Mentors (IPALS) are trained students who help incoming international students adjust to college life at Arcadia University. IPALS play a key role in helping Global Engagement team throughout the year in providing support services to students such as orientation, peer mentorship, and social and cultural programming.		
IRB	Institutional Review Board (IRB) Oversight of all on-campus or university-authorized research or projects that involve human subjects will be exercised by the Institutional Review Board (IRB).		
KnightLife	KnightLife is the main hub for all things student organizations and campus involvement. You can find campus events, become a member of a student organization, register for leadership and professional development opportunities, and more with just the click of a button. We recommend you create your KnightLife account and download the KnightLife app to stay connected on your mobile device!		
Learning Resource Network (LRN)	The Learning Resource Network is part of the Office of Academic Development and provides academic support services free of charge to all Arcadia University undergraduate students. The LRN aims to support students through a flexible approach, addressing the needs and preference of diverse learners by providing content specific tutoring and resources for academic strategies and skill-building. Peer tutors promote active learning through modeling questioning techniques, problem-solving strategies, and critical thinking. Our overarching goal is to encourage students to be independent learners who will be able to communicate effectively, engage with different perspectives, apply disciplinary knowledge in multiple contexts, and engage with and respond to a changing world. The LRN works closely with faculty and students to provide academic support that takes into consideration the content area, professors' teaching styles and expectations, and students' learning styles and preferences."		

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LGBTQIA+	The acronym LGBTQIA+ is an ever growing and evolving acronym. It is an inclusive term covering people of all genders and sexualities, such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersex, asexual, pansexual, and allies.		
Library	The university library does a lot of things, and it can be helpful to think about how the library serves the entire university community in three main ways: by providing materials, spaces, and support! You probably think of books when you think about libraries, and we provide lots of those. However, we also provide lots of online resources, such as e-books and databases containing articles, images, and films. The library also provides a range of spaces that support both independent and collaborative study and learning. Perhaps most importantly, the library provides librarians who can help you learn to use all the resources that we provide so that you can achieve your academic and research goals. Contact us with any questions you might have about the library - we are happy to help!		
Liberal Arts	A liberal arts education is interdisciplinary, covering topics within the humanities, as well as social, natural and formal sciences. At Arcadia, you tailor your path through the undergraduate curriculum around your interests, as you develop expertise in a field. At the same time, you broaden your educational scope as you take classes beyond your major to develop wider understandings and knowledge. All the classes you take aim at expanding your mind, encouraging the development of intellectual practices and areas of inquiry that you carry across the curriculum into the workplace and life. Your education doesn't stop with classes; it's designed with opportunities, including faculty-mentored research, internships, creative activity, and experiential learning, in mind. At Arcadia how you learn is just as important as what you learn. The curriculum enables you to discover your purpose and your passions. You are therefore encouraged to pursue activities designed to offer you a variety of experiences and room to grow intellectually and personally during your undergraduate studies.		
Major	Students' chosen majors are their primary pathways through the rest of Arcadia's Undergraduate Curriculum since courses taken to fulfill a chosen major also fulfill some of the required Integrative Learning Experiences, Areas of Inquiry, and Intellectual Practices. However, which Undergraduate Curriculum requirements are fulfilled by major courses differs by major. Therefore, each student works with his or her academic advisor—who is a faculty member from the student's major department—to determine which Undergraduate Curriculum requirements the student will fulfill in major courses and which requirements he or she will fulfill in courses outside the major. Students can also use the Find Courses function in Self-Service to determine how courses fill various requirements.		
Meal Plan	Meal plans are the structure for students to eat on campus. Meal plans are purchased under your student account and the values are placed on your KnightCard. Based on the type of meal plan you purchase, meals are deposited on your KnightCard as a "points that can be used at the Chat and Dining Hall. You simply swipe your card at the cashier's station and the points are deducted from your available balance.		
Mid-Semester Progress Grades(6 Week Evaluation)	The purpose of the evaluations is to give a student a sense of how he/she is doing from the instructor's perspective. All students are sent an e-mail explaining how to access their evaluations. The faculty members who are teaching your courses submit Sixth Week Evaluations. These evaluations are intended to give you a sense of where you stand academically in your courses. Faculty submit Sixth Week evaluations in October each fall semester and in February each spring semester. This is a perfect time for you to get a sense of how you are doing from your instructors' perspective. It is very important to do this now, before more of the semester passes by.		
Minor	The evaluations may or may not include a grade range, depending on whether your instructors believe they have enough information to assign an estimated grade. The evaluations will have positive comments where your instructors feel it is appropriate as well as suggested areas for improvement, if that seems appropriate.		
Modern Language	Students are not required to complete a minor but may decide to as a secondary academic exploration and training in a specific subject or career field.		
MyArcadia	Modern Language is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum(AUC) under intellectual practices. In Modern Language Students complete the introductory level of a language other than English, which may require up to two courses depending on your prior experience.		
Natural and Physical World	MyArcadia is the internal dashboard system for students, faculty and staff at Arcadia, including news update, quick links, and access to supports and resources. Natural and Physical World is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum(AUC) under Areas of Inquiry. In Natural and Physical World students Learn about and participate in answering questions about the natural and physical world. This includes applying observation and experimentation based on physical events that are predictable and quantifiable. These courses explore both the process and outcome of scientific inquiries.		
One on One Research Consultation	Landman Library offers individualized, in-depth, one-on-one research consultations for current Arcadia students, staff and faculty. Meet with a Librarian to identify useful resources and to learn advanced research techniques that will make your research more effective.		
Optional Practical Training (OPT)	Optional Practical Training (OPT) is available to an F-1 student who has been lawfully enrolled on a full-time basis for a minimum of one academic year. OPT allows a student who has successfully completed their degree to participate in one year of work authorization directly related to their major. There are several different kinds of OPT. Pre-Completion, Post-Completion, and STEM.		
Overload	Students may enroll on either a full-time (12 or more credits) or a part-time (0 to 11 credits) basis. Full-time students take 12 to 18 credits during each regular semester. Students who want to carry more than 18 credits must submit a Petition for Overload form and obtain approval. There is no additional cost for an overload.		
Part-Time Status	Students may enroll on either a full-time (12 or more credits) or a part-time (0 to 11 credits) basis. Part-time students take 0 to 11 credits during each regular semester.		
PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions)	PASS is offered for designated classes. PASS may have an embedded tutor who attends the class. If the tutor cannot attend the class due to scheduling conflicts, the tutor will still have access to the Canvas course. These tutors can hold scheduled sessions outside of class for all students enrolled in the targeted course. In these informal sessions, tutors and students may review notes, work on assigned problems/exercises, discuss readings, develop organizational tools, and prepare for examinations. The intent for these sessions is for students to learn how to integrate course content with reasoning and study skills.		
Passport	A passport is an official governmental document that contains your identity, it helps you travel under its protection to and from foreign countries. The document certifies the personal identity and nationality of its holder.		
Payment Plan	Arcadia University offers 2 payment plan options for currently enrolled as well as new, incoming undergraduate students. The first option is a 10 month, interest-free plan which begins on July 1 for the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters. The second option is a 5 month, interest-free single semester payment plan beginning on July 1 for the Fall semester or November 1 for the Spring semester. There is a \$50 fee due at the time of registration for either plan. Payment Plans are created via the student's Self-Service account or the eBill/ePay online gateway.		
Peer Mentor	A peer mentor is a student (sophomore/junior/senior) assigned to a First Year Seminar and Learning Community for the purpose of providing support to first-year students as they transition from high school to college during their first semester. Peer mentors earn a stipend for their work, collaborate closely with faculty, and approach their position as a leadership opportunity. The Learning Resource Network (LRN) Peer tutors are full-time, matriculating students at Arcadia University who have demonstrated that they can excel in the courses they tutor. They must be recommended by a member of the faculty, must maintain a cumulative and semester G.P.A. of 3.0 or above, and they must have received a "B" or better in the course they tutor. All peer tutors undergo basic tutor training, as well as ongoing training with the Assistant Dean of Academic Development.		
Peer Tutor	The Learning Resource Network (LRN) is part of the Office of Academic Development and provides academic support services free of charge to all Arcadia University undergraduate students.		
Pell Grant	The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain post baccalaureate students to promote access to postsecondary education. Students may use their grants at any one of approximately 5,400 participating postsecondary institutions. Grant amounts are dependent on: the student's expected family contribution (EFC); the cost of attendance (as determined by the institution); the student's enrollment status (full-time or part-time); and whether the student attends for a full academic year or less.		
Perkins Loan	A Federal Perkins Loan, or Perkins Loan, was a need-based student loan part of the Federal Direct Student Loan Program, offered by the U.S. Department of Education to assist American college students in funding their post-secondary education.		
Preview	Preview is a 2-credit spring term class with a field study travel over spring break in March. Courses change every year and are announced early in fall term for the following spring. You can prepare for Preview by applying for your passport at travel.state.gov. There is a fee for Preview, which covers airfare, lodging, programming, some meals, and airport transportation.		
Priority Registration	All students will register in accordance with the overall credits completed PRIOR TO the current semester. Questions regarding the accuracy of the total should be raised prior to registration to registrar@arcadia.edu. In addition, any students in the Pre-Nursing, Honors Program, 3-Year and 3+ degree programs, studying abroad, accommodated by disability support services, veterans or students receiving veteran education benefits, or student athletes may register earlier than the day associated with actual completed total credits; temporary adjustments are made for Priority Registration which will allow the system to identify who may register on which day (emails to each student cohort will explain the process).		
Professional School	Graduate-level programs that help prepare students for careers in specific fields. Examples include medical, law, pharmacy, business, library, and social work schools. The length of these programs vary and some professional degrees are required by law before you can begin working in an occupation.		

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Program Manager	Once you have submitted your application to study abroad while at Arcadia, you will be assigned a Program Manager at The College of Global Studies. This Program Manager is an expert in the program you have chosen to apply to and he or she will help you through the application and pre-departure processes. You can ask your Program Manager questions about topics like: submitting forms in the Arcadia Passport, differences between housing options, enrolling/registering for courses, applying for your visa, what the program is like, life overseas, etc. Your Program Manager will be your main point of contact about the program once you apply and will provide you with important and helpful information, so be sure to check your email and voicemail regularly for communication from them. If you have any questions about Arcadia University processes like financial aid and course approval, you should be in contact with the appropriate staff on campus.		
Quantitative Reasoning	Quantitative Reasoning is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum(AUC) under intellectual practices. In Quantitative Reasoning Students develop the ability to ask and act on questions related to the analysis of data, the application of mathematical models, or the cultural and political roles of mathematical thinking.		
Reading Day	Reading Day is the day before finals begin. Classes aren't held so students can dedicate their day to studying and preparing for exams.		
REAL Certificate	The Raising Expectations for Academic Learning or REAL Certificate offers students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities the opportunity to participate in a post-secondary academic-, vocational- and social inclusion-focused program. Applicants will have received extensive special education services in their secondary schools and are not able to access college by meeting typical entrance criteria. Students in the REAL Certificate audit traditional undergraduate courses and participate in inclusive vocational and social experiences. Students have the option to live on campus or commute. An individual plan for college participation is developed for each student.		
Registrar	The Registrar provides the following services to the Arcadia University community: Creating, maintaining and transmitting academic records in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), scheduling rooms, classes, students and final examinations, evaluating transfer credit, auditing degree progress and completion, coordinating Veteran's benefits, processing international student forms, and issuing academic transcripts, certificates and diplomas.		
Registration	Is the process of signing up for courses for the upcoming semester.		
Renew Program	Metz Culinary Management introduces the ReNew program for take-out. You may get a take-out meal if you do not choose to eat your meal in the Dining Hall. Eco-friendly takeout containers can be purchased at the Dining Hall for \$5.00 and must be used for takeout service. If you choose to use a container to take your meal out of the Dining Hall, you must exit the Dining Hall once you have filled your container. Used containers can be brought back to the Dining Hall for cleaning and sanitizing. If you leave a container to be cleaned, you'll receive a clean container to use for your meal or a token to pick up a clean container at the next meal period.		
Research	Research is a process that can include systematic inquiry, collection/documentation of data, analysis and interpretation that would be in accordance with suitable methodologies set by specific professional fields and academic disciplines. Oversight of all on-campus and off-campus university-authorized research (funded and non-funded) that involves human participants and animal subjects is exercised by the Committee on the Protection of Research Subjects (COPRS). COPRS consists of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). This oversight is applicable to all research, research training, experimentation, biological testing, psychological testing, and related activities involving human participants or animal subjects. If you will be conducting research involving human participants or animal subjects, you must contact COPRS.		
Resident Assistant (RA)	Resident Assistants are upperclassmen who have been selected to serve as resources, role models, and mentors for residential students. The RA is the most immediate link with students living on their floor. The RA works under the direction of an Area Coordinator.		
Residence Hall Council (RHC)	Residence Hall Council (RHC) is a student run organization to empower residents by maintaining a means for them to voice their opinions within Campus Life Housing. RHC provides resources necessary to meet resident needs and to enhance living and learning in the residence halls through diverse leadership opportunities, quality programs, and inclusive community involvement.		
Resident Student	An Arcadia University student who lives on-campus in one of the Arcadia University residence halls.		
Responsible Officer (RO)	A Responsible Officer (RO) or Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO) assists J-1 Exchange Visitors. They will issue a DS-2019 for incoming students or scholars, and support students throughout their exchange at Arcadia.		
Roommate Agreement Form	Is an agreement between roommates to ensure that basic needs have been discussed. Roommates should discuss each topic and agree to guidelines that each can live with reasonably. This agreement is not meant to be a means of control but a tool to get roommates to talk about expectations and experiences and how they impact the roommate relationship.		
Scholarships	Financial aid is money provided to students to help pay for tuition and living expenses. One type is Scholarships: Scholarships are typically awarded based on academic performance or financial need. You rarely have to pay back scholarships.		
Scholarworks	ScholarWorks@Arcadia collects the research and scholarship of Arcadia University in a single place to raise the profile of the university and its researchers. It also organizes the scholarship from different departments and schools throughout the university into a cohesive whole, while at the same time highlighting individual contributions made by faculty and students. As an online open access institutional repository, ScholarWorks@Arcadia increases the impact of the scholarship it collects by making it freely available to anyone, anywhere, anytime. The role of academic libraries has long been to preserve the scholarly record of universities. ScholarWorks@Arcadia extends that role into the digital age by preserving the digital scholarly record of Arcadia University for future generations. The institutional repository has the capability to showcase works of all types, such as journal articles, book chapters, graduate and undergraduate works, conference proceedings and presentations, working papers and pre-prints, technical reports, images, videos, audio files, and more. Please note that all student work archived in ScholarWorks has been vetted and sponsored by a member of the Arcadia Faculty.		
Self and Society	ScholarWorks@Arcadia also has e-publishing capabilities for open access journals and can organize and preserve work products from AU hosted conferences and events. Self and Society is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum(AUC) under Areas of Inquiry. In Self and Society students explore the multiple forces that create, shape and sustain the development of self-identity, and examine how individuals and groups live together, form societies, and distribute resources and power. You'll focus on understanding the mechanisms and processes that shape who we are and what we can become and analyze how and why societies and social institutions function, evolve, and include and exclude.		
Self Service	Self-Service is Arcadia University's Internet software system designed to provide students, faculty, administrators, and other members of an educational institution's learning community with "anytime, anywhere" access to information services. Information within the system includes Course information and Registration, Academic Planning, Grades, Unofficial Transcripts, and Finances.		
Semester	A semester system divides the academic year into two sessions: fall and spring. Each session is approximately 15 weeks long with a winter break in between the fall and spring session and a summer break after the spring session. Each semester you can take four to six classes depending on how many credits each class is.		
Semester Abroad	Also known as Study abroad is the term given to a program, run through the University, which allows a student to live in a foreign country and attend a foreign university. The University's approved semester- and year-long study abroad programs through The College of Global Studies are designed to excite and inspire students. As an undergraduate at Arcadia, you have the exciting opportunity to study abroad which will open the door to a new world of learning and greatly enhance your undergraduate academic experience. We at Arcadia consider this learning as integral to your undergraduate program of study and to your future opportunities.		
Senior Capstone Project	The Senior Capstone Project is the opportunity for you to bring four years of coursework and academic and personal experiences together by engaging in an extended project in your major. What you do for your Senior Capstone Project depends on both your chosen field of study and your own personal interests. Each major department designs the parameters of the project to help you develop an expertise and synthesize the learning you've done at Arcadia. And you select the focus of your research, scholarly or creative activities. Then when you've completed your Senior Capstone Project at the conclusion of your final year, you tell the world about your work during our campus-wide celebration of senior projects. Faculty members, family, and friends come out to learn about and enjoy the product of your academic labors. Art and Design majors host an exciting group exhibit. Majors in some departments give oral presentations describing their research and engage in lively discussion sessions. And those in other departments create visual displays of their work for interactive public poster fairs.		
Short-term Study Abroad	Each year, hundreds of Arcadia University students gain an international perspective with our renowned study abroad programs. Whether it's a field study course or an extended program abroad, the Global Engagement team helps students learn to think critically and reflect thoughtfully in a rapidly changing global society. Short-term Study Abroad experiences are experiences in which the travel component does not span the full semester.		
Sixth Week Evaluations	The purpose of the evaluations is to give a student a sense of how he/she is doing from the instructor's perspective. All students are sent an e-mail explaining how to access their evaluations. The faculty members who are teaching your courses submit Sixth Week Evaluations. These evaluations are intended to give you a sense of where you stand academically in your courses. Faculty submit Sixth Week evaluations in October each fall semester and in February each spring semester. This is a perfect time for you to get a sense of how you are doing from your instructors' perspective. It is very important to do this now, before more of the semester passes by.		
Direct Loan	The evaluations may or may not include a grade range, depending on whether your instructors believe they have enough information to assign an estimated grade. The evaluations will have positive comments where your instructors feel it is appropriate as well as suggested areas for improvement, if that seems appropriate.		
STAMP	A Direct Loan is a student loan offered from the United States Department of Education to eligible students enrolled in accredited American institutions of higher education to help finance their education. The Study Abroad Mentorship Program (STAMP) is a student-led program of mentors who have previously studied abroad and are passionate about sharing their experience with others. These mentors participate in a variety of events on campus and are available for students to connect with via email to ask questions, get advice, or even just chat about their experiences.		

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Student Government Organization (SGO)	Arcadia University's Student Government Organization (SGO) is dedicated to serving Arcadia's undergraduate population and providing an outlet for student voice. SGO encourages active participation within the university's community and also promotes self-advocacy for all students. We are focused on enhancing the Arcadia experience through positive changes to campus. The organization aims to encourage student leadership through collaboration between Arcadia staff, faculty, and the student body.		
Student Health Services	Provides direct medical care and campus-wide health education programming to students. We endeavor to support the student's physical and emotional self while in the pursuit of their education. We nurture students as they strive for independence by teaching self-care concepts and encouraging safe and thoughtful practices as health care consumers.		
Student ID	Each student is assigned a unique student ID to use throughout their time at Arcadia. This ID can be found in Self Service as well as on your knightcard.		
Student Organizations	Student organizations at Arcadia serve as the backbone of many campus traditions and are an integral and vibrant component of the student experience. Our organizations plan social, educational, and service-related events and programs for the campus community. Recognized student organizations are able to reserve space; participate in the bi-annual Activities and Resource Fair and other student organization fairs, including Family Weekend and Spring Fling; receive valuable leadership training from the AU LEAD program; have access to Engagement and New Student Programs staff, and are eligible for a budget from the Student Government Organization (SGO). Any undergraduate student may participate in student organizations. Graduate students may not hold any official organization positions.		
Student Worker	Students who qualify for federal work study are awarded an allocation at the time they apply for financial aid. Each summer, eligible students will receive an application to complete for placement into available positions within campus offices.		
Study Abroad	Study abroad is the term given to a program, run through the University, which allows a student to live in a foreign country and attend a foreign university. The University's approved semester- and year-long study abroad programs through The College of Global Studies are designed to excite and inspire students. As an undergraduate at Arcadia, you have the exciting opportunity to study abroad which will open the door to a new world of learning and greatly enhance your undergraduate academic experience. We at Arcadia consider this learning as integral to your undergraduate program of study and to your future opportunities.		
Study Away Advisor	Arcadia University's approved study abroad programs are designed to excite and inspire your personal goals, your global vision and your academic passions. You have the opportunity to explore new cultures, gain international internship experience, learn outside the classroom and become part of local communities in which you study. Our study away advisors will help you discover the right program for you. We have created a wide range of program options to help you achieve these educational goals. Explore the specific programs designed to match with your major or book an appointment with a study abroad advisor now.		
SYSAE	Second-Year Study Abroad Experience (SYSAE)		
Syllabus	Through Arcadia's Second-Year Study Abroad Experience (SYSAE), you have the option to study abroad with Arcadia during the fall semester of your sophomore year. While earning credit toward your degree, you'll have opportunities to explore new cultures, gain international internship experience, learn outside the classroom, and become part of local communities in which you study.		
The Code of Academic Responsibility	A syllabus is a document that communicates information about a specific course and defines expectations and responsibilities as set by the instructor of the course.		
Traditional Residence Hall	Each student accepts the responsibility of maintaining high standards of integrity in his or her academic performance. It is the responsibility of all students to uphold the code through the procedures set forth by the University as outlined in the Student Handbook.		
Transcript	A traditional residence hall is designed to encourage interaction among residents and emphasize cooperation, compromise, and respect for others. Traditional residence halls house students in a one bedroom space that is shared with your roommate and a communal bathroom that is shared with other residents on the hall. Most of our traditional style residence halls are reserved for first-year students and are coed, in that all residence halls house both genders. Most halls are coed by floor or wing.		
Transfer Credits	The official record of a student's academic experience and includes a list of all courses attempted and the grade earned in each. The official transcript is maintained by the Registrar.		
Transfer Equivalency	Transfer credit is granted for college-level work completed at another accredited institution if the course content is comparable to that offered at Arcadia University or appropriate for the degree program.		
Transfer Student	How a course taken at another colleges or universities would transfer into Arcadia University. Arcadia University's academic departments have previously determined some equivalency between content taught at other schools and Arcadia's departmental courses. These equivalencies can be easily reviewed using the Transfer Equivalency tools.		
Transgender	A transfer student is someone who has earned credits for study at one school or institution and wants to continue their study at a different institution. A transfer student seeks to bring over the credits she/he/they have earned.		
Tuition	Transgender is about gender identity. Transgender is a term that includes the many ways that people's gender identities can be different from the sex they were assigned at birth.		
Undergraduate	Tuition refers to the amount of money charged for instruction and does not include charges associated with room and board.		
Undeclared	Students at a college or university who have not yet earned a bachelor's degree.		
University Seminar	Prior to declaring a major a student would be considered undeclared. Being undeclared can allow a student to explore various subjects to count toward electives in a major while also completing the general education credits that each degree program will include.		
Veteran	University Seminar is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum(AUC) under Integrative Learning. University Seminars are a showcase of integrative learning at Arcadia, designed to make intellectual connections among academic disciplines and between scholarly ideas and the world beyond the classroom. A wide range of University Seminars are offered each semester, and all University Seminars count toward the additional Integrative Learning requirements.		
VISA	Many University Seminars are interdisciplinary courses where your Arcadia professors explore a dynamic world of ideas with you. University Seminars also take you out of the classroom and into the culturally and intellectually rich Philadelphia region.		
Visual Literacy	Taking University Seminars also helps you to work toward fulfilling other Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum requirements. All University Seminars fulfill at least one Area of Inquiry and at least one Intellectual Practice.		
Waitlist	Is a person who has served and is no longer serving in a military.		
Withdrawal	This is a permit given by a country that allows an individual to go to that country. It will let that individual know how long they can stay and will name the kind of visit permitted.		
Work Study	Visual Literacy is part of the Arcadia Undergraduate Curriculum(AUC) under intellectual practices. In Visual Literacy Students focus on the viewing and interpretation of visual information and images from a variety of sources as well as the expression of meaning through visual means.		
Writing Center	If a course is at capacity (full), students can request to be put on the waitlist (via email to registrar@arcadia.edu). Undergraduates need advisor permission via email, send with their email request. This does not guarantee a seat but if someone were to drop a seat may become available depending on where they are on the waitlist.		
	Withdrawal refers to the process of formally removing a student from a single class or from all classes for a semester. Established procedures must be followed as seen in the Undergraduate Catalog. Withdrawals may have financial implications depending upon the date(s).		
	Work study programs are jobs offered through the financial aid office to help you earn money to pay for your education.		
	The Writing Center is a support service at Arcadia that offers free help with working on any writing assignment, for any course. Most of the help the Writing Center provides is through one-on-one appointments, where a peer who has been highly trained to help with most writing questions (called "consultants") will work with just you and your writing. Consultants can help you at any time during the writing process, including questions about how to start a writing assignment. Students often work with consultants on things like organizing writing, understanding the purpose of an assignment, practice writing clear sentences and paragraphs, grammar, citation, thesis statements, focus, tone, and more. The Writing Center is located in the Lower Level of the Landman Library, but also offers online appointments, if you're not physically on campus.		