

Glossary of Terms

Need help determining your eligibility for Washburn University Success Coaching? Browse our glossary of terms, or contact Dr. Jennifer Wiard for assistance at jennifer.wiard@washburn.edu.

First-Generation: Neither of the student's parents/guardians have completed a Bachelor's degree.

Low-Income: A student who is eligible for a Pell Grant, or, their family's taxable income last year did not exceed 150% of the [federal poverty level](#).

Historically Underrepresented: A student who is a member of a community that has historically been denied access to higher education, or suffered past institutional discrimination. This includes African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanics or Chicanos/Latinos, and Native Americans.

This category can also include: other ethnicities, adult learners, veterans, people with disabilities, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals, different religious groups, and different economic backgrounds.

Underprepared for College: A student who may not be able to perform coursework or demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, math, or similar topics at the university level. Common indicators may include: ACT composite score of 15 or below, High School GPA of 2.5 or below, a member of the Ichabod Ignite or Passport for Success Programs, enrolled in co-requisite gateway classes in English or Math, or a student who scored at Level 1 or Level 2 in Math and/or English on the Kansas State Assessments.

Struggling Academically: A student that one or more instructors has flagged as at-risk to fail a course, as documented in EAB Navigate.

English as a Second Language: Student is a non-native English speaker who lives in a country where English is the official or dominant language.

Foster Care (past or present): A student for whom a State agency has or had placement and care responsibility. Student is or was placed in 24-hour substitute care away from their parents or guardians by a State agency.

Homeless (past or present): A student who lacks or lacked a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Read the full federal definition [here](#).

Transfer student: A student who began their postsecondary education at another college or university.
Note: Students who took Dual Enrollment in high school and enrolled at Washburn immediately after high school graduation are NOT considered transfer students.

Returning student: A student who enrolled at Washburn University as a degree-seeking student, took a break for one or more semesters (excluding the Summer term), and has now re-enrolled at Washburn University as a degree-seeking student.

Veteran: A student who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.