

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THE 2006-2007 FACT BOOK

All Students indicates students from on and off campus.

Bargaining unit faculty are those faculty appointed by the Board of Trustees who are represented by the WMU chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). As such, they all have academic rank. Most of the positions have an instructional function; however, some, notably those in the library and counseling center, are not instructional and are omitted from counts that specify instructional faculty. See Faculty Information, Faculty Data Definitions for more detail about definitions of items related to faculty.

Census refers to the first business day after the drop and add period of a semester.

Curriculum is a complete program of study, as defined by a college, leading to a degree. The term “Curriculum” is now referred to as “Primary Program”.

Data on Students Enrolled is data collected by the Registrar’s office from the census day reports, which are completed at the beginning of each semester the evening of the sixth day of classes.

Degree seeking students are those students who are officially admitted to the University in a degree program as either full or part time students.

FYES is an abbreviation for Fiscal Year Equated Students. To calculate FYES, the total student credit hours (SCH) for the fiscal year are grouped by student level. The SCH at the undergraduate level are divided by 30, SCH at the master’s are divided by 24, and doctoral and specialist credits

are divided by 16. FYES is commonly used among Michigan colleges and universities to provide comparative enrollment data. FYES should be distinguished from the definition of individual students who attend full time or part time. (See **full time student**.)

FTIAC refers to degree seeking students enrolled for the first time in any college.

Full time instructional faculty is instructional bargaining unit faculty (described above) and academic department chairs who are full time. Inclusion and exclusion of individuals is based on the instructions for reporting to government agencies, i.e., IPEDS. See Faculty Information, Faculty Data Definitions for more detail about definitions of items related to faculty.

Full time student/part time student refers to the classification of individual students based on the number of credits each is carrying in a semester. Undergraduates are considered full time when they take 12 or more credits during the Fall or Spring, and 6 credit hours during the Summer sessions. Graduate (Master’s, Specialist, and Doctoral) students are considered full time when they take 6 or more credits during the Fall or Spring, and at least 3 credits during the Summer sessions.

IPEDS stands for Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, a system for annual reporting of institutional data to the federal government.

Major is a concentration of related courses generally consisting of 30 to 50 semester hours of credit. A student may have more than one major.

Other, as used in Table 3, includes guest students, non-admitted students with permission to take classes, undecided students, and Military Science students. When used in Tables 4 and 4A, it includes Guest Students, students with permission to take classes, and undecided students.

PTC is an abbreviation for permission to take classes and applies to undergraduate non-degree seeking students.

PTG is an abbreviation for permission to take graduate classes for those students who have a bachelor’s degree and are awaiting admittance to a graduate degree program or wishing to enroll in a graduate level course.

Student Credit Hours (SCH) is the enrollment in a course multiplied by the credit hour value of the course. For example, if a three credit hour class includes 30 students, the SCH is 90. Total SCH for the University is the sum for all course sections.

Student headcount is the count of individual students enrolled for one or more credit courses during the time period illustrated. The Registrar takes this count at the same time each semester (Census Day) as set by the Board of Trustees and reported.