

General Definitions

The following terminology and definitions, listed alphabetically, are currently in use at Norwich University relative to student status for all students enrolled in an online master's, bachelor's degree-completion, or certificate offering.

Academic Participation

Academic participation includes activities such as posting to a discussion board, submitting a homework assignment, engaging in an email conversation about the class and/or assignments, participating in a conference call regarding course materials or group study/projects, and completing an exam. Activities that do not constitute participation include logging in to the classroom, emailing the professor about grades, counseling related to academic progress in the course or program, communicating via email with the student services, financial planning, bursar, or other university staff.

Enrolled

Students who have received academic, financial, and disciplinary clearance to attend the university during a specified period and who are registered for a schedule of seminars or courses. At the beginning of each trimester or term, students shall follow the instructions issued to them concerning enrollment.

Full-Time Graduate Student

A master's degree student who is registered for six or more semester credit hours per term.

Full-Time Undergraduate Student

A degree-completion student who is registered for twelve or more semester credit hours per trimester.

Matriculant

A student who is a formal candidate for a Norwich University degree.

Non-Matriculant

A student who is not a candidate for a Norwich University degree.

Official Grades

Those grades entered in the student's permanent academic record at the university.

Part-Time Graduate Student

A master's student who is registered for fewer than six, but more than zero semester credit hours per term.

Part-Time Undergraduate Student

A degree-completion student who is registered for fewer than twelve, but more than zero semester credit hours per trimester.

Registered

Students who have a schedule of seminars or courses for one trimester (bachelor's degree-completion students) or one term (master's and certificate students).

Session

An eight-week period within a sixteen-week trimester. Each trimester contains two sequential sessions.

Term

An eleven-week period of enrollment for master's and certificate students.

Trimester

A sixteen-week period of enrollment for bachelor's degree-completion students, comprised of two sessions.