

The ABCs of SCState

Terms you will hear during Orientation and as classes begin.

STUDENT SUCCESS AND RETENTION PROGRAM

A

Academic Year – reference to fall, spring, and summer semesters (i.e. AY 2008-2009)

Attempted Hours – includes all hours for which a student registers, including withdrawals

Attendance Verification – attendance is verified the first week of classes

B

Bulldog – your name for life now at **SCState**

C

CBAPS – College of Business and Applied Professional Sciences

CEHSS – College of Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences

CSMET – College of Science Mathematics and Engineering Technology

Cumulative GPA – includes all grades earned at **SCState**

D

Drop/Add – time period for students to adjust their schedules without impacting attempted hours

E

Excellence – the University mindset to go beyond and to surpass limits and standards in every endeavor

F

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid that all students must complete in order to receive financial aid, loans, and scholarships

FERPA – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (1974)

FAO – Financial Aid Office

Full-time – 12 credit hours necessary to determine that a student is full-time

FYE – First Year Experience

G

GPA – grade point average that determines satisfactory progress

H

HOPE – merit-based scholarship (up to \$2,650) for students attending a four-year institution who do not qualify for LIFE or Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

I

In-state – reference to a student whose residency is the state of South Carolina

J

Joy – the state of great pleasure and happiness when charting a course of success at **SCState**

L

LIFE – a merit-based scholarship used for cost of attendance for up to eight terms based on a student's initial college enrollment

M

Matriculation – to be admitted and to continue enrollment through satisfactory progress

N

Non-resident – reference to a student who is a resident of any other state or country than South Carolina and who is not eligible to in-state tuition and fees

O

Opportunity – a University mindset that advancement, progress, and success are obtainable at **SCState: Ambition becomes Ability**

P

Palmetto Fellows – merit-based program scholarship (up to \$6,700 per academic year) to recognize academically talented high school seniors

PIN – access password for Bulldog Connection

Pride – the sense of self and University dignity, value, and self-respect

Q

Questions – the intellectual process of inquiry and information

R

Registrar's Office – the official office at the University that keeps records on the enrollment and academic standing of all students

S

Satisfactory Progress – academic achievement necessary to receive financial aid and to continue matriculation

SGA – Student Government Association

SSRP – Student Success and Retention Program, entry point for all students and resource center for the FYE

STATEITE CREED – the belief, principles, and values of the **SCState** community of scholars to include students, faculty, and staff

T

Time – a nonspatial continuum in which events occur in apparently irreversible succession from the past through the present to the future

U

UNIVERSITY 101 – Introduction to the University Community, a two-hour mandatory class required for all new students

UF – a grade for unofficially leaving a class or not attending a class, resulting in a grade equivalent to an "F"

V

Verification – a financial aid term to indicate that parents and students must provide evidence of their financial information through tax forms and other forms of documentation

W

W – to remove oneself from a class officially after the add/drop period

WP – to remove oneself officially from a class after the period without an academic penalty

WF – to add/drop officially from a class with academic penalty of failure

X

X-ray – to examine oneself in the context of **eXcellence**

Y

Yes – an affirmation yielding to **The Stateite Creed** as the **Bulldog Way!**

Z

Zest – an attitude of spirited enjoyment and enthusiasm, epitomizing eternal optimism as a Bulldog!