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
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

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!