

<u>Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Academic Warning (Warning)	Students who do not meet a required grade point average are placed on academic warning
Academic Year	An academic year consists of Fall, Spring, and Summer. For example, this academic year is 2021-2022.
Accredited	Recognition that a university or program meets national or regional standards. West Virginia Northern is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.
ACT	This is a standardized test that measures your English, reading, math and science skills. This is not required for entrance at WVNCC but may help placing you in courses if you have taken it.
Academic Advisor	He or she provides guidance on course enrollment, academic progress, and graduation. Your advisor is someone that works within your major. If its your first time enrolling at WVNCC, then you will be assigned to the Advising Center for your campus.
Advanced Placement	College-level courses taken while in high school. Students may receive college credit based on their AP exam scores.
Alumni	Once you graduate from WVNCC, you will be an alumnus. You are always welcome to come back and see us.
Associate Degree	Two-Year Degree that consists of 60 credit hours.

Asynchronous Learning	This learning happens without a time frame and on your own schedule; however, you still must meet the deadlines that are set by your professor in your Syllabi.
Bachelor's Degree	Degree awarded after completion of a four-year degree. Usually need 120 credit hours to complete.
Campus	Where your classrooms and buildings are located. WVNCC has three campuses in Wheeling, Weirton and New Martinsville.
Catalog	Online resources that have degree plans, course descriptions, plus so much more. You can view it on our website at wvncc.edu.
Class Schedule	A list of courses in which a student is enrolled, along with when and where the classes meet. You can view your schedule in your N.O.W.
Commencement	Graduation Day! WVNCC offers one commencement ceremony in May at Wesbanco Arena.
Course Number	Your course number is often referred to as Math 109, English 101 etc. This will indicate the level of a certain subject you are taking.
Course Reference Number	This is a five-digit number that correlates with your course subject and number. For example, CRN- 22262
Corequisite	This means that you must take a course with another course at the same time.
Course Load	Number of hours you are taking in a semester and/or courses. For example, 12 credit hours.

Credit Hour	A credit hour is the calculated time that you spend in a class per week. For example, a 3-credit hour course, means you meet three times a week for a certain amount of time.
Dean	This is a person who oversees the academic side of the house for students and faculty.
Default	This means you did not repay your loan.
Deferment	Allows you to postpone or delay payment on your loan.
Department	This is an area within the college. For example, the Department of Student Activities or Department of Health Sciences.
Discussion Board	This is located within Blackboard where you interact with students through posting about what you have learned or read for that week of classes.
Drop/Add	During the first week of classes, you may drop or add classes to your schedule.
Elective	This is a course that is not required for your major that you may chose from to add to your schedule.
Enrollment	The process of being enrolled into WVNCC. This does not mean you are registered.
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	An index number used to determine how much financial aid you qualify for after you complete your FAFSA.
Faculty	Professors who teach your courses.

FAFSA	FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. You never should have to pay for this. Use our school code 010920 to submit your FAFSA to us. Your FAFSA takes about 3-5 business days for the college to receive.
FERPA	Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act. This allows your information to be kept safe. You must fill out a form through us if you would like a third-party to have access to your information.
Financial Aid	Financial Aid is available through grants and scholarships which do not need to be paid back. You can also take out a loan which does need to be paid back. If you have any questions, you will receive a financial aid package with all that you have received.
First-Generation Student	A student who neither one of their parents received a four-year degree.
Full-Time Student	A student enrolled in 12 credit hours.
GPA	This is a measure of how well you are doing in a class. You can determine your GPA by dividing the number of grade points by the credit hours you have completed. (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0).
Grant	Type of Financial Aid that does not need to be paid back.
old	A hold is something that will interfere with your registration or graduation. You must resolve all holds prior to registration or graduation.

ID	Your ID will let you into the building. If you do not have your ID, you may not be able to get into the building. You can also use it to get discounts at various locations.
Intramurals	Recreational sporting activities such as club sports etc.
Lecture	Class that you must attend for your major.
Loan	Financial Aid that you must pay back after you graduate.
Major	A major is a concentration of classes that you will graduate with. For example, you can graduate from WVNCC as an Associate in Science major.
Office Hours	Office Hours are where you can go meet with your professor during a specific time without an appointment.
Online Courses	The entire course is taught online through the Learning Management System.
PIN	A 6-digit numbers that allow you access to register. You must receive your PIN from your advisor.
Pell Grant	This type of financial aid does not need repaid and issued to undergraduate students.
Pre-Requisite	This means you must take a course before you allowed to take another course. For example, you must take ENG 101 before you can take ENG 102.
President	A college president is responsible for overseeing all operations, both academic and administrative, at an institution.

Provost	A cabinet level administrator who is concerned with the curriculum, faculty appointments, etc.
Re-Admit	A student who is coming back after taking time off but has been here prior.
Registrar	A staff member who oversees enrollment, grades, transcripts, and student services.
Registration	This is a term that is used after you have meet with your academic advisor to get receive your PIN.
Semester	A semester is represented into three periods. Fall, Spring and Summer.
Student Engagement	Department of Student Activities. This is who you can learn all about extra-curricular activities, clubs etc. The office of Student Engagement is in the Student Union on the 2 nd Floor.
Student Services	Student Services is where you go for help with registration, questions about classes, to receive a parking pass, or an ID. Each campus has a Student Services.
Syllabus	This is a document that provides you with all information about your class. You will receive one for each of your classes. DO NOT LOSE IT.
Synchronous	You are learning at the same time as everyone else. For example, your course could be online synchronous, but you must log on from 10-10:50 on Monday and Thursdays.

Tuition	Amount of money you pay for each credit hour. This could be different for each student depending on your resident status.
Transcript	Your official record for your courses at any institution that you have taken or have received grades for.
Transfer	A student that transfers from another institution with credit or no credit.
Tutor	Someone that helps you learn your materials that you may have a hard time with.
Waitlist	The student will join a queue to enroll in a course. If you are selected off the waitlist, you have 48 hours to enroll in the course.
Withdrawal	The student has completely removed itself from classes.
Work-Study	A certain type of Financial Aid that pays you to work part-time on your campus depending on the amount of funding that you have.
Zoom	Communication source that is used to communicate with students, faculty, or staff. Classes will use this platform if your course is synchronous online.