

Administrative Faculty

Administrative Faculty members are appointed to positions that are responsible for the administration and overall welfare of the university's teaching and research programs. Administrative Faculty titles include, but are not limited to: Provost, Vice Provost, Dean, Assistant/Associate Dean, and Chair.

Credit Hour or Student Credit Hour (SCH)

A credit hour is a unit of measurement assigned to a course and expressed in semester hours. SCH is used as a measure of independent study in the index of a faculty member's teaching hours, although its traditional purpose is to measure a student's progress toward a degree. The total SCH for a course are arrived by multiplying the number of students by the number of credit hours. SCH are generated by the level of the course.

Duplicated Ethnicity/Race (All Declared)

Unlike IPEDS Ethnicity/Race which defines a single ethnicity/race value, all self-reported ethnicity and race values are displayed; therefore, multiple values can be associated with a single student. Ethnicity values include Hispanic/Latino or Not Hispanic/Latino. Race values include American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, and White.

Faculty

The term "faculty" is not confined simply to those who teach. It refers to many people in the academic community whose responsibilities range from instruction to research, to public service and to administration, and in many cases a faculty member's responsibilities are made up of a combination of two or more functions.

Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Student

The FTE enrollment is the equivalent number of full-time students on the official census day of the semester. Equivalency is established by dividing the total number of SCH by the normal load of credit hours as follows. Lower division SCH are divided by fifteen to calculate FTE. Upper division SCH are divided by twelve to calculate FTE. Graduate SCH are divided by ten to calculate graduate FTE.

Full-time Faculty

Full-time Faculty are academic year appointments with the ranks of Regents' Professor, Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer and Instructor. Administrative faculty such as dean, associate dean, and directors, who hold faculty rank are included if they teach. Part-time faculty who are paid on a per class basis and graduate teaching assistants are excluded from this definition.

Full-time Graduate Student

A graduate student who holds a bachelor's degree or equivalent, is taking courses at the post-baccalaureate level, and is enrolled for nine or more semester credits.

Full-time Undergraduate Student

An undergraduate student who is enrolled for twelve or more semester credits.

General Operating Fund

Is used to account for transactions related to the university's state-appropriated budget, as approved by the Arizona Legislature and Arizona Board of Regents.

Headcount

Headcount is a distinct count of students, faculty or staff.

Full-time instructional faculty

Those members of the instruction/research staff who are employed full time and whose major regular assignment is instruction, including those with released time for research. Also, includes full-time faculty for whom it is not possible to differentiate between teaching, research and public service because each of these functions is an integral component of his/her regular assignment.

IPEDS Ethnicity/Race Values

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Ethnicity/Race is based on the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) categories and utilized in IPEDS reporting. The designations are used to categorize U.S. citizens, resident aliens, and other eligible non-citizens. Ethnicity specifically defines Hispanic or Latino, or Not Hispanic or Latino. If an individual declares Hispanic/Latino ethnicity, they are officially reported as Hispanic/Latino regardless of any race values that have been declared. Race values include: American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, White. Individuals who declare more than one race value are officially reported as having 'Two or More' races. Individuals who are non-resident aliens are officially reported to IPEDS as non-resident aliens.

Off Campus Resident

An Off Campus Resident is a student who does not live on campus in a residence hall.

On Campus

An On Campus Resident is a student who lives on campus in a residence hall.

State Operating Budget

The State Operating Budget is the primary budget at NAU. Two revenue sources support the state operating budget. The first, Collections, consists of student registration fees and tuition, along with some miscellaneous revenue and balance forward. The Arizona Board of Regents authorizes the universities to retain a portion of tuition and fee revenue for bonding debt service, plant projects, and some operating budgets not supported by the state. The remaining fee and tuition collections become a part of the state operating budget. The second major source of funding is General Funds-Arizona's general tax revenues. This amount is appropriated to the university as part of the annual legislative budget process.