## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A1.** Address Information

Name of College or University: Rhode Island College Mailing Address: 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue Providence, RI 02908 Street Address (if different), City/State/Zip/Country Main Phone Number: 401-456-8000 WWW Home Page Address: http://www.ric.edu Admissions Phone Number: 401-456-8234 Admissions Toll-free Number: 800-669-5760 Admissions Office Mailing Address Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Rhode Island College, 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue Providence, RI 02908 Admissions Fax Number: 401-456-8817 Admissions E-mail Address: admissions@ric.edu If there is a separate URL for your school's online application, please specify: www.commonapp.org If you have a mailing address other than the above to which applications should be sent, please provide:
A2. Source of institutional control (check one only)
<ul> <li>□ Private (nonprofit)</li> <li>□ Proprietary</li> </ul>
A3. Classify your undergraduate institution:
<ul><li></li></ul>
A4. Academic year calendar
<ul> <li>Semester  ☐ 4-1-4</li> <li>Quarter  ☐ Continuous</li> <li>☐ Trimester  ☐ Differs by program (describe):</li> <li>☐ Other (describe):</li> </ul>
A5. Degrees offered by your institution
☑ Certificate       ☑ Postbachelor's certificate         ☐ Diploma       ☑ Master's         ☐ Associate       ☑ Post-master's certificate         ☐ Transfer       ☑ Doctoral degree research/scholarship         ☐ Terminal       ☐ Doctoral degree – professional practice
☐ Bachelor's ☐ Doctoral degree other

## **B. ENROLLMENT AND PERSISTENCE**

**B1. Institutional Enrollment**—**Men and Women** Provide numbers of students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of October 15, 2014. Note: Report students formerly designated as "first professional" in the graduate cells.

	Full-Time		Part-Time			Grand Total			
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Undergraduates									
Degree-seeking, first-time freshmen	325	747	1,072	12	10	22	337	757	1,094
Other first-year, degree- seeking	192	394	586	29	44	73	221	438	659
All other degree-seeking	1,311	2,574	3,885	487	1,146	1,633	1,798	3,720	5,518
Total degree-seeking	1,828	3,715	5,543	528	1,200	1,728	2,356	4,915	7,271
All other undergraduates enrolled in credit courses	36	37	73	63	111	174	99	148	247
Total undergraduates	1,864	3,752	5,616	591	1,311	1,902	2,455	5,063	7,518
First-professional									
First-time, first- professional students									
All other first- professionals									
Total first-professional									
Graduate									
Degree-seeking, first-time	13	55	68	39	142	181	52	197	249
All other degree-seeking	21	69	90	82	332	414	103	401	504
All other graduates enrolled in credit courses	8	29	37	62	271	333	70	300	370
Total graduate	42	153	195	183	745	928	225	898	1,123
GRAND TOTAL, degree-seeking only	1,862	3,839	5,701	649	1,674	2,323	2,511	5,513	8,024
GRAND TOTAL	1,906	3,905	5,811	774	2,056	2,830	2,680	5,961	8,641

Total all undergraduates: 7,518

Total all graduate: 1,123

GRAND TOTAL ALL STUDENTS: **8,641** 

**B2.** Enrollment by Racial/Ethnic Category. Provide numbers of undergraduate students for each of the following categories as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of October 15, 2014. Include international students only in the category "Nonresident aliens." Complete the "Total Undergraduates" column only if you cannot provide data for the first two columns. Report as your institution reports to IPEDS: persons who are Hispanic should be reported only on the Hispanic line, not under any race, and persons who are non-Hispanic multi-racial should be reported only under "Two or more races."

	Degree- seeking First-time First year	F14 %	F13 %	Degree-seeking Undergraduates (include first-time first-year)	F14 %	F13 %	Total Undergraduates (both degree- and non-degree- seeking)	F14 %	F13 %
Nonresident aliens	3	0.3%	0.1%	12	0.2%	0.1%	13	0.2%	0.1%
Hispanic	218	19.9%	18.1%	1,042	14.3%	12.4%	1,075	14.3%	12.3%
Black or African American, non- Hispanic	96	8.8%	8.7%	570	7.8%	7.4%	589	7.,84%	7.4%
White, non-Hispanic	653	59.7%	57.1%	4,592	63.2%	63.8%	4,746	63.1%	63.7%
American Indian or Alaskan Native, non- Hispanic	9	0.8%	0.7%	29	0.4%	0.3%	29	0.4%	0.3%
Asian, non-Hispanic	50	4.6%	2.8%	216	3.0%	2.5%	225	3.0%	2.5%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic	1	0.1%	0.2%	6	0.1%	0.1%	7	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races, non-Hispanic	10	0.9%	2.9%	139	1.9%	2.1%	141	1.9%	2.1%
Race or ethnicity unknown	54	4.9%	9.5%	665	9.1%	11.3%	693	9.2%	11.5%
Total	1,094	100%	100%	7,271	100%	100%	7,518	100%	100%

#### **Persistence**

B3. Number of degrees awarded by your institution from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014.

Certificate/diploma	<u>4</u>
Associate degrees	
Bachelor's degrees	1,320
Postbachelor's certificates	<u>1</u>
Master's degrees	<u>311</u>
Post-master's certificates	<u>24</u>
Doctoral degrees – research/scholarship	<u>11</u>
Doctoral degrees – professional practice	
Doctoral degrees – other	
GRAND TOTAL	<u>1,671</u>

#### **Graduation Rates**

The items in this section correspond to data elements collected by the IPEDS Web-based Data Collection System's Graduation Rate Survey (GRS). For complete instructions and definitions of data elements, see the IPEDS GRS instructions and glossary on the 2014 Web-based survey.

#### For Bachelor's or Equivalent Programs

Please provide data for the Fall 2008 cohort if available. If Fall 2008 cohort data are not available, provide data for the Fall 2007 cohort.

#### Fall 2008 Cohort

Report for the cohort of full-time first-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered in Fall **2008**. Include in the cohort those who entered your institution during the summer term preceding Fall **2008**.

- **B4.** Initial **2008** cohort of first-time, full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students; total all students: 1,155
- **B5.** Of the initial **2008** cohort, how many did not persist and did not graduate for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, or service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions; total allowable exclusions:  $\underline{0}$
- **B6.** Final **2008** cohort, after adjusting for allowable exclusions: <u>1,155</u>

(Subtract question B5 from question B4)

- **B7.** Of the initial 2008 cohort, how many completed the program in four years or less (by August 31, 2012): 167
- **B8**. Of the initial **2008** cohort, how many completed the program in more than four years but in five years or less (after August 31, 2012 and by August 31, 2013): <u>225</u>
- **B9.** Of the initial **2008** cohort, how many completed the program in more than five years but in six years or less (after August 31, 2013 and by August 31, 2014): <u>100</u>
- **B10**. Total graduating within six years (sum of questions B7, B8, and B9): 492
- **B11.** Six-year graduation rate for **2008** cohort (question B10 divided by question B6): 42.6%

### **Retention Rates**

Report for the cohort of all full-time, first-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered in Fall 2013 (or the preceding summer term). The initial cohort may be adjusted for students who departed for the following reasons: death, permanent disability, or service in the armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government or official church missions. No other adjustments to the initial cohort should be made.

**B22.** For the cohort of all full-time bachelor's (or equivalent) degree-seeking undergraduate students who entered your institution as freshmen in Fall 2013 (or the preceding summer term), what percentage was enrolled at your institution as of the date your institution calculates its official enrollment in Fall 2014? 78.6 %

# C. FIRST-TIME, FIRST-YEAR (FRESHMAN) ADMISSION

Applications				
C1. First-time, first-year (freshman) students:	Provide the number	of degree-seeking,	first-time, first-	year students who

	applied, were admitted, and enrolled (full- or part-time) in Fall 201 who began studies during summer in this cohort. Applicants should requirements for consideration for admission (i.e., who completed a one of the following actions: admission, non-admission, placement or institution). Admitted applicants should include wait-listed stude	include only those actionable application waiting list, or a	students who fulfill ons) and who have application withdray	led the been notified of vn (by applicant
	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who applied Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who applied	1,649 3,188	Total Applicants	<u>4,837</u>
	Total first-time, first-year (freshman) men who were admitted Total first-time, first-year (freshman) women who were admitted	968 2,198	Total Admitted	3,166 5% Admitted)
	Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) men who enrolled	325 12	Total Enrolled	1,094
	Total full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolle Total part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) women who enrolle			(35% Yield)
C2	. Freshman wait-listed students (students who met admission recontingent on space availability)  Do you have a policy of placing students on a waiting list? Ye If yes, please answer the questions below for Fall 2014 admissions:	es 🛛 No	ose final admission	n was
	Number of qualified applicants offered a place on waiting list  Number accepting a place on the waiting list  Number of wait-listed students admitted			
Is y	rour waiting list ranked?  If yes, do you release that information to students?  Do you release that information to school counselors?			
	mission Requirements  High school completion requirement Check the appropriate box to identify your high school completion  High school diploma is required and GED is accepted  High school diploma is required and GED is not accepted  High school diploma or equivalent is not required	requirement for de	egree-seeking enteri	ng students:
C4	Does your institution require or recommend a general college-p  ☐ Require ☐ Recommend ☐ Neither require nor recommend	oreparatory progr	am for degree-seel	king students?

**C5. Distribution of high school units required and/or recommended.** Specify the distribution of academic high school course units required and/or recommended of all or most degree-seeking students using Carnegie units (one unit equals one year of study or its equivalent). If you use a different system for calculating units, please convert.

	Units Required	<b>Units Recommended</b>
Total academic units	18	
English	4	
Mathematics	3	
Science	2	
Of these, units that must be lab	2	
Foreign language	2	
Social studies	2	
History		
Academic electives	5	
Computer Science		
Visual/Performing Arts		
Other (specify)		

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Volunteer work Work experience

Level of applicant's interest

<b>C6.</b> Do you have an open admission policequivalency diplomas are admitted which applies: N/A	•	•		
Open admission policy as described Open admission policy as described selective admission for out-of- selective admission to some pr other (explain)	above for most students, bu state students ograms			
C7. Relative importance of each of the	9	onacademic factor	rs in your first-time	e, first-year,
degree-seeking (freshman) admissi	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Academic				
Rigor of secondary school record	$\boxtimes$			
Class rank	$\boxtimes$			
Academic GPA		$\overline{\boxtimes}$		
Standardized test scores		$\boxtimes$		
Application Essay		$\boxtimes$		
Recommendation		$\boxtimes$		
Nonacademic				
Interview			$\boxtimes$	
Extracurricular activities			$\boxtimes$	
Talent/ability			$\boxtimes$	
Character/personal qualities				$\boxtimes$
First generation				$\boxtimes$
Alumni/ae relation			$\boxtimes$	
Geographical residence				$\boxtimes$
State residency				$\boxtimes$
Religious affiliation/commitment				$\boxtimes$
Racial/ethnic status				$\boxtimes$

# **SAT and ACT Policies**

C8. Entrance exams						
A. Does your institution make use of S degree-seeking applicants?   ✓ Ye		or SAT Subject T	est scores in <b>admi</b>	ssion decisions f	or first-time, first	st-year,
If yes, place check marks in the appropriate Fall 2016.	oriate boxes	below to reflect	our institution's p	olicies for use in	admission for	
	Require	Recommend	ADMISSION Require for Some	Consider If Submitted	Not Used	
SAT or ACT ACT only SAT only SAT and SAT Subject Tests or ACT						
SAT Subject Tests						
B. If your institution will make use of the Fall 2016 please indicate which ONE cadmissions process):  X ACT with Writing component requared ACT with Writing component recomponent recomponent without Writing component recomponent reco	of the follow uired ommended. ponent acce	ring applies (rega	rdless of whether t	the writing score	will be used in	
For admission For placement For advising In place of an application es As a validity check on the a No college policy as of now Not using essay component	oplication es	SAT ess	say ACT essay	7		
D. In addition, does your institution us $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ yes no	e applicants	test scores for a	cademic advising?			
<ul><li>E. Latest date by which SAT or ACT Latest date by which SAT Subject</li><li>F. If necessary, use this space to clar not required of some students):</li></ul>	Test scores	must be received	l for fall-term adm	ission <u>03/15</u>	udents, or if test	s are
G. Please indicate which tests your is	nstitution us	es for <b>placement</b>	(e.g., state tests):	:		
SAT  ACT  SAT Subject Tests  AP  CLEP  Institutional Exam  State Exam (specify):						

### Freshman Profile

Provide percentages for **ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, full-time and part-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students** enrolled in Fall 2014, including students who began studies during summer, international students/nonresident aliens, and students admitted under special arrangements.

C9. Percent and number of first-time, first-year (freshman) students enrolled in Fall 2014 who submitted national standardized (SAT/ACT) test scores. Include information for ALL enrolled, degree-seeking, first-time, first-year (freshman) students who submitted test scores. Do not include partial test scores (e.g., mathematics scores but not critical reading for a category of students) or combine other standardized test results (such as TOEFL) in this item. Do not convert SAT scores to ACT scores and vice versa.

The 25th percentile is the score that 25 percent scored at or below; the 75th percentile score is the one that 25 percent scored at or above.

Percent submitting SAT scores	<u>92%</u>	Number submitting SAT scores	1,005
Percent submitting ACT scores	<u>6%</u>	Number submitting ACT scores	<u>63</u>

	25th	F13	75th	F13
	Percentile		Percentile	
SAT Critical Reading	400	420	520	520
SAT Math	410	400	510	510
SAT Writing	400	420	510	520
SAT Essay	6	6	8	8
ACT Composite	16	17	21	21
ACT Math	15	16	20	22
ACT English	14	15	22	21
ACT Writing	6	6	8	8

Average Test Scores	F14	F13
SAT Critical Reading	462	470
SAT Math	457	460
SAT Composite	919	930
SAT Writing	456	468
SAT Essay	7	7
ACT	19	19

Percent of first-time, first-year (freshman) students with scores in each range:

	SAT Critical Reading	F13	SAT Math	F13	SAT Writing	F13
700-800	0.9%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%
600-699	5.0%	6.0%	4.6%	5.2%	4.6%	5.1%
500-599	30.8%	29.8%	27.2%	28.2%	25.6%	28.1%
400-499	41.9%	48.6%	48.7%	46.6%	46.6%	50.5%
300-399	19.0%	12.7%	17.6%	18.4%	20.3%	14.4%
200-299	2.4%	2.4%	1.8%	1.7%	2.5%	1.7%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

	ACT	F13	ACT English	F13	ACT Math	F13
	Composite					
30-36	1.0%	0%	4.2%	1.9%	1.0%	0%
24-29	15.6%	13.2%	10.4%	13.2%	12.5%	20.8%
18-23	42.7%	57.4%	35.4%	49.1%	30.2%	34.0%
12-17	39.6%	29.4%	38.5%	28.3%	55.2%	45.3%
6-11	1.0%	0%	11.5%	7.5%	1.0%	0%
Below 6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

each of the following ranges (report informati information).	•	-	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e
Percent in top tenth of high school graduating class Percent in top quarter of high school graduating element in top half of high school graduating class Percent in bottom half of high school graduating Percent in bottom quarter of high school graduat Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) s	class 34.1% ss 76.2% class 23.8% ing class 3.3%		op half + bottom half = $100\%$ .  igh school class rank: $80.2\%$
C11. Percentage of all enrolled, degree-seeking, fin point averages within each of the following ra from whom you collected high school GPA.			
Percent who had GPA of 3.75 and higher Percent who had GPA between 3.50 and 3.74 Percent who had GPA between 3.25 and 3.49 Percent who had GPA between 3.00 and 3.24			
Percent who had GPA between 2.50 and 2.99 Percent who had GPA between 2.0 and 2.49			
Percent who had GPA between 1.0 and 1.99 Percent who had GPA below 1.0	100%		
C12. Average high school GPA of all degree-seeking.  Percent of total first-time, first-year (freshman) s  Admission Policies		-	
C13. Application fee			
Does your institution have an application fee?  Amount of application fee: \$50  Can it be waived for applicants with financial new		☑ Yes ☑ Yes	□ No
If you have an application fee and an on-line appli Same fee: <u>X</u> Free: Reduced:		lease in	_
Can on-line application fee be waived for applican	nts with financia	l need?	Yes No <u>X</u>
C14. Application closing date			
Does your institution have an application closing Application closing date (fall): <u>03/15</u> Priority date:	date?	☑ Yes	□ No
C15. Are first-time, first-year students accepted for	or terms other tl	nan the	fall? ⊠ Yes □ No
C16. Notification to applicants of admission decisi	on sent (fill in or	ne only)	
On a rolling basis beginning (date): 12/15  By (date): Other:	-		

C17. Reply policy for admitted applicants (fill in one only)
Must reply by (date):
No set date: Must reply by May 1 or within <u>2</u> weeks if notified thereafter
Other:
Deadline for housing deposit (MMDD): <u>05/15</u>
Amount of housing deposit: \$220 Refundable if student does not enroll?
Yes, in full
$\overline{\underline{\mathbf{X}}}$ Yes, in part
No
C18. Deferred admission: Does your institution allow students to postpone enrollment after admission?  ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, maximum period of postponement:
<b>C19. Early admission of high school students:</b> Does your institution allow high school students to enroll as full-time, first-time, first-year (freshman) students one year or more before high school graduation?   ☐ Yes ☐ No
C20. Common Application: Question removed from CDS. (Initiated during 2006-2007 cycle)
Early Decision and Early Action Plans
<b>C21. Early decision:</b> Does your institution offer an early decision plan (an admission plan that permits students to apply an be notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date and that asks students to commit to attending if accepted) for first-time, first-year (freshman) applicants for fall enrollment? Yes No
If "yes," please complete the following:
First or only early decision plan closing date  First or only early decision plan notification date
Other early decision plan closing date Other early decision plan notification date
For the Fall 2014 entering class:
Number of early decision applications received by your institution  Number of applicants admitted under early decision plan
Please provide significant details about your early decision plan:
<b>C22. Early action:</b> Do you have a nonbinding early action plan whereby students are notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification date but do not have to commit to attending your college?
☐ Yes         No
If "yes," please complete the following:
Early action closing date  Early action notification date
Is your early action plan a "restrictive" plan under which you limit students from applying to other early plans?
☐ Yes ☐ No

## D. TRANSFER ADMISSION

Fall	$ \mathbf{A} $	pp]	lica	ınts

D1.	(If no, please If yes, may t	e skip to Section	earn advanced standing	<del></del>	rring credits earne	l from course work o	completed at
D2.			nts who applied, were	admitted, and enro	lled as degree-seel	cing transfer students	in Fall
		Applicants	Admitted Applican	nts Enrolled A	onlicants		
	Men	414	346	256			
	Women	769	628	442			
	Total	1,183	974	698			
D4.	Must a trans  Myes □  If yes, what  with a 2.25	☐ Winter fer applicant hav ] No is the minimum i GPA	re a minimum number number of credits and transfer students to a	the unit of measure	e? 30 credits with	a 2.0 GPA or 24 to	29 credits
			Required of All	Recommended of All	Recommended of Some	Required of Some	Not required
	High school	ol transcript					X
	College tra	nscript(s)	X				
	Essay or personal statement X						
	Interview						X
		ed test scores					X
		of good standing institution(s)					X
	If a minimum		de point average is re	quired of transfer a	pplicants, specify		

**D8**. List any other application requirements specific to transfer applicants:

(on a 4.0 scale): **2.0** 

**D7**. If a minimum college grade point average is required of transfer applicants, specify

Minimum grade point average of 2.25 with 24 to 29 earned college credits or a minimum grade point average of 2.0 with 30 or more earned college credits.

**D9.** List application priority, closing, notification, and candidate reply dates for transfer students. If applications are reviewed on a continuous or rolling basis, place a check mark in the "Rolling admission" column.

	Priority Date	Closing Date	<b>Notification Date</b>	Reply Date	Rolling Admission
Fall		06/01			
Winter					
Spring		11/15			
Summer					

<b>D10.</b> Does an open admission policy, if reported, apply to transfer students?  Yes No						
<b>D11</b> . Describe additional requirements for transfer admission, if applicable:						
Transfer Credit Policies						
<b>D12.</b> Report the lowest grade earned for any course that may be transferred for credit: $\underline{\mathbf{C}}$						
D13. Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a two-year institution:  Number 75 Unit type Credits						
D14. Maximum number of credits or courses that may be transferred from a four-year institution:  Number 75 Unit type Credits						
<b>D15.</b> Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn an associate degree:						
<b>D16.</b> Minimum number of credits that transfers must complete at your institution to earn a bachelor's degree: <u>45</u>						

**D17.** Describe other transfer credit policies:

Transfer credit is usually granted for courses completed at a regionally accredited college in which the student has achieved a minimum grade of a C; however, Rhode Island College reserves the right of final judgment on any such decision. At the discretion of the Admissions Office, college credit more than ten years old may be accepted for transfer. The chair of the student's major department will determine how the credit is to be applied in the student's program of study. Students may request program credit for art courses taken at another institution by submitting a portfolio of work representing the courses for which the credit is desired. The portfolio will be reviewed by a committee of studio art faculty to determine course credit transfer.

# E. ACADEMIC OFFERINGS AND POLICIES

<b>E1. Special study options:</b> Identify those programs a	vailable at your institution. Re	efer to the glossary for	r definitions.
<ul> <li>☐ Accelerated program</li> <li>☐ Cooperative education program</li> <li>☐ Cross-registration</li> <li>☐ Distance learning</li> <li>☐ Double major</li> <li>☐ Dual enrollment</li> <li>☐ English as a Second Language (ESL)</li> <li>☐ Exchange student program (domestic)</li> <li>☐ External degree program</li> <li>☐ Other (specify): <u>Undergraduate</u></li> <li><u>research opportunities</u></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>☒ Honors program</li> <li>☒ Independent study</li> <li>☒ Internships</li> <li>☐ Liberal arts/career com</li> <li>☒ Student-designed major</li> <li>☒ Study abroad</li> <li>☒ Teacher certification pr</li> <li>☐ Weekend college</li> </ul>	r	
E2. Has been removed from the CDS.			
E3. Areas in which all or most students are require	ed to complete some course	work prior to gradua	ation:
English (including composition)  Foreign languages  History  Other (describe):  Library Collections: The CDS publishers will colle	Humanities Mathematics Philosophy Sciences (biological or phys Social science		raries Survey is in
place.			
F.	STUDENT LIFE		
F1. Percentages of first-time, first-year (freshman) enrolled in Fall 2014 who fit the following cate	gories:		_
		rst-time, first-year reshman) students	Undergraduates
Percent who are from out of state (exclude interna-	ntional/nonresident		
aliens from the numerator and denominator)		18.0% N/A	<u>14.7%</u> <u>N/A</u>
Percent of men who join fraternities Percent of women who join sororities		<u>N/A</u> <u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u> N/A
Percent who live in college-owned, -operated, or	-affiliated housing	39.4%	15.4%
Percent who live off campus or commute	unimus in aging	60.6%	84.6%
Percent of students age 25 and older		0.5%	23.3%
Average age of full-time students		18	<u>22</u>
Average age of all students (full- and part-time)		<del>1</del> 9	$\overline{24}$

<b>F2.</b> Activities offered Identify	those programs available at y	your institution.
<ul> <li></li></ul>	<ul><li>☐ Marching band</li><li>☐ Model UN</li><li>☐ Music ensembles</li><li>☐ Musical theater</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Radio station</li> <li>Student government</li> <li>Student newspaper</li> <li>Student-run film society</li> <li>Symphony orchestra</li> <li>Television station</li> </ul>
F3. ROTC (program offered in		_
Naval ROTC is offered:	estitution (name): Providence	e College
Air Force ROTC is offered On campus At cooperating in		
<b>F4. Housing:</b> Check all types institution.	of college-owned, -operated, o	or -affiliated housing available for undergraduates at your
<ul><li>☐ Coed dorms</li><li>☐ Men's dorms</li><li>☐ Women's dorms</li><li>☐ Apartments for n</li><li>☐ Apartments for si</li><li>☐ Other housing op</li></ul>	Spect Frate Coop Frate Coop There Well	ial housing for disabled students ial housing for international students ernity/sorority housing perative housing ne housing ness housing

### G. ANNUAL EXPENSES

G0. Please provide the URL of your institution's net price calculator: http://www.ric.edu/financialaid/npcalc.htm

Provide 2015-2016 academic year costs of attendance for the following categories that are applicable to your institution.

Check here if your institution's 2015-2016 academic year costs of attendance are not available at this time and provide an approximate date (i.e., month/day) when your institution's final 2015-2016 academic year costs of attendance will be available: **05/01** 

#### G1. Undergraduate full-time tuition, required fees, room and board

List the typical tuition, required fees, and room and board for a full-time undergraduate student for the FULL 2015-2016 academic year (30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours for institutions that derive annual tuition by multiplying credit hour cost by number of credits). A full academic year refers to the period of time generally extending from September to June; usually equated to two semesters, two trimesters, three quarters, or the period covered by a four-one-four plan. Room and board is defined as double occupancy and 19 meals per week or the maximum meal plan. **Required fees** include only charges that all full-time students must pay that are **not** included in tuition (e.g., registration, health, or activity fees.) Do **not** include optional fees (e.g., parking, laboratory use).

	FIRST-YEAR	UNDERGRADUATES	*NEBHE/MTP
PRIVATE INSTITUTION			
Tuition:			
PUBLIC INSTITUTION			
Tuition:	\$6,530	\$6,530	\$9,795
In-district:			
In-state (out-of-district):	\$6,530	\$6,530	
Out-of-state:	\$17,228	\$17,228	
NONRESIDENT ALIEN: Tuition:	\$17,228	\$17,228	
REQUIRED FEES:	\$1,072	\$1,072	\$1,072
ROOM AND BOARD: (on-campus)	\$10,094	\$10,094	\$10,094
ROOM ONLY: (on-campus)	\$5,744	\$5,744	\$5,744
BOARD ONLY: (on-campus meal plan)	\$4,350	\$4,350	\$4,350

Comprehensive tuition and room and board fee (if your college cannot provide sepa fees):	arate tuition and room and board
Other:	
G2. Number of credits per term a student can take for the stated full-time tuition	12 minimum 18 maximum
G3. Do tuition and fees vary by year of study (e.g., sophomore, junior, senior)?	☐ Yes         No
G4. Do tuition and fees vary by undergraduate instructional program?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
If yes, what percentage of full-time undergraduates pay more than the tuition and fee	es reported in G1?

# G5. Provide the estimated expenses for a typical full-time undergraduate student:

	Residents	Commuters (living at home)	Commuters (not living at home)
Books and supplies:	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Room only:			N/A
Board only:		\$2,000	N/A
Room and board total (if your college cannot provide separate room and board figures for commuters not living at home):			\$12,300
Transportation:	\$440	\$1,200	\$1,200
Other expenses:	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000

# **G6.** Undergraduate per-credit-hour charges (tuition only):

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS:	
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS In-district:	\$272
*PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS (NEBHE/MTP) In-district:	\$408
In-state (out-of-district):	\$272
Out-of-state:	\$670
NONRESIDENT ALIENS:	\$670

## $*Graduate\ per-credit-hour\ charges\ (tuition\ only):$

PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS:	
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS In-district:	\$372
*PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS (NEBHE/MTP) In-district:	\$558
In-state (out-of-district):	\$372
Out-of-state:	\$724
NONRESIDENT ALIENS:	\$724

### H. FINANCIAL AID

#### Please refer to the following financial aid definitions when completing Section H.

Awarded aid: The dollar amounts offered to financial aid applicants.

**Financial aid applicant:** Any applicant who submits **any one of** the institutionally required financial aid applications/forms, such as the FAFSA.

**Indebtedness:** Aggregate dollar amount borrowed through any loan program (federal, state, subsidized, unsubsidized, private, etc.; excluding parent loans) while the student was enrolled at an institution. Student loans co-signed by a parent are assumed to be the responsibility of the student and **should** be included.

**Institutional scholarships and grants**: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants for which the institution determines the recipient.

Financial need: As determined by your institution using the federal methodology and/or your institution's own standards.

**Need-based aid:** College-funded or college-administered award from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify. This includes both institutional and non-institutional student aid (grants, jobs, and loans).

**Need-based scholarship or grant aid:** Scholarships and grants from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify.

**Need-based self-help aid:** Loans and jobs from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must demonstrate financial need to qualify.

**Non-need-based scholarship or grant aid:** Scholarships and grants, gifts, or merit-based aid from institutional, state, federal, or other sources (including unrestricted funds or gifts and endowment income) awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement, merit, or any other non-need-based reason. When reporting questions H1 and H2, non-need-based aid that is used to meet need should be counted as need-based aid.

#### Note: Suggested order of precedence for counting non-need money as need-based:

Non-need institutional grants

Non-need tuition waivers

Non-need athletic awards

Non-need federal grants

Non-need state grants

Non-need outside grants

Non-need student loans

Non-need parent loans

Non-need work

**Non-need-based self-help aid:** Loans and jobs from institutional, state, or other sources for which a student need not demonstrate financial need to qualify.

**External scholarships and grants:** Scholarships and grants received from outside (private) sources that students bring with them (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit scholarships). The institution may process paperwork to receive the dollars, but it has no role in determining the recipient or the dollar amount awarded.

**Work study and employment**: Federal and state work study aid, and any employment packaged by your institution in financial aid awards.

#### Aid Awarded to Enrolled Undergraduates

H1. Enter total dollar amounts awarded to enrolled full-time and less than full-time degree-seeking undergraduates (using the same cohort reported in CDS Question B1, "total degree-seeking" undergraduates) in the following categories. (Note: If the data being reported are final figures for the 2013-2014 academic year (see the next item below), use the 2013-2014 academic year's CDS Question B1 cohort.) Include aid awarded to international students (i.e., those not qualifying for federal aid). Aid that is non-need-based but that was used to meet need should be reported in the need-based aid column. (For a suggested order of precedence in assigning categories of aid to cover need, see the entry for "non-need-based scholarship or grant aid" on the last page of the definitions section.)

Indicate the academic year for which data are reported for <b>items H1</b> , <b>H2</b> , <b>H2A</b> , and <b>H6</b> below:   2014-2015 estimated or □ 2013-2014 final
Which needs-analysis methodology does your institution use in awarding institutional aid? (Formerly H3)
Federal methodology (FM)
X Institutional methodology (IM)
Both FM and IM

	Need-based (Include non-need-based aid use to meet need.)	Non-need-based (Exclude non-need-based aid use to meet need.)	GRAND TOTAL Need and Non-need based
	\$	\$	\$
Scholarships/Grants		·	
Federal	\$13,766,003	\$0	\$13,766,003
State (i.e., all states, not only the state in which your institution is located)	\$1,269,559	\$0	\$1,269,559
Institutional: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants, awarded by the college, excluding athletic aid and tuition waivers (which are reported below).	\$5,347,521	\$388,402	\$5,735,923
Scholarships/grants from external sources (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit) not awarded by the college	\$597,967	\$96,146	\$694,113
Total Scholarships/Grants	\$20,981,050	\$484,548	\$21,465,598
Self-Help			
Student loans from all sources (excluding parent loans)	\$26,385,631	\$10,014,349	\$36,399,980
Federal Work-Study	\$1,659,138		
State and other (e.g., institutional) work- study/employment (Note: Excludes Federal Work-Study captured above.)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Self-Help	\$28,044,769	\$10,014,349	\$38,059,118
Parent Loans	\$406,274	\$869,045	\$1,275,319
Tuition Waivers Note: Reporting is optional. Report tuition waivers in this row if you choose to report them. Do not report tuition waivers elsewhere.	\$401,807	\$425,372	\$827,179
Athletic Awards	\$0	\$0	\$0

**H2.** Number of Enrolled Students Awarded Aid: List the number of degree-seeking full-time and less-than-full-time undergraduates who applied for and were awarded financial aid from any source. Aid that is non-need-based but that was used to meet need should be counted as need-based aid. Numbers should reflect the cohort awarded the dollars reported in H1. Note: In the chart below, students may be counted in more than one row, and full-time freshmen should also be counted as full-time undergraduates.

		First-time Full-time Freshmen	Full-time Undergrad (Incl. Fresh)	Less Than Full-time Undergrad
a)	Number of degree-seeking undergraduate students (CDS Item B1 if reporting on Fall 2014 cohort)	1,072	5,543	1,728
b)	Number of students in line <b>a</b> who applied for need-based financial aid	987	4,682	1,187
c)	Number of students in line ${\bf b}$ who were determined to have financial need	788	3,839	1,050
d)	Number of students in line ${\bf c}$ who were awarded any financial aid	765	3,654	905
e)	Number of students in line <b>d</b> who were awarded any need-based scholarship or grant aid	677	3,193	715
f)	Number of students in line <b>d</b> who were awarded any need-based self-help aid	668	3,364	797
g)	Number of students in line <b>d</b> who were awarded any non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	12	42	0
h)	Number of students in line <b>d</b> whose need was fully met ( <u>exclude PLUS</u> <u>loans</u> , <u>unsubsidized loans</u> , and <u>private alternative loans</u> )	107	557	115
i)	On average, the percentage of need that was met of students who were awarded any need-based aid. Exclude any aid that was awarded in excess of need as well as any resources that were awarded to replace EFC (PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans)	72%	70%	55%
j)	The average financial aid package of those in line <b>d.</b> Exclude any resources that were awarded to replace EFC (PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans)	\$9,501	\$8,999	\$6,191
k)	Average need-based scholarship or grant award of those in line e	\$7,143	\$5,731	\$3,287
1)	Average need-based self-help award ( <u>excluding PLUS loans</u> , <u>unsubsidized loans</u> , and <u>private alternative loans</u> ) of those in line <b>f</b>	\$3,584	\$4,227	\$3,985
m)	Average need-based loan (excluding PLUS loans, unsubsidized loans, and private alternative loans) of those in line <b>f</b> who were awarded a need-based loan	\$3,368	\$4,000	\$4,041

**H2A.** Number of Enrolled Students Awarded Non-need-based Scholarships and Grants: List the number of degree-seeking full-time and less-than-full-time undergraduates who had no financial need and who were awarded institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid. Numbers should reflect the cohort awarded the dollars reported in H1. Note: In the chart below, students may be counted in more than one row, and full-time freshmen should also be counted as full-time undergraduates.

		First-time Full-time Freshmen	Full-time Undergrad (Incl. Fresh)	Less Than Full-time Undergrad
n)	Number of students in line <b>a</b> who had no financial need and who were awarded institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid (exclude those who were awarded athletic awards and tuition benefits)	38	135	6
o)	Average dollar amount of institutional non-need-based scholarship and grant aid awarded to students in line <b>n</b>	\$2,754	\$2,572	\$1,105
p)	Number of students in line <b>a</b> who were awarded an institutional non-need-based athletic scholarship or grant	0	0	0
q)	Average dollar amount of institutional non-need-based athletic scholarships and grants awarded to students in line <b>p</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Note:** These are the graduates and loan types to include and exclude in order to fill out CDS H4, H4a, H5 and H5a.

#### Include:

- \* 2014 undergraduate class who graduated between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014 who started at your institution as first-time students and received a bachelor's degree between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014.
- \* only loans made to students who borrowed while enrolled at your institution.
- co-signed loans.

#### Exclude:

- \* those who transferred in.
- money borrowed at other institutions.
- H4. Provide the percentage of the class (defined above) who borrowed at any time through any loan programs (institutional, state, Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized, private loans that were certified by your institution, etc.; exclude parent loans). Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans. 71%
- H4a. Provide the percentage of the class (defined above) who borrowed at any time through federal loan programs--Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans. NOTE: exclude all institutional, state, private alternative loans and parent loans. 70%
- H5. Report the average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed of those in line H4. \$25,567
- H5a. Report the average per-undergraduate-borrower cumulative principal borrowed, of those in H4a, through federal loan programs--Federal Perkins, Federal Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized. Include both Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Education Loans. These are listed in line H4a. NOTE: exclude all institutional, state, private alternative loans and exclude parent loans. \$22,582

**Aid to Undergraduate Degree-seeking Nonresident Aliens** (Note: Report numbers and dollar amounts for the same academic year checked in item H1.)

H6. Indicate your institution's policy regarding institutional scholarship and grant aid for undergraduate degree-seeking
nonresident aliens:
Institutional need-based scholarship or grant aid is available
☐ Institutional non-need-based scholarship or grant aid is available ☐ Institutional scholarship and grant aid is not available
institutional scholarship and grant aid is not available
If institutional financial aid is available for undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens, provide the number of undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens who were awarded need-based or non-need-based aid:
Average dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:  \$
Total dollar amount of institutional financial aid awarded to undergraduate degree-seeking nonresident aliens:
H7. Check off all financial aid forms nonresident alien first-year financial aid applicants must submit:
Institution's own financial aid form
CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
International Student's Financial Aid Application
CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE International Student's Financial Aid Application International Student's Certification of Finances Other
Other:
Process for First-Year/Freshman Students
H8. Check off all financial aid forms domestic first-year (freshman) financial aid applicants must submit:
Institution's own financial aid form
CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE
State aid form
Noncustodial PROFILE
<ul> <li>☐ FAFSA</li> <li>☐ Institution's own financial aid form</li> <li>☐ CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE</li> <li>☐ State aid form</li> <li>☐ Noncustodial PROFILE</li> <li>☐ Business/Farm Supplement</li> <li>☐ Other:</li></ul>
<b>H9.</b> Indicate filing dates for first-year (freshman) students:
Priority date for filing required financial aid forms: <u>03/01</u>
Deadline for filing required financial aid forms:
No deadline for filing required forms (applications processed on a rolling basis):
H10. Indicate notification dates for first-year (freshman) students (answer a or b):
a.) Students notified on or about (date):
b.) Students notified on a rolling basis: <b>Yes</b> If yes, starting date: <b>03/15</b>
H11. Indicate reply dates:

Students must reply by (date):  $\underline{05/01}$  or within  $\underline{3}$  weeks of notification.

#### Types of Aid Available

Please check off all types of aid available to undergraduates at your institution:

H12. I	Loans
	FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM (DIRECT LOAN)
$\boxtimes$	Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans
$\boxtimes$	Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans
$\boxtimes$	Direct PLUS Loans
$\boxtimes$	Federal Perkins Loans
	Federal Nursing Loans
$\boxtimes$	State Loans
	College/university loans from institutional funds
$\boxtimes$	Other (specify): If a student requests an Education Loan from a private lender, the
	institution will provide the information requested by the lender.
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### H13. Scholarships and Grants

	NEED-BASED:
$\boxtimes$	Federal Pell
$\boxtimes$	SEOG
$\boxtimes$	State scholarships/grants
$\boxtimes$	Private scholarships
$\boxtimes$	College/university scholarship or grant aid from institutional funds
	United Negro College Fund
	Federal Nursing Scholarship
	Other (specify):

H14. Check off criteria used in awarding institutional aid. Check all that apply.

Non-need	Need-based		Non-need	Need-based	
X	X	Academics			Leadership
X		Alumni affiliation			Minority status
X		Art	X		Music/drama
		Athletics			Religious affiliation
		Job skills			State/district residency
		ROTC			

**H15**. If your institution has recently implemented any major financial aid policy, program, or initiative to make your institution more affordable to incoming students such as replacing loans with grants, or waiving costs for families below a certain income level please provide details below:

Rhode Island College has expanded its Metropolitan Tuition Policy (MTP) to include Connecticut and Massachusetts students whose permanent address is within a 50-mile radius of the College. This was formerly limited to Massachusetts residents within a 20-mile radius. The MTP discount allows students to pay the in-state tuition rate plus 50%. Using figures for 2014-2015, this is an annual savings of over \$7,400 compared with the out-of-state rate.

#### I. INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY AND CLASS SIZE

I-1. Please report the number of instructional faculty members in each category for Fall 2014. Include faculty who are on your institution's payroll on the census date your institution uses for IPEDS/AAUP.

The following definition of full-time instructional faculty is used by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) in its annual Faculty Compensation Survey (the part time definitions are not used by AAUP). Instructional Faculty is defined as those members of the instructional-research staff whose major regular assignment is instruction, including those with released time for research. Use the chart below to determine inclusions and exclusions:

	Full-time	Part-time
(a) instructional faculty in preclinical and clinical medicine, faculty who are not paid (e.g., those who donate their services or are in the military), or research-only faculty, post-doctoral fellows, or predoctoral fellows	Exclude	Include only if they teach one or more non-clinical credit courses
(b) administrative officers with titles such as dean of students, librarian, registrar, coach, and the like, even though they may devote part of their time to classroom instruction and may have faculty status	Exclude	Include if they teach one or more non-clinical credit courses
(C) other administrators/staff who teach one or more non-clinical credit courses even though they do not have faculty status	Exclude	Include
(d) undergraduate or graduate students who assist in the instruction of courses, but have titles such as teaching assistant, teaching fellow, and the like	Exclude	Exclude
(e) faculty on sabbatical or leave with pay	Include	Exclude
(f) faculty on leave without pay	Exclude	Exclude
(g) replacement faculty for faculty on sabbatical leave or leave with pay	Exclude	Include

Full-time instructional faculty: faculty employed on a full-time basis for instruction (including those with released time for research)

*Part-time instructional faculty:* Adjuncts and other instructors being paid solely for part-time classroom instruction. Also includes full-time faculty teaching less than two semesters, three quarters, two trimesters, or two four-month sessions. Employees who are not considered full-time instruction faculty but who teach one or more non-clinical credit courses may be counted as part-time faculty.

*Minority faculty*: includes faculty who designate themselves as Black, non-Hispanic; American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or Hispanic.

Doctorate: includes such degrees as Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Juridical Science, and Doctor of Public Health in any field such as arts, sciences, education, engineering, business, and public administration. Also includes terminal degrees formerly designated as "first professional," including dentistry (DDS or DMD), medicine (MD), optometry (OD), osteopathic medicine (DO), pharmacy (DPharm or BPharm), podiatric medicine (DPM), veterinary medicine (DVM), chiropractic (DC or DCM), or law (JD).

*Terminal master's degree*: a master's degree that is considered the highest degree in a field: example, M. Arch (in architecture) and MFA (master of fine arts in art or theater).

	Full-time	Part-time	Total
a.) Total number of instructional faculty	328	418	746
b.) Total number who are members of minority groups	47	31	78
c.) Total number who are women	189	242	431
d.) Total number who are men	139	176	315
e.) Total number who are nonresident aliens (international)	0	0	0
f.) Total number with doctorate, or other terminal degree	292	N/A	N/A
g.) Total number whose highest degree is a master's but not a terminal master's	34	N/A	N/A
h.) Total number whose highest degree is a bachelor's	1	N/A	N/A
i.) Total number whose highest degree is unknown or other (Note: Items <b>f</b> , <b>g</b> , <b>h</b> , and <b>i</b> must sum up to item <b>a</b> .)	0	0	0
j.) Total number in stand-alone graduate/professional programs in which faculty teach virtually only graduate-level students	18	18	36

## I-2. Student to Faculty Ratio

Report the Fall 2014 ratio of full-time equivalent students (full-time plus 1/3 part time) to full-time equivalent instructional faculty (full time plus 1/3 part time). In the ratio calculations, exclude both faculty and students in stand-alone graduate or professional programs such as medicine, law, veterinary, dentistry, social work, business, or public health in which faculty teach virtually only graduate level students. Do not count undergraduate or graduate student teaching assistants as faculty.

Fall 2014 Student to Faculty ratio:  $\underline{15}$  to 1 (based on  $\underline{6,553}$  students and  $\underline{442}$  faculty).

#### I-3. Undergraduate Class Size

**SECTIONS** 

In the table below, please use the following definitions to report information about the size of classes and class sections offered in the Fall 2014 term.

Class Sections: A class section is an organized course offered for credit, identified by discipline and number, meeting at a stated time or times in a classroom or similar setting, and not a subsection such as a laboratory or discussion session. Undergraduate class sections are defined as any sections in which at least one degree-seeking undergraduate student is enrolled for credit. Exclude distance learning classes and noncredit classes and individual instruction such as dissertation or thesis research, music instruction, or one-to-one readings. Exclude students in independent study, co-operative programs, internships, foreign language taped tutor sessions, practicums, and all students in one-on-one classes. Each class section should be counted only once and should not be duplicated because of course catalog cross-listings.

Class Subsections: A class subsection includes any subsection of a course, such as laboratory, recitation, and discussion subsections that are supplementary in nature and are scheduled to meet separately from the lecture portion of the course. Undergraduate subsections are defined as any subsections of courses in which degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled for credit. As above, exclude noncredit classes and individual instruction such as dissertation or thesis research, music instruction, or one-to-one readings. Each class subsection should be counted only once and should not be duplicated because of cross-listings.

Using the above definitions, please report for each of the following class-size intervals the number of class sections and class subsections offered in Fall 2014. For example, a lecture class with 800 students who met at another time in 40 separate labs with 20 students should be counted once in the "100+" column in the class section column and 40 times under the "20-29" column of the class subsections table.

#### Number of Class Sections with Undergraduates Enrolled

**Undergraduate Class Size (provide numbers)** 

	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
CLASS SECTIONS	199	356	366	204	3	3	3	1,134
	2-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	100+	Total
CLASS SUB-	77	14	82	1	0	0	0	174

## J. Disciplinary areas of DEGREES CONFERRED

## Degrees conferred between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014

For each of the following discipline areas, provide the percentage of diplomas/certificates, associate, and bachelor's degrees awarded. To determine the percentage, use majors, not headcount (e.g., students with one degree but a double major will be represented twice). Calculate the percentage from your institution's IPEDS Completions by using the sum of  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  majors for each CIP code as the numerator and the sum of the Grand Total by 1st Majors and the Grand Total by  $2^{nd}$  major as the denominator. If you prefer, you can compute the percentages using  $1^{st}$  majors only.

Category	Diploma/ Certificates	Associate	Bachelor's	CIP 2010 Categories to Include
Agriculture				1
Natural resources and conservation				3
Architecture				4
Area, ethnic, and gender studies			0.4%	5
Communication/journalism			6.8%	9
Communication technologies				10
Computer and information sciences			1.5%	11
Personal and culinary services				12
Education			12.8%	13
Engineering				14
Engineering technologies				15
Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics			0.2%	16
Family and consumer sciences				19
Law/legal studies				22
English			4.2%	23
Liberal arts/general studies			0.4%	24
Library science				25
Biological/life sciences			1.8%	26
Mathematics and statistics			1.1%	27
Military science and military technologies				28 and 29
Interdisciplinary studies				30
Parks and recreation				31
Philosophy and religious studies			0.9%	38
Theology and religious vocations				39
Physical sciences			0.7%	40
Science technologies				41
Psychology			10.7%	42
Homeland Security, law enforcement,			C 50/	42
firefighting, and protective services			6.5%	43
Public administration and social services			6.5%	44
Social sciences			8.2%	45
Construction trades				46
Mechanic and repair technologies				47
Precision production				48
Transportation and materials moving				49
Visual and performing arts			5.4%	50
Health professions and related programs			15.7%	51
Business/marketing			13.6%	52
History			2.8%	54
Other				
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	

#### **Common Data Set Definitions**

- ♦ All definitions related to the financial aid section appear at the end of the Definitions document.
- ♦ Items preceded by an asterisk (\*) represent definitions agreed to among publishers which do not appear on the CDS document but may be present on individual publishers' surveys.
- \*Academic advisement: Plan under which each student is assigned to a faculty member or a trained adviser, who, through regular meetings, helps the student plan and implement immediate and long-term academic and vocational goals.

**Accelerated program:** Completion of a college program of study in fewer than the usual number of years, most often by attending summer sessions and carrying extra courses during the regular academic term.

Admitted student: Applicant who is offered admission to a degree-granting program at your institution.

\*Adult student services: Admission assistance, support, orientation, and other services expressly for adults who have started college for the first time, or who are re-entering after a lapse of a few years.

**American Indian or Alaska Native:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and maintaining tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Applicant (first-time, first year):** An individual who has fulfilled the institution's requirements to be considered for admission (including payment or waiving of the application fee, if any) and who has been notified of one of the following actions: admission, nonadmission, placement on waiting list, or application withdrawn (by applicant or institution).

**Application fee:** That amount of money that an institution charges for processing a student's application for acceptance. This amount is *not* creditable toward tuition and required fees, nor is it refundable if the student is not admitted to the institution.

**Asian:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Associate degree: An award that normally requires at least two but less than four years of full-time equivalent college work.

**Bachelor's degree:** An award (baccalaureate or equivalent degree, as determined by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education) that normally requires at least four years but *not* more than five years of full-time equivalent college-level work. This includes ALL bachelor's degrees conferred in a five-year cooperative (work-study plan) program. (A cooperative plan provides for alternate class attendance and employment in business, industry, or government; thus, it allows students to combine actual work experience with their college studies.) Also, it includes bachelor's degrees in which the normal four years of work are completed in three years.

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

**Board** (charges): Assume average cost for 19 meals per week or the maximum meal plan.

**Books and supplies (costs):** Average cost of books and supplies. Do not include unusual costs for special groups of students (e.g., engineering or art majors), unless they constitute the majority of students at your institution.

Calendar system: The method by which an institution structures most of its courses for the academic year.

**Campus Ministry:** Religious student organizations (denominational or nondenominational) devoted to fostering religious life on college campuses. May also refer to Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational Christian organization.

\*Career and placement services: A range of services, including (often) the following: coordination of visits of employers to campus; aptitude and vocational testing; interest inventories, personal counseling; help in resume writing, interviewing, launching the job search; listings for those students desiring employment and those seeking permanent positions; establishment of a permanent reference folder; career resource materials.

**Carnegie units:** One year of study or the equivalent in a secondary school subject.

Certificate: See Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma.

**Class rank:** The relative numerical position of a student in his or her graduating class, calculated by the high school on the basis of grade-point average, whether weighted or unweighted.

**College-preparatory program:** Courses in academic subjects (English, history and social studies, foreign languages, mathematics, science, and the arts) that stress preparation for college or university study.

**Common Application:** The standard application form distributed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals for a large number of private colleges who are members of the Common Application Group.

\*Community service program: Referral center for students wishing to perform volunteer work in the community or participate in volunteer activities coordinated by academic departments.

**Commuter:** A student who lives off campus in housing that is not owned by, operated by, or affiliated with the college. This category includes students who commute from home and students who have moved to the area to attend college.

Contact hour: A unit of measure that represents an hour of scheduled instruction given to students. Also referred to as clock hour.

**Continuous basis (for program enrollment):** A calendar system classification that is used by institutions that enroll students at any time during the academic year. For example, a cosmetology school or a word processing school might allow students to enroll and begin studies at various times, with no requirement that classes begin on a certain date.

**Cooperative education program:** A program that provides for alternate class attendance and employment in business, industry, or government.

**Cooperative housing:** College-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing in which students share room and board expenses and participate in household chores to reduce living expenses.

\*Counseling service: Activities designed to assist students in making plans and decisions related to their education, career, or personal development.

**Credit:** Recognition of attendance or performance in an instructional activity (course or program) that can be applied by a recipient toward the requirements for a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

**Credit course:** A course that, if successfully completed, can be applied toward the number of courses required for achieving a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

**Credit hour:** A unit of measure representing an hour (50 minutes) of instruction over a 15-week period in a semester or trimester system or a 10-week period in a quarter system. It is applied toward the total number of hours needed for completing the requirements of a degree, diploma, certificate, or other formal award.

**Cross-registration:** A system whereby students enrolled at one institution may take courses at another institution without having to apply to the second institution.

**Deferred admission:** The practice of permitting admitted students to postpone enrollment, usually for a period of one academic term or one year.

**Degree:** An award conferred by a college, university, or other postsecondary education institution as official recognition for the successful completion of a program of studies.

**Degree-seeking students:** Students enrolled in courses for credit who are recognized by the institution as seeking a degree or formal award. At the undergraduate level, this is intended to include students enrolled in vocational or occupational programs.

**Differs by program (calendar system):** A calendar system classification that is used by institutions that have occupational/vocational programs of varying length. These schools may enroll students at specific times depending on the

program desired. For example, a school might offer a two-month program in January, March, May, September, and November; and a three-month program in January, April, and October.

Diploma: See Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma.

**Distance learning:** An option for earning course credit at off-campus locations via cable television, internet, satellite classes, videotapes, correspondence courses, or other means.

**Doctor's degree-research/scholarship**: A Ph.D. or other doctor's degree that requires advanced work beyond the master's level, including the preparation and defense of a dissertation based on original research, or the planning and execution of an original project demonstrating substantial artistic or scholarly achievement. Some examples of this type of degree may include Ed.D., D.M.A., D.B.A., D.Sc., D.A., or D.M, and others, as designated by the awarding institution.

**Doctor's degree-professional practice**: A doctor's degree that is conferred upon completion of a program providing the knowledge and skills for the recognition, credential, or license required for professional practice. The degree is awarded after a period of study such that the total time to the degree, including both pre-professional and professional preparation, equals at least six full-time equivalent academic years. Some of these degrees were formerly classified as "first-professional" and may include: Chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.); Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.); Law (L.L.B. or J.D.); Medicine (M.D.); Optometry (O.D.); Osteopathic Medicine (D.O); Pharmacy (Pharm.D.); Podiatry (D.P.M., Pod.D., D.P.); or, Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), and others, as designated by the awarding institution.

**Doctor's degree-other**: A doctor's degree that does not meet the definition of a doctor's degree - research/scholarship or a doctor's degree - professional practice.

**Double major:** Program in which students may complete two undergraduate programs of study simultaneously.

**Dual enrollment:** A program through which high school students may enroll in college courses while still enrolled in high school. Students are not required to apply for admission to the college in order to participate.

**Early action plan:** An admission plan that allows students to apply and be notified of an admission decision well in advance of the regular notification dates. If admitted, the candidate is not committed to enroll; the student may reply to the offer under the college's regular reply policy.

**Early admission:** A policy under which students who have not completed high school are admitted and enroll full time in college, usually after completion of their junior year.

**Early decision plan:** A plan that permits students to apply and be notified of an admission decision (and financial aid offer if applicable) well in advance of the regular notification date. Applicants agree to accept an offer of admission and, if admitted, to withdraw their applications from other colleges. There are three possible decisions for early decision applicants: admitted, denied, or not admitted but forwarded for consideration with the regular applicant pool, without prejudice.

English as a Second Language (ESL): A course of study designed specifically for students whose native language is not English.

**Exchange student program-domestic:** Any arrangement between a student and a college that permits study for a semester or more at another college **in the United States** without extending the amount of time required for a degree. **See also Study abroad**.

**External degree program:** A program of study in which students earn credits toward a degree through independent study, college courses, proficiency examinations, and personal experience. External degree programs require minimal or no classroom attendance.

**Extracurricular activities (as admission factor):** Special consideration in the admissions process given for participation in both school and nonschool-related activities of interest to the college, such as clubs, hobbies, student government, athletics, performing arts, etc.

**First-time student:** A student attending any institution for the first time at the level enrolled. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended a postsecondary institution for the first time at the same level in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credit earned before graduation from high school).

**First-time, first-year (freshman) student:** A student attending any institution for the first time at the undergraduate level. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school).

**First-year student:** A student who has completed less than the equivalent of 1 full year of undergraduate work; that is, less than 30 semester hours (in a 120-hour degree program) or less than 900 contact hours.

Freshman: A first-year undergraduate student.

\*Freshman/new student orientation: Orientation addressing the academic, social, emotional, and intellectual issues involved in beginning college. May be a few hours or a few days in length; at some colleges, there is a fee.

**Full-time student (undergraduate):** A student enrolled for 12 or more semester credits, 12 or more quarter credits, or 24 or more contact hours a week each term.

**Geographical residence (as admission factor):** Special consideration in the admission process given to students from a particular region, state, or country of residence.

**Grade-point average** (academic high school GPA): The sum of grade points a student has earned in secondary school divided by the number of courses taken. The most common system of assigning numbers to grades counts four points for an A, three points for a B, two points for a C, one point for a D, and no points for an E or F. Unweighted GPA's assign the same weight to each course. Weighting gives students additional points for their grades in advanced or honors courses.

**Graduate student:** A student who holds a bachelor's or equivalent, and is taking courses at the post-baccalaureate level.

\*Health services: Free or low cost on-campus primary and preventive health care available to students.

**High school diploma or recognized equivalent:** A document certifying the successful completion of a prescribed secondary school program of studies, or the attainment of satisfactory scores on the Tests of General Educational Development (GED), or another state-specified examination.

**Hispanic or Latino:** A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

**Honors program:** Any special program for very able students offering the opportunity for educational enrichment, independent study, acceleration, or some combination of these.

**Independent study:** Academic work chosen or designed by the student with the approval of the department concerned, under an instructor's supervision, and usually undertaken outside of the regular classroom structure.

**In-state tuition:** The tuition charged by institutions to those students who meet the state's or institution's residency requirements.

International student: See Nonresident alien.

**International student group:** Student groups that facilitate cultural dialogue, support a diverse campus, assist international students in acclimation and creating a social network.

**Internship:** Any short-term, supervised work experience usually related to a student's major field, for which the student earns academic credit. The work can be full- or part-time, on- or off-campus, paid or unpaid.

\*Learning center: Center offering assistance through tutors, workshops, computer programs, or audiovisual equipment in reading, writing, math, and skills such as taking notes, managing time, taking tests.

\*Legal services: Free or low cost legal advice for a range of issues (personal and other).

**Liberal arts/career combination:** Program in which a student earns undergraduate degrees in two separate fields, one in a liberal arts major and the other in a professional or specialized major, whether on campus or through cross-registration.

**Master's degree**: An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study of generally one or two full-time equivalent academic years of work beyond the bachelor's degree. Some of these degrees, such as those in Theology (M.Div., M.H.L./Rav) that were formerly classified as "first-professional", may require more than two full-time equivalent academic years of work.

**Minority affiliation (as admission factor):** Special consideration in the admission process for members of designated racial/ethnic minority groups.

\*Minority student center: Center with programs, activities, and/or services intended to enhance the college experience of students of color.

**Model United Nations:** A simulation activity focusing on conflict resolution, globalization, and diplomacy. Assuming roles as foreign ambassadors and "delegates," students conduct research, engage in debate, draft resolutions, and may participate in a national Model UN conference.

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**Nonresident alien:** A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a visa or temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.

\*On-campus day care: Licensed day care for students' children (usually age 3 and up); usually for a fee.

**Open admission:** Admission policy under which virtually all secondary school graduates or students with GED equivalency diplomas are admitted without regard to academic record, test scores, or other qualifications.

**Other expenses (costs):** Include average costs for clothing, laundry, entertainment, medical (if not a required fee), and furnishings.

**Out-of-state tuition:** The tuition charged by institutions to those students who do not meet the institution's or state's residency requirements.

**Part-time student (undergraduate):** A student enrolled for fewer than 12 credits per semester or quarter, or fewer than 24 contact hours a week each term.

\*Personal counseling: One-on-one or group counseling with trained professionals for students who want to explore personal, educational, or vocational issues.

**Post-baccalaureate certificate:** An award that requires completion of an organized program of study requiring 18 credit hours beyond the bachelor's; designed for persons who have completed a baccalaureate degree but do not meet the requirements of academic degrees carrying the title of master.

**Post-master's certificate:** An award that requires completion of an organized program of study of 24 credit hours beyond the master's degree but does not meet the requirements of academic degrees at the doctoral level.

**Postsecondary award, certificate, or diploma:** Includes the following three IPEDS definitions for postsecondary awards, certificates, and diplomas of varying durations and credit/contact hour requirements—

Less Than 1 Academic Year: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in less than 1 academic year (2 semesters or 3 quarters) or in less than 900 contact hours by a student enrolled full-time.

At Least 1 But Less Than 2 Academic Years: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 1 but less than 2 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 30 but less than 60 credit hours, or in at least 900 but less than 1,800 contact hours.

At Least 2 But Less Than 4 Academic Years: Requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level (below the baccalaureate degree) in at least 2 but less than 4 full-time equivalent academic years, or designed for completion in at least 60 but less than 120 credit hours, or in at least 1,800 but less than 3,600 contact hours.

**Private institution:** An educational institution controlled by a private individual(s) or by a nongovernmental agency, usually supported primarily by other than public funds, and operated by other than publicly elected or appointed officials.

**Private for-profit institution:** A private institution in which the individual(s) or agency in control receives compensation, other than wages, rent, or other expenses for the assumption of risk.

**Private nonprofit institution:** A private institution in which the individual(s) or agency in control receives no compensation, other than wages, rent, or other expenses for the assumption of risk. These include both independent nonprofit schools and those affiliated with a religious organization.

Proprietary institution: See Private for-profit institution.

**Public institution:** An educational institution whose programs and activities are operated by publicly elected or appointed school officials, and which is supported primarily by public funds.

**Quarter calendar system:** A calendar system in which the academic year consists of three sessions called quarters of about 12 weeks each. The range may be from 10 to 15 weeks. There may be an additional quarter in the summer.

**Race/ethnicity:** Category used to describe groups to which individuals belong, identify with, or belong in the eyes of the community. The categories do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. A person may be counted in only one group.

**Race/ethnicity unknown:** Category used to classify students or employees whose race/ethnicity is not known and whom institutions are unable to place in one of the specified racial/ethnic categories.

**Religious affiliation/commitment (as admission factor):** Special consideration given in the admission process for affiliation with a certain church or faith/religion, commitment to a religious vocation, or observance of certain religious tenets/lifestyle.

\*Religious counseling: One-on-one or group counseling with trained professionals for students who want to explore religious problems or issues.

\*Remedial services: Instructional courses designed for students deficient in the general competencies necessary for a regular postsecondary curriculum and educational setting.

**Required fees:** Fixed sum charged to students for items not covered by tuition and required of such a large proportion of all students that the student who does NOT pay is the exception. Do not include application fees or optional fees such as lab fees or parking fees.

**Resident alien or other eligible non-citizen:** A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who has been admitted as a legal immigrant for the purpose of obtaining permanent resident alien status (and who holds either an alien registration card [Form I-551 or I-151], a Temporary Resident Card [Form I-688], or an Arrival-Departure Record [Form I-94] with a notation that conveys legal immigrant status, such as Section 207 Refugee, Section 208 Asylee, Conditional Entrant Parolee or Cuban-Haitian).

**Room and board (charges)—on campus:** Assume double occupancy in institutional housing and 19 meals per week (or maximum meal plan).

**Secondary school record (as admission factor):** Information maintained by the secondary school that may include such things as the student's high school transcript, class rank, GPA, and teacher and counselor recommendations.

**Semester calendar system:** A calendar system that consists of two semesters during the academic year with about 16 weeks for each semester of instruction. There may be an additional summer session.

Student-designed major: A program of study based on individual interests, designed with the assistance of an adviser.

**Study abroad:** Any arrangement by which a student completes part of the college program studying in another country. Can be at a campus abroad or through a cooperative agreement with some other U.S. college or an institution of another country.

\*Summer session: A summer session is shorter than a regular semester and not considered part of the academic year. It is not the third term of an institution operating on a trimester system or the fourth term of an institution operating on a quarter calendar system. The institution may have 2 or more sessions occurring in the summer months. Some schools, such as vocational and beauty schools, have year-round classes with no separate summer session.

**Talent/ability** (as admission factor): Special consideration given to students with demonstrated talent/abilities in areas of interest to the institution (e.g., sports, the arts, languages, etc.).

**Teacher certification program:** Program designed to prepare students to meet the requirements for certification as teachers in elementary, middle/junior high, and secondary schools.

**Transfer applicant:** An individual who has fulfilled the institution's requirements to be considered for admission (including payment or waiving of the application fee, if any) and who has previously attended another college or university and earned college-level credit.

**Transfer student:** A student entering the institution for the first time but known to have previously attended a postsecondary institution at the same level (e.g., undergraduate). The student may transfer with or without credit.

**Transportation (costs):** Assume two round trips to student's hometown per year for students in institutional housing or daily travel to and from your institution for commuter students.

**Trimester calendar system:** An academic year consisting of 3 terms of about 15 weeks each.

**Tuition:** Amount of money charged to students for instructional services. Tuition may be charged per term, per course, or per credit.

\*Tutoring: May range from one-on-one tutoring in specific subjects to tutoring in an area such as math, reading, or writing. Most tutors are college students; at some colleges, they are specially trained and certified.

**Unit:** a standard of measurement representing hours of academic instruction (e.g., semester credit, quarter credit, contact hour).

**Undergraduate:** A student enrolled in a four- or five-year bachelor's degree program, an associate degree program, or a vocational or technical program below the baccalaureate.

\*Veteran's counseling: Helps veterans and their dependents obtain benefits for their selected program and provides certifications to the Veteran's Administration. May also provide personal counseling on the transition from the military to a civilian life.

\*Visually impaired: Any person whose sight loss is not correctable and is sufficiently severe as to adversely affect educational performance.

**Volunteer work (as admission factor):** Special consideration given to students for activity done on a volunteer basis (e.g., tutoring, hospital care, working with the elderly or disabled) as a service to the community or the public in general.

Wait list: List of students who meet the admission requirements but will only be offered a place in the class if space becomes available.

Weekend college: A program that allows students to take a complete course of study and attend classes only on weekends.

White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

\*Women's center: Center with programs, academic activities, and/or services intended to promote an understanding of the evolving roles of women.

**Work experience (as admission factor):** Special consideration given to students who have been employed prior to application, whether for relevance to major, demonstration of employment-related skills, or as explanation of student's academic and extracurricular record.

#### **Financial Aid Definitions**

**External scholarships and grants:** Scholarships and grants received from outside (private) sources that students bring with them (e.g., Kiwanis, National Merit scholarships). The institution may process paperwork to receive the dollars, but it has no role in determining the recipient or the dollar amount awarded.

**Financial aid applicant:** Any applicant who submits **any one of** the institutionally required financial aid applications/forms, such as the FAFSA.

**Indebtedness:** Aggregate dollar amount borrowed through any loan program (federal, state, subsidized, unsubsidized, private, etc.; excluding parent loans) while the student was enrolled at an institution. Student loans co-signed by a parent are assumed to be the responsibility of the student and **should** be included.

**Institutional scholarships and grants**: Endowed scholarships, annual gifts and tuition funded grants for which the institution determines the recipient.

Financial need: As determined by your institution using the federal methodology and/or your institution's own standards.

**Need-based aid:** College-funded or college-administered award from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify. This includes both institutional and non-institutional student aid (grants, jobs, and loans).

**Need-based scholarship or grant aid:** Scholarships and grants from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must have financial need to qualify.

**Need-based self-help aid:** Loans and jobs from institutional, state, federal, or other sources for which a student must demonstrate financial need to qualify.

**Non-need-based scholarship or grant aid:** Scholarships and grants, gifts, or merit-based aid from institutional, state, federal, or other sources (including unrestricted funds or gifts and endowment income) awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement, merit, or any other non-need-based reason. When reporting questions H1 and H2, non-need-based aid that is used to meet need should be counted as need-based aid.

### Note: Suggested order of precedence for counting non-need money as need-based:

Non-need institutional grants

Non-need tuition waivers

Non-need athletic awards

Non-need federal grants

Non-need state grants

Non-need outside grants

Non-need student loans

Non-need parent loans

Non-need work

**Non-need-based self-help aid:** Loans and jobs from institutional, state, or other sources for which a student need not demonstrate financial need to qualify.

Work study and employment: Federal and state work study aid, and any employment packaged by your institution in financial aid awards.