

Acronyms at WIU

Acronyms are everywhere at WIU. In order to help you navigate your first semesters at WIU, we've put together a list of acronyms and their meanings (in alphabetical order). This list will be updated annually so if you come across any we missed, please let us know.

ACEs	Academic Credit Equivalent
AFED	School of Accounting, Finance, Economics and Decision Sciences
AIMS	Administrative Information Management Systems
ASP	Academic Support Professional
BGS	Bachelors of General Studies
BOT	Board of Trustees
BTC	Budget Transparency Committee
CAGAS	Council on Admission, Graduation and Academic Standards
CAIT	Center for the Application of Information Technologies
CAS/COAS	College of Arts and Sciences (Pronounced "See-Ay-Ess")
CBT/COBT	College of Business and Technology (Pronounced "See-Bee-Tee")
CCPI	Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction
CCPU	Council on Campus Planning and Usage
CGE	Council on General Education
CIA	Council on Intercollegiate Athletics
CIE	Council for International Education
CIT	Council for Instructional Technology
CITR	Center for Innovation in Teaching and Research (Pronounced "SIT-ter")
COAP	Council of Administrative Personnel
CODEC	type of video conference system (outdated but still used by some)
COEHS	College of Education and Human Services (Pronounced "KOES")
COFAC	College of Fine Arts and Communication (Pronounced "KO-fak")
CPC	College Personnel Committee
CSEC	Civil Service Employees Council
CWE	College Workload Equivalent
DPC	Department Personnel Committee
DWE	Departmental Workload Equivalent
ECOM	Electronic Communication
FLGI	Foreign Languages/Global Issues (general education requirement)
FY	Fiscal Year
FYE	First Year Experience
GRC	Graduate Research Conference
GUAVA	Graphical Unix Administration Validation Assistant
HLC	Higher Learning Commission
IBHE	Illinois Board of Higher Education
IIRA	Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs
LAS	Liberal Arts & Sciences
LEJA	Law Enforcement and Justice Administration
MCC	Multicultural Center

MVS	Multiple Virtual Storage
ODES	Office of Distance Education and Support
OSE	Office of Student Engagement
PAS	Performing Arts Society
PY1	Probationary Year 1
PY2, etc.	Probationary Year 2, Probationary Year 3, etc.
QC	Quad Cities
RPT	Retention, promotion, tenure
RPTA	Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration
SBDC	Small Business Development Center
s.h.	Semester Hour
SNC	Senate Nominating Committee
SPA	Speech Pathology and Audiology
SPC	School Personnel Committee
STARS	Student/Alumni Records System
SURS	State Universities Retirement System
UCOSOGIE	University Committee on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression
UPC	University Personnel Committee
UPI	University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100 (faculty union)
URD	Undergraduate Research Day
uTech	University Technology
UWC	University Writing Center
WID	Writing Instruction in the Disciplines
WIUP	Western Illinois University Administrative Personnel System