

**Duquesne University**  
**Glossary of Terms**  
**2018-2019 Fact Book**

**FACT BOOK TERMS:**

<u>Academic Program</u>	An instructional program leading to a bachelor's, master's, doctoral or professional practice degree or resulting in credits that can be applied to one of these degrees.
<u>Academic Level</u>	A classification which includes Freshman (FR), Sophomore (SO), Junior (JR) and Senior (SR), as well as Undergraduate (UG), Graduate (GR), Professional Practice and other special classes.
<u>Academic Rank</u>	A system that classifies faculty. Includes professor, associate professor, assistant professor and instructor.
<u>Academic Year</u>	The year beginning with the fall semester and ending at the conclusion of the following spring semester.
<u>Accreditation</u>	Approval to an institution of learning by an official review board after the school has met specific requirements.
<u>Certificate</u>	A formal award presented at the completion of a post-secondary, post-baccalaureate, or post-master's academic program.
<u>Credit Hour</u>	A unit of measure representing an hour (50 minutes) of instruction per week over a semester.
<u>Degree</u>	An award conferred by Duquesne University as recognition for the successful completion of an academic program.
<u>Enrollment Status</u>	All students enrolled are either classified as full-time (FT) or part-time (PT) depending upon their individual credit load, academic level, and academic program.
<u>Fall Semester</u>	(or Spring Semester), a fifteen week period that is part of the academic year.
<u>Professional Practice</u>	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. At Duquesne University, the Law (JD), Pharmacy (PharmD), Physical Therapy (DPT), Nursing (DNP), and School Psychology (PSYD) are categorized as Professional Practice programs. Law (JD) and Pharmacy (PharmD) were formerly classified as "First-Professional".
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	For Duquesne University, the year beginning July 1 and ending June 30.
<u>Full Time Equivalent</u>	(FTE) a measure of enrollment, calculated by dividing undergraduate credits by 15 and graduate credits by 12.
<u>Instructional Faculty</u>	Those members of the instruction/research faculty whose primary assignment is instruction.
<u>Major</u>	An area of academic focus, when combined with a degree, yields an academic program.
<u>Non-Resident Alien</u>	A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States, and does not have the right to remain here indefinitely.
<u>Race/Ethnicity</u>	The categories developed in 1997 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) do not denote scientific definitions of anthropological origins. The designations are used to categorize U.S. citizens, resident aliens, and other non-eligible citizens. Individuals are asked to first designate ethnicity as: Hispanic or Latino OR Not Hispanic or Latino. Second, individuals are asked to indicate all races that apply among the following: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander or White.
<u>School</u>	An academic unit responsible for the collection of academic programs within that school. At Duquesne University, there are ten schools, each headed by a Dean.