

USA Jag Analytics Glossary

The definitions of many terms used throughout key USA Dashboards have been provided below. Where appropriate, links to additional information or resources have been provided. For additional assistance with these terms, or if you have a suggested edit or additional term that should be added to this list, please reach out to Dr. Paul Stonecipher in the Office of Institutional Research at paulstonecipher@southalabama.edu.

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The Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Codes provide a taxonomic structure to provide accurate tracking and reporting of fields of study and program completion activity. The CIP codes are developed and maintained by the US Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). More information and resources can be obtained at NCES website: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode>.

– USA provides multiple avenues for course delivery. For more information on the University's Course Formats, please see the Academic Affairs Policy Statement (see <https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/academicaffairs/resources/policies/webcoursepolicy.pdf>).

– The group of students sharing a common characteristic(s) over a specified period. For example, first-time full-time degree-seeking freshmen are tracked as a cohort by academic year for retention and graduation rate calculations.

– An academically conferred award as official recognition for the successful completion of a program of students (ex. Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate).

– A student who has no prior postsecondary experience and is attending USA for the first time at the undergraduate level. This designation includes students as "first-time" if they earned college credits prior to matriculation at USA, for example by AP coursework or CLEP testing.

– A first-year undergraduate student with 0 (zero) to 29.9 credit hours.

– FTE enrollment is calculated using ACHE guidelines (undergraduate hours divided by 15, master's level hours divided by 12, and doctor's level hours divided by 9). Each medical (MD) student is counted as one FTE.

– An undergraduate student is categorized as full-time if enrolled in twelve or more credit hours in a fall or s92 res0 612 792 re3>4011E011 0 7 Tm0 g912 0130.16 328.61 Tm0 g01 0 7 43

- A student at the undergraduate (ex. Freshman, transfer) or graduate level, both full-time and part-time, attending USA for the first time at that student level and degree program.

- An individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States (US) and is currently in the US on a visa or temporary basis.

- An undergraduate student is categorized as part-time if enrolled in less than twelve credit hours in a fall or spring semester and less than six credit hours in a summer semester

