



# DU Alphabet Soup



Common campus acronyms/terms, with meanings.

*While not everything you need to know, these brief descriptions can provide a starting place for further search.*

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Acronym/Term	Meaning
AAC	Anderson Academic Commons (main library building)
academic exceptions	petitions for Exception to Academic Policy are used to request an exception to a University curriculum requirement. Check the Registrar website.
Adjunct	course instructor who doesn't have a permanent position; <i>not</i> tenured or tenure track
AHB	Ammi Hyde Building
AHSS	Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (now CAHSS)
AI Society	Analytical Inquiry (part of undergraduate common curriculum)
APR	Academic Progress Report
ASA	Asian Student Alliance (student org)
ASEM	Advanced Seminar, senior counterpart to FSEM
Assistant Professor	entry-level position for <i>tenure-track</i> faculty
Associate Professor	mid-level position for tenure-track faculty, usually tenured
ASU	African Student Union (student org)
BA	Bachelor of Arts, an undergraduate degree
BC	Boettcher Center
BFA	Bachelor of Fine Arts, an undergraduate degree
BIPOC	abbreviation for Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities
BMC	Ben M Cherrington Hall
BS	Bachelor of Science, an undergraduate degree
BSA	Black Student Alliance (student org)
BUCT	Buchtel Tower
Bursar	University office responsible for the billing and collection of student fees and tuition
C+V	Community + Values Initiative
C&G	Crimson and Gold Tavern eatery on University Blvd
CABLE	Cable Center; on campus, but technically not a DU building.
CAHSS	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Campo	Campus Safety occasional nickname, from the incorrect description "campus police"
Campus Commons	New campus community center, which opened in Winter 2021. Along Evans Ave, across the bridge from Driscoll South.
CAPE	Center for Advocacy Prevention and Empowerment, part of HCC
CCESL	Center for Community Engagement to advance Scholarship and Learning; said as "Cecil"
CELLC	Creativity and Entrepreneurship LLC
Chancellor	Most senior administrator at DU, who has responsibility for all aspects of the University. Comparable to "President" at many other universities. Reports to Board of Trustees.
CLIE	Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence, previous name of SAIE
CME	Center for Multicultural Excellence (now Cultural Center)
CMK	Clarence M Knudson Hall
Code of Student Conduct	Contains info on the behavioral standards expected of all students at DU
CRC	Collegiate Recovery Community, part of HCC
Crimson & Gold Awards	annual DU student awards event, held each May to recognize significant contributions to the campus community.
CrimsonConnect	online app for student orgs and engagement: <a href="http://crimsonconnect.du.edu">crimsonconnect.du.edu</a>
CRN	Course Reference Number; unique number each term needed to register for a specific course
Daniels Scholar	a student who has received the Daniels Fund Scholarship
Davis Auditorium	Sturm Hall room 248, largest classroom on campus; home to many events as well

DCB	Daniels College of Business, both the College itself and its main building
Dean	The leader of a major academic division/school/college within the University (i.e. Dean of the Daniels College of Business, and the Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics)
Dean's List	University honor for undergraduate students earning a GPA of 3.75+ in a particular quarter
DEI	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, a more comprehensive term for issues and efforts around these distinct elements of what can be shortened to just 'diversity'
Discoveries	DU's undergraduate new student and family orientation program
DivCom	USG's Diversity Committee
DL	Discoveries Leader; new name for OL; returning student who facilitates small group of incoming students during Discoveries
DFRV	Dimond Family Residential Village
DMS	Digital Media Studies
Driscoll	Driscoll Student Center. Now only the South wing remains, across the Evans Ave bridge from the new Campus Commons
DSP	Disability Services Program (for student accommodations)
DUPB	DU Programming Board, USG's events team
DUSC	DU Service and Change student org
DVAM	Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October)
E F H	3 light rails lines that serve DU station; can remember as "Eagles Fly Home"
ECS	Engineering & Computer Science Building
ELC	English Language Center; closed at end of 2020-21 year
elective	courses taken beyond what's required for a major/minor
ELI	Excelling Leaders Institute
EMC	Evans Memorial Chapel
EO	Office of Equal Opportunity; responsible for prevention and investigation of bias, discrimination and harassment (with Title IX)
ESLLC	Environmental Sustainability LLC
E-STEM	Equity in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics program
FacSen	Faculty Senate, the faculty governing body
FAFSA	Free Application for Federal Student Aid
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (federal law); check your rights at Registrar website
FH	Frontier Hall
FISHER	Fisher Early Learning Center, on campus young child school
Flex Dollars / spending	DU's flexible spending (debit) account on your DU ID card
FSEM	First-Year Seminar course, required course for incoming undergrads
FSL	Fraternity & Sorority Life, formerly Greek Life
GA	Graduate Assistant/Associate; a graduate student with a specific type of campus job. Sometimes "GSA" or specifically GTA (teaching) or GRA (research)
GRE	Graduate Record Examination, standardized test required for many grad school applications
GSG	Graduate Student Government
GSSP	Graduate School of Professional Psychology, based in Ammi Hyde Hall
GSSW	Graduate School of Social Work, based in Craig Hall
Halls	Centennial Halls residence hall on north end of campus. (If you're heading north along High St from center of campus, you reach Halls <i>before</i> Towers –physically and alphabetically!)
HCC	Health & Counseling Center, based in the Ritchie Center north end, and the Asbury & University locations
hold	a restriction placed on a student's ability to register for future courses, usually due to an unresolved issue with their financial, conduct or other obligation. Check Registrar website.
Honor Code	along with the Code of Student Conduct, the honor code fosters an environment of ethical conduct in our academic community
Hornbeck Scholar	a formal honor for undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 GPA in a quarter during which they took 12-14 credit hours
HP	Health Promotion, part of the HCC
HRE	Housing and Residential Education
HRIC	Human Resources & Inclusive Community

HRTM	old name for Knoebel School of Hospitality Management	
Hub, The	Was temporary home to OSE and other CLIE offices, in Tudor-style house on Driscoll Green. Offices have all moved to new Community Commons	
IEE	Inclusion and Equity Education, an SAIE unit focused on DEI programming	
I-House	International House, on Josephine Street	
IFC	Interfraternity Council, part of FSL	
Iliff	related, but separate Methodist theological school at southeast edge of DU campus; also street running east-west by Newman, Iliff School and JMac	
ILLC	International LLC	
incomplete	a temporary grade of "I", which may be given at the instructor's discretion to a student when illness, necessary absence, or other reason beyond the student's control prevent completion of course requirements by the end of the academic term	
INTB	International Business	
Intervene DU	USG-required bystander intervention training for all incoming undergraduate students	
INTS	International Studies (program/major)	
INTZ	Internationalization, the academic division including ISSS and OIE, based at I-House	
ISO	International Student Organization	
ISSS	International Student & Scholar Services; the office coordinating students and faculty joining DU from countries beyond the US	
IT	Information Technology, the division that manages all campus business, learning and communication technology	
JGH	John Greene Hall	
JMAC	Johnson-McFarlane residence hall; said as "Jay Mack"	
KNOBEL	Knoebel School of Hospitality Management	
KRH	Katherine Ruffatto Hall	
leave of absence	process allowing students to take a leave of absence from DU, where a student can formally withdraw from the University for up to four academic quarters	
LEP	Learning Effectiveness Program	
LGBTIQ+	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer communities	
Lindsay Auditorium	Sturm Hall room 281; the 2 <sup>nd</sup> largest fix seat classroom/event space in that building	
LLC	Living Learning Community, themed first year experiences with residential and academic elements	
LSA	Latine Student Alliance (student org)	
LSAT	national law school admission standardized exam	
LSH Week	Love + Sex + Health Week, held in February around Valentine's Day	
major	a student's declared main course of formal study	
Marcus Commons	large event space on main floor of DCB	
Margery Reed	building along Evans Ave, home to undergrad programs  (Margery and Mary were sisters.)	 DCB
Mary Reed	University's main administrative on top of the hill.  (Shorter name, bigger building)	 building,
May Days	DUPB-sponsored event that brings together all students late in spring quarter, to relax and enjoy the fresh air!	

MCAT	Medical College Admissions Test
MFJS	Media, Film, and Journalism Studies
MGC	Multicultural Greek Council, part of FSL
MGMT	Management course/major in DCB
MHAW	Mental Health Awareness Week (May)
minor	a student's declared secondary course of study
MSA	Muslim Student Alliance
myWeb	Former name for PioneerWeb (pioneerweb.du.edu), a secure web portal through which students, staff and faculty can access and update their personal info, along with many other online tasks
Nagel	residence hall
NCAA	National Collegiate Athletic Association
NCAAW	National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (October)
NCHC	National Collegiate Hockey Conference
Nelson	residence hall
Newman	Newman Performing Arts Center
NSA	Native Student Alliance (student org)
NSM	Natural Sciences and Mathematics
OBS	Chamberlain Observatory (also COBS), just east of campus in Observatory Park
ODEI	Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; focused on faculty and academics
OIE	Office of International Education; the office that coordinates study abroad programs
OL	Orientation Leader; now DL
Olin	FW Olin Hall
OSE	Office of Student Engagement, supporting student organizations, governments, and co-curricular programming
OTL	Office of Teaching & Learning, supporting excellence in campus teaching
O-Week	Orientation week
Penrose	old name for the library building, now name for the collection of materials therein
PHA	Panhellenic Association, part of FSL; sometimes also called "Panhel", or "Panhellenic", occasionally "NPC" in reference to the national council
PHYS	Physics Building
PinS Grant	Partners in Scholarship Grant
Pioneer Careers	career service portal that connects students to job offerings pertinent to their field of choice
PioneerWeb	Secure website through which you can access a range of University services
PLP	Pioneer Leadership Program; multi-year LLC, completion = leadership minor
POC	abbreviation for "people of color," more recently broadened to BIPOC
PPC	Professional Psychology Clinic, part of GSPP, providing sliding scale services
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment, such as gloves, masks, goggles, etc, that protect wearers from injury and infection in labs, workspaces and beyond
pre-med	pre-medicine. An unofficial track/label for students who want to go to medical school
prerequisite, or "pre-req"	classes that are required before taking a higher-level course
probation	Status for students who are not in good academic standing due to academic or other behaviors. They have the potential to return to good standing with improved performance.
Provost	The University's most senior academic officer, ranking second only to the Chancellor
PWI	Predominantly White Institution, based on student enrollment
QSA	Queer Student Alliance (student org)
RA	Resident Assistant; live-in peer HRE staff member in residence halls and campus apartments
Registrar	DU office helping students and faculty with registration and advising by providing the tools to review academic progress, create class schedules, and successfully register for classes. Also handles graduation registration, transcript requests, and other official student records.
Reiman Theatre	fixed-seat auditorium/classroom in Margery Reed Bldg
RSO	Registered Student Organization; an undergraduate club officially recognized by USG and OSE
RTD	Regional Transportation District (Denver area bus, light rail and airport train operators)

RWC	Daniel L Ritchie Sports Wellness Center; “the Ritchie Center”
SAAM	Sexual Assault Awareness Month (April)
SAB	Shwayder Art Building; OR a Student Accountability Board, part of the Student Code of Conduct process
SAC	Staff Advisory Council, non-faculty employee organization
SEC	Science and Engineering Center
seminar	a type of class, usually with smaller number of students, and learning that is more discussion based (compared to larger, and often lecture-based courses)
SGM	Seeley G Mudd Building
SI Society	Scientific Inquiry common curriculum requirement for undergraduates
SJUS	Social Justice LLC (also SJLLC)
SOS	Student Outreach and Support office, who coordinate student report/referral system
SRR	Student Rights & Responsibilities, who administer Student Code of Conduct
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; used to describe these fields of study and professional work
Sturm Hall	large classroom building on Driscoll Green, AND formal name of Law School (which is housed in Ricketson Hall)
TA	Teaching Assistant; usually a grad student, who supports a faculty instructor in a class or lab
tenure	permanent employment status for faculty, intended to protect academic freedom. Tenure <i>track</i> professors are working toward tenure. Adjuncts are not on tenure track.
Title IX (“nine”)	Federal law prohibiting gender-based discrimination in educational programs; University office responsible for prevention education, investigation and adjudication of complaints. (with EO)
Towers	Centennial Towers, residence hall on north end of campus. (If you’re heading north along High St from center of campus, you reach Towers <i>after</i> Halls—physically and alphabetically!)
Trustees	Board of leaders who have ultimate responsibility for operation and success of the institution; the Chancellor and other campus officials report to this Board.
UColl	University College; DU’s continuing and online academic programs
U-Hall	University Hall
USG	Undergraduate Student Government
UTA	Undergraduate Teaching Assistant; an undergrad (non-GA) who assists an instructor in teaching a course
VC	Vice Chancellor, a senior administrator leading a division of the University, reporting directly to the Chancellor. Assistant and Associate VCs rank just under the VC.
VIP	Volunteers in Partnership program
W	Taking a “W” in a class means that the student has withdrawn from the course
webCentral	old/alternative name for PioneerWeb (pioneerweb.du.edu)
WELL	Wellness LLC (also WLLC)
Winter Carnival	traditional all-campus winter term events, including a discounted DU weekend “on the mountain,” coordinated by DUPB

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