

## GLOSSARY

### **Age**

Due to the Banner conversion, a student's age is calculated to the exact day of birth instead of the birth year as in all previous Student Profiles. Therefore, beginning with the 2016 Student Profile, the student's age is calculated from the census dataset file date.

### **Classification**

Classification describes the student level and/or type and includes freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, special undergraduate, special graduate, master, doctorate, and professional (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine).

### **College**

The University is divided into seven colleges: Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources (ASNR); Arts & Sciences (A&S); Spears School of Business (SSB); Education (COE); Engineering, Architecture, & Technology (CEAT); Human Sciences (HS); and Center for Veterinary Health Sciences (CVHS). Data for CEAT are sometimes divided into two data sets—one for Engineering & Architecture (ENGR) and the second for the Division of Technology (TECH).

In addition to these seven colleges, students may enroll in University College Advising or the Graduate College. In this report, students enrolled in the Graduate College are usually distributed for reporting purposes to the respective college that administers their major coursework.

### **Ethnicity Codes and Definitions**

Due to mandated reporting changes starting in Fall 2011, the Student Profile contains additional ethnicity categories for Pacific Islanders, multiracial and unknown groups. Therefore, ethnicities in prior Student Profile books may not be comparable. This change in reporting caused a shift in enrollment counts by ethnicity because students who previously could report only one ethnicity may now report multiple races/ethnicities. Beginning with the Fall 2011 Student Profile, the total enrollment is grouped into the following ethnicity categories:

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

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

Native American:	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.
Hispanic:	A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. If a student self-selects Hispanic/Latino ethnicity and is not an International, the student will be counted as Hispanic regardless if other races are selected.
Asian:	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asian, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
Pacific Islander:	A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
Multiracial:	Students that are not Hispanic or International are considered multiracial if they have self-selected more than one race value. A student identifying with multiple races will only be counted once in the multiracial category.
Unknown:	Any student that does not have a valid race/ethnicity value, is not defined as an International student, or has declined to identify is classified as unknown.
International:	While International is not a collected as a race/ethnicity value, the Student Profile identifies non-resident aliens by considering International citizenship and nation of citizenship.

### **FTE (Full-Time Equivalency)**

Full-time equivalent for undergraduate students is 15 hours. For graduate students, a full-time equivalent is 12 hours. All professional students are one FTE.

### **New Freshman**

A new freshman is a degree-seeking undergraduate student with fewer than seven hours of college credit earned before his/her first semester at OSU. College hours earned through advanced placement or through concurrent high school enrollment are not figured into the seven hour limit. Students who begin as new freshmen during the Summer semester, and continue their enrollment into the Fall semester, are counted as new freshmen for the Fall. This change begins with Fall 2003 counts.

### **Resident Status**

A student is categorized as a resident if he or she was a legal resident of the State of Oklahoma at the time of original admission to OSU. The Banner Student System also includes a term residency of "I" which indicates a student has International residency. Refer to Ethnicity Codes and Definitions for more information on which students are considered Internationals. In certain situations, a small number of International students, such as those graduating from Oklahoma high schools, are considered in-state residents although they will still be reflected in the International numbers in the Student Profile.

### **Retention**

Student retention is usually expressed as a percentage figure which is derived by comparing the size of a specific group of students who were enrolled at OSU for a given semester to the size of the same group when they are enrolled for a successive given semester.

A non-returning student is defined as a student who was enrolled at OSU for a given semester and who did not graduate and who did not return to OSU for a successive given semester. Only regular fall semesters are considered when determining whether a student is enrolled in successive semesters.

### **Special Undergraduate/Graduate Student**

A special undergraduate student is a non-degree-seeking student, including high school students concurrently enrolled at OSU, certificate seeking students, and/or exchange students who have not earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. A special graduate student is defined as a non-degree-seeking student, which may be enrolled in a certificate program, and is admitted to the Graduate College.

### **Type of Admission**

A new student admitted to OSU is classified as a new freshman, a transfer student, or a readmission. All other students are classified as returning students, concurrent high school students, or non-degree-seeking students. A transfer student is classified as such only for the first semester that he/she attends OSU; after one semester, a transfer student is reclassified as a returning student. Similarly, new freshmen are reclassified as returning students after their first semester at OSU (and are sometimes shown as "other freshmen" when presenting data by classification). A readmission student is a student who has enrolled at OSU in the past but who has not been enrolled at OSU during the previous semester (excluding the summer semester).