



Commonly Used Higher Education Acronyms

AAC&U- Association of American Colleges and Universities
ACE- Access Control Executive (grants security access to EIS)
ADA- The Americans with Disabilities Act
BJMLSPA – Barbara Jordan – Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
BOR- Board of Regents
CARE-Critical Assessment Response Evaluation
COA - Chart of Accounts
COE – College of Education
COLAB – College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences
COPHS – College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
COSET – College of Science, Engineering and Technology
COTF – Center on the Family
CIRT – Critical Incident Response Team
DLS - Distinguished Lecture Series
DPS- Department of Public Safety
DOSS-Division of Student Services
EAP- Employee Assistance Program
EEOC – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
EIS– Enterprise Information System
ePAF– Electronic Personnel Action Form
FERPA-Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
FTE - Full-time Employee
FTIC - First Time in College
GA -Graduate Assistant
GSB – General Service Building
HEA - Higher Education Act of 1965
HH – Hannah Hall
H&PE – Health and Physical Education Arena
HIPPA-Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HR - Human Resources
HSI - Hispanic Serving Institute
HUB – Historically Underutilized Business
IDO – Interdepartmental Order
JHJ – Jessie H. Jones School of Business
LAR – Legislative Appropriation Request
Latinx - A gender neutral term often used in lieu of Latino or Latinx that refers to individuals with cultural ties to Latin America and individuals with Latin American descent
LBB- Legislative Budget Board
LGBTQIA - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual
LLC – Library Learning Center
MLK – Martin Luther King Building
MSI - Minority Serving Institution
NACAS – National Association of College Auxiliary Services



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NCES - National Center for Education Statistics
NACUBO – National Association of College & University Business Officers
NEO-New Employee Orientation (through DOSS)
NPHC-National Pan-Hellenic Council – historically black Greek fraternities and sororities
OCE – Office of Continuing Education
OGC- Office of General Counsel
OIT – Office of Information Technology
PCard – Procurement Card
PCLL – Parent Child Learning Lab
PO – Purchase Order
QEP-Quality Enhancement Plan
QPR - Question Persuade Refer (Suicide Prevention Program in Student Counseling Service)
RA - Resident Assistant (Residence Life) or Research Assistant (Academic Affairs)
REC/Rec Sports-Recreational Sports
REQ - Requisition
RL&H – Residential Life and Housing
RTF - Radio, Television, and Film
SACS -Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
SA - Student Assistant
SAP - Satisfactory Academic Progress
SASO – Student Accessibility Services Office
SDC -Staff Development Committee
SECC- State Employee Charitable Campaign
SGA -Student Government Association
SOC – School of Communication
SSF- Student Service Fee
SSLC – Sterling Student Life Center
SSS - Student Support Services (TRIO Program)
TCard – Travel Card
THECB -Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
TMSL - Thurgood Marshall School of Law
TO – Tierwester Oaks
TS - Talent Search (TRIO Program)
TRIO (federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds)
UB -Upward Bound (TRIO Program)
UBMS -Upward Bound Math and Science (TRIO Program)
UC – University Courtyard
UCC – University Counseling Center
UG – Undergraduate Student
UPC- University Program Council
USAS – Uniform Statewide Accounting System
VAWA - Violence Against Women Act
VET - Veteran
VPSS-Vice President for Student Services



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Higher Education/Student Affairs Associations:

ACHA-American College Health Association

ACPA-American College Personnel Association

ACUHO-I-Association of College and University Housing Officers-International

ACUI-Association of College Unions International

AERA-American Educational Research Association

AFCPE- Association of Financial Counseling, Planning, and Education

AHEAD-Association on Higher Education and Disability

AIR-Association for Institutional Research

ASCA-Association for Student Conduct Administration

CAS-Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education

NACA-National Association for Campus Activities

NASPA-National Association of Student Personnel Administrators

NIRSA-National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association

NODA-National Orientation Directors Association

TACFEP- Texas Association of Collegiate Financial Education Professionals

TACUSPA- Texas Association of College & University Student Personnel Administrators