

Academic Vocabulary

TYPES OF DEGREES

Bachelor's Degree	an academic degree awarded by a college or university, usually lasting 3 to 4 years e.g. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
Undergraduate degree	the first degree you study towards at University, a Bachelor's Degree
Master's Degree	an academic degree awarded by a College or University to those who have completed 1 to 2 years of prescribed advanced study beyond the Bachelor's Degree e.g. Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S. or M.Sc.)
Doctorate	a Doctor of Philosophy degree (Ph.D.), but it is awarded in all disciplines. It usually requires several years of study beyond a Master's Degree.
Postgraduate degree	a degree that is done after the Bachelor's Degree has been completed

VERBS

to hand in	to give an assignment to the teacher/lecturer for marking
to hand out	to distribute (e.g. notes) around the class
submit	to hand in, to give an assignment to the teacher/lecturer for marking
to enroll	to register
hit the books	to study
to study up on	to learn all one can about someone or something

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PEOPLE

Administrative Positions	
Chancellor	the head of the University (this term is used in Great Britain, the United States and many commonwealth countries)
Rector	the head of the University (this term is used in Europe, Latin America, Russia and other countries with a European tradition)
Dean	the head of a faculty
Academic Positions	
Professor	in Europe this title is used for the most senior academics and refers to a highly recognised and accomplished academic teacher, the title is only awarded after decades of scholarly work. In the United States and Canada it is granted to all scholars with a Doctorate.
Lecturer	an academic who gives lectures, leads research groups and supervises research students
Tutor	a teaching assistant, sometimes a graduate who helps undergraduates
Students	
Undergraduate	a student studying towards a Bachelor's Degree
Postgraduate	a student who already has a Bachelor's Degree and is studying further
Alumni	people who have graduated from a particular university

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NOUNS

scholarship	financial aid offered to a student usually because of academic excellence
bursary	financial assistance offered to a student, usually because of financial need
student loan	a lower interest rate loan offered to students to help pay off education related expenses
elective	an optional subject that is not compulsory for the student's programme
major	the area of specialization within the degree
discipline	a subject of study within a department
faculty	a group of related departments (e.g. the Language Faculty would have German, English and Spanish Departments)
plagiarism	to take somebody else's work or writing and pretend that it is your own
tertiary education	higher, formal, non-compulsory education in Colleges, Polytechnics or Universities