

Pace Parents and Family Glossary

In this guide, you will find common Pace University terms and college lingo that might be new to you. Some of these terms include links that expand on these topics.

Student Life and Lingo

The Pace University mascot! Better known as T-Bone, you'll see this fan favorite Irish Setter around campus and featured at our big events.

Weeks of Welcome occurs during the first six weeks of the fall semester and includes an abundant variety of programming geared towards helping students connect with each other and get involved.

A Residence Director (RD) is a live-in professional staff member who oversees the day-to-day functioning of one of our residence halls and aims to create a sense of community among residents. Residence Directors participate in an on-call structure and respond to crisis or emergency on campus.

A Resident Assistant (RA) is a student staff member with a primary function to foster a sense of community within the hall, offer residents support, and uphold and enforce University policies and procedures.

Link: [I've Been Accepted! Resources for First-Gen Students](#)

First Gen is shorthand for First Generation student, which is a student who is the first in their generation to attend a four year college or university. We use this term as a helpful indicator that the student may need additional layers of support, especially in their first year. At Pace we offer programming designed to connect First Gen students with the campus community, Pace resources, and their peers.

MWF: 12:10 p.m.–1:10 p.m. | TR: 3:25 p.m.–4:25 p.m. ; We set this time aside for students so that they can easily find a mutual time to work on class projects, meet with student organizations, or grab lunch together. Common hours are built directly into our academic scheduling and very few classes take place during these times.

Link: [Office of the Registrar: Student Records](#)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 is a United States federal law that governs the access to educational information and records. When a student enters an institution of higher education, the rights to these records belong to the student. Students can choose to waive their right to privacy by signing a FERPA waiver on their student portal.

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Link:

Towards the end of each semester, students will engage in registration for the following semester. Students meet with their Academic Advisor, craft a schedule with backup alternatives for the following semester, and register during their assigned registration time and date. Students should make every effort to schedule a meeting with their Academic Advisor to take place at least a few days before their registration opens.

[Link: The Undergraduate Experience: Special Programs](#)

Pace University offers students the opportunity to earn both their bachelor's and graduate degree in as little as five years through accelerated combined degree and sequential degree programs. There are many program choices within each college and students interested in these programs should talk with their Academic Advisor for more support and information.

[Link: Financial Aid: Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy](#)

In order to receive financial aid and to qualify for Pace aid, students must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative quality point average (QPA) or higher for certain academic programs. Students must also stay on pace to complete their degree within 150% maximum time frame of the program. For example, students must stay on track to complete a four year degree within six years.

[Link: DegreeWorks](#)

Degree Works is a web-based academic reporting and advising tool that outlines the requirements of a particular program and the paths to complete them. It is currently only available to a select Undergraduate student population, accessible to students through the MyPace Portal. Students can use Degree Works to:

- Track all requirements necessary to receive your degree, based on the term you entered the University.
- Show which courses you have taken at Pace or transferred into the University, and how they are applied towards your degree.
- Run "What-If" degree reports to see how your academic history can be applied to a different degree/major/minor

