

# GLOSSARY

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**Academic Plan**

A specified combination of courses leading to a degree in a particular subject.

**Academic Program**

Refers to the degree program of study that a student is pursuing, i.e., Bachelor of Applied Science or special programs such as UASC, UBUS, UEDU.

**Associate Dean (Academic)**

In charge of undergraduate studies for Smith Engineering.

**AU**

Academic Units, numerically equal to CEAB Accreditation Units.

**Board of Trustees**

The senior administrative body of the University.

**BTech**

Bachelor of Mining Engineering Technology

**Bursary**

Financial award for a student in need.

**Calendar**

An official publication of academic regulations, plans of study, descriptions of courses of instruction, and requirements for graduation.

**CEAB**

Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board.

**CS: Complementary Studies**

Topics in Engineering Economics, Communications, Management, Humanities and Social Sciences, Linkage and Professional Issues, and Performance Arts and Languages.

**Confidential Examination**

An examination paper recovered after the examination and withheld from circulation or publication.

**Core**

Those courses which are a mandatory part of an academic plan.

**Corequisites**

Courses which must be taken at the same time as the course in question, or have previously been taken and passed.

**Credit**

To attribute to an academic record, the accreditation units for a similar course of instruction.

**Dean**

The Chief Executive Officer of Smith Engineering.

**Department**

A subdivision of the Faculty responsible for a particular subject or group of related subjects, or an academic plan.

**ECGPA**

Engineering Cumulative Grade Point Average - see Regulation 16c for definition.

**EGGPA**

Engineering Graduation Grade Point Average - see Regulation 3 for definition.

**Electives**

A group of courses from which a specified number must be chosen to satisfy part of the requirements for the degree.

**Engineering Design**

Development of elements, systems and processes using mathematics, science and engineering science to meet specific needs and constraints.

**Engineering Science**

Application of mathematics and basic sciences to the identification and solution of engineering problems.

**Engineering Session**

Defined as the Fall and Winter terms of the academic year, provided the student is registered in Smith Engineering for both of these sessions.

**Engineering Student**

A student registered in Smith Engineering.

**ETGPA**

Engineering Term Grade Point Average - see Regulation 3 for definition.

**Exemption**

A required course replaced in an academic plan by relevant Work Experience plus an equivalent number of Accreditation Units extra to the academic plan approved by the Operations Committee.

**Extended Program**

An extension of Year One into the spring term allowing more time for the study of mathematics, chemistry and physics to assist first year students having difficulties in those subjects.

**Faculty Board**

The Committee charged with overseeing all academic matters in the Faculty.

**GPA**

Grade Point Average - see Regulation 16a for definition.

**H & SS**

Humanities and Social Sciences.

**IAESTE**

International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience.

**Internship**

A twelve or sixteen month period in industry, arranged by the University, for academic credit.

**Letter of Permission**

A formal document allowing a student to take a course at another institution in lieu of one in the student's regular academic plan.

**Natural Sciences**

Physics, Chemistry, Earth and Life Sciences.

**Operations Committee**

A standing committee of Faculty Board which deals with Admissions, Scholarships, Academic Progress, and Curriculum matters.

**P.Eng.**

Professional Engineer, registered by a Provincial licensing authority.

**PEO**

Professional Engineers Ontario: The licensing authority in Ontario.

**Prerequisites**

Courses which must be passed before the course in question can be taken.

**Principal**

The Chief Executive Officer of the University.

**Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)**

Challenge Examinations in First Year Subjects.

**QUIP**

Queen's Undergraduate Internship Program.

**Reading Week**

A period in which classes are suspended in favour of independent study.

**Regular Session**

A Regular Session normally consists of the Fall, Winter and Summer terms of instruction. In the case of first year students registered in the Extended Program, the Regular Session includes the Spring term.

**Regulations**

The rules established by the Faculty Board and by the Senate by which a student's academic progress and department are governed.

**Reread**

The reassessment of a student's final paper in a course, on appeal.

**SAL**

Student Assistance Levy.

**Scholarship**

A financial award based on academic merit.

**Senate**

The University's senior academic board.

**SOLUS**

Student On-Line University System

**Sub-plan**

One of two or more streams within an academic plan: eg., the Chemical Process Sub-plan in Chemical Engineering.

**Substitution**

Replacement of a required course, stipulated in the calendar, by another course, with the approval of the Operations Committee.

**SURP**

School of Urban and Regional Planning.

**Term**

A period of instruction, usually of 12 weeks duration.

**Transcript**

A document provided by the Registrar's Office that lists the entire academic record-to-date of a student in the University. An Official Transcript is certified by the Registrar.

**Transfer Credit**

Credit allowed for a course taken in another Faculty or at another institution.

**Withdrawal**

A formal process for discontinuing studies in a course or in an academic plan.