BASIC COLLEGE VOCABULARY

ACADEMIC DEAN: Chief administrator of a college within a university.

ACADEMIC PROBATION: Students with low grades (under 2.0 GPA) will be placed on academic probation, a written stipulation to improve grades within that semester to avoid dismissal.

ADVISOR: A staff or faculty assigned to help you discuss your educational plans including your course scheduling.

CATALOG: A comprehensive resource listing college regulations, program and course descriptions, degree and graduation requirements, transfer requirements and other essential information.

CLEP: (College Level Examination Program) Comprehensive tests given in familiar subjects to earn credit for those subjects without taking the course.

COMPREHENSIVE TEST: A test that covers all material covered in a course.

CREDIT: A unit of measure for college work. Generally speaking, one credit hour represents one hour of classroom attendance each week for the semester, plus the study time, homework, etc. that go along with it.

CREDIT LOAD: The total credit value of the courses a student is currently enrolled in.

CUMULATIVE GPA: The average grade points for all courses taken.

CURRICULUMS: Programs of study; degree requirements

DEFICIENCY: Unsatisfactory progress report of work in a course. Deficiencies are sent out at mid-term.

DEGREE: A rank conferred by a college or university and earned by a student who has successfully completed specified courses and requirements.

DROP DATE: The last day you can drop a class without a grade being assigned.

GPA: (Grade Point Average) Your GPA is figured out by multiplying class letter grades (A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0) by the number of credits for each class, totaling your results for all classes, and then dividing that total by the total credit hours taken.
MAJOR: Specialization in one academic discipline or field of study.

OBJECTIVE TEST: Tests which are mostly multiple-choice or true-false.

ORIENTATION: Events planned to help students adjust to college life.

PLAGIARISM: Taking credit for someone else’s ideas; copying work from the writing of others without documentation.

PREREQUISITE: The beginning of a course series. It must be taken first.

REGISTRAR: The person responsible for registering students in courses and for keeping records of grades.

REGISTRATION: Signing up for specific courses and times.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS: If you receive financial aid, you must successfully complete 2/3 (66%) of attempted credit hours. Students classified as juniors or seniors, and students who have attended UND for two or more academic years, must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.

SCHEDULE/STUDY LIST: The specific courses that an individual students is taking or plans to take for a given semester.

SUBJECTIVE/ESSAY TEST: Answers will need to be in paragraphs where you write about information specific to questions asked.

SYLLABUS: An outline of course work distributed by an instructor.

TERM GPA: The GPA obtained for courses for one semester.

TRANSCRIPT: An official record of a student’s courses and the grades received for those courses.

TUTOR: Person who give extra instructional help to students. Peer tutors are other students.

UNIVERSITY FEE: A fee in addition to tuition that pays for assorted student services: health services, tutoring, technology, etc.

WITHDRAWAL: (W) Grade listed when a student officially drops a class before the drop date.