

# Campus Solutions Glossary – Financial Aid

The Campus Solutions Glossary – Financial Aid defines many of the terms that are used in the Financial Aid module of the new student information system. It also includes general terms that may be relevant to Financial Aid. The glossary will continue to be updated throughout Illinois State University’s transition to Campus Solutions.

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**3Cs (Communications, Checklists, Comments)** – a flexible way to send and track correspondence, lists of requirements, and notes to students, staff, and organizations.

- **Checklist** – a list of planned or completed action items that can be assigned to a user
- **Comments** – a notation field for additional comments on a user record
- **Communications** – a method to send and track communications to a user

**3C Engine** – an application that enables automation of 3Cs processes. The 3C engine automatically adds, deletes, and updates communications, checklists, and comments according to Illinois State University policies.

**3C Group** – a method of grouping users to control or restrict access to 3Cs, determined by security-based roles.

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**Academic Career** – all the course work undertaken by a student that is maintained in a single record. Illinois State University offers three academic careers: undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education.

**Academic Group** - the highest level division of an institution, used mostly for reporting, catalog defaults, and meeting patterns. Illinois State University has seven academic groups: the College of Applied Science and Technology, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Fine Arts, College of Nursing, and the Office of the Provost.

**Academic Institution** – the highest organization in the academic hierarchy. Illinois State University is the only institution in Campus Solutions. It is assigned the code, “ILSTU.”

**Academic Load** – an indication of full-time or part-time enrollment based on the number of units enrolled and the academic load rules for the term. Academic load impacts eligibility for residential housing and financial aid.

**Academic Organization** – the department which has financial and work responsibility for an academic program. At Illinois State, academic organizations correspond to academic departments (such as the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences) and to colleges (such as Mennonite College of Nursing).

**Academic Plan** – the course of study a student follows to fulfill the requirements of a degree, such as a BA in English or an MS in Chemistry. An academic plan is equivalent to a major, minor, or certificate.

**Academic Program** – the entity to which a student applies, is admitted, and ultimately graduates from. Programs define many different rules for academic processes, such as grading, financial aid, and class repeat rules. At Illinois State University, programs are a combination of colleges and academic careers, such as the College of Business undergraduate program and the College of Arts and Sciences graduate program.

**Academic Session** – a period of time during which the University holds classes. Sessions can span the full length of a term or any amount of time within it, such as the first half of the Fall term or the last quarter of the Summer term.

**Academic Structure** – the Campus Solutions term for the relationships between Illinois State University, its colleges and departments, the courses they offer, and the terms and sessions within the academic year.

**Academic Subjects** – the specific areas of instruction that are offered by academic organizations. For example, MAT 120 belongs to the math subject.

**Academic Sub-plan** – an area of specialization within an academic plan. For example, Creative Writing is a sub-plan within the English BA plan. Note that sub-plans are not used for minors (because a minor is an academic plan in its own right).

**Academic Term** – a period of time containing one or more academic sessions. At Illinois State University, there are three academic terms: Fall term, Spring term, and Summer term.

**Admit Level Associations** – the financial aid labels that group students together based on program status. Admit level associations are used to determine when a student’s ISIR data will be loaded into Campus Solutions. For example, a student with an Admit Level Association of “Has Not Applied” will not have ISIR data loaded. (Financial Aid)

**Aggregate Aid** – a summary of a student’s available financial aid in relation to how much financial aid has been used by the student. Aggregate aid is important for students who have grants and financial aid disbursements that are in limited amounts or are only applicable for a set number of terms, such as the Title IV grant. (Financial Aid)

**Aid Year Activation** – the process of activating a prospect for financial aid after financial aid data has been loaded into Campus Solutions. At Illinois State, a student will be aid year activated after ISIR information is received. (Financial Aid)

**Anticipated Aid** – the amount of financial aid Illinois State has awarded a student, but has not yet disbursed. (Financial Aid)

**ATB (Ability to Benefit)** – a test required of students seeking federal financial aid who did not graduate from high school in the United States. The test requires students to demonstrate that they possess sufficient “ability to benefit” from post-secondary education. (Financial Aid)

**Authorization**– the process of approving a student’s financial aid amount. Authorization occurs after a student is awarded and accepts the financial aid. The authorizing process can be automated or can be completed manually. (Financial Aid)

**Award Messages** – the messages or information that can be attached to financial aid item types and then included on Financial Aid notification letters to students. (Financial Aid)

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**Bio/Demo Data** – the biographic and demographic data about a person, such as name, addresses, phone numbers, citizenship, email address, and ethnicity.

**Budget** – a detailed list of expenses that identify the cost of attendance. A budget helps establish a student’s need for financial aid. (Financial Aid)

**Buildings** – the physical places on campus that house rooms and facilities. For example, Turner Hall and Schroeder Hall are buildings at Illinois State University.

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**Campus Community** – the module of Campus Solutions used to create and update the records of people and organizations. Campus Community acts as a central hub by sharing data with all other modules, including Admissions, Advising, Financial Aid, Student Financials, and Student Records.

**Cross Functional Committee** – an advisory committee that reviews decisions and recommendations about Campus Solutions at Illinois State. This committee is comprised of key University staff members in multiple departments.

**Campus Solutions** – the student information system (SIS) at Illinois State University. Campus Solutions is comprised of six modules: Admissions, Advising, Campus Community, Financial Aid, Student Financials, and Student Records.

**Census Date** – the date used to finalize a student’s enrollment for the term. The census date is used for budgeting and aid calculation purposes. The financial aid term is based on the census date. (Financial Aid)

**Cloud** – another word for the Internet. A company that provides cloud-based services remotely hosts data, software, and the physical infrastructure, such as servers and network devices. Campus Solutions is a cloud-based product.

**COA (Cost of Attendance)** – an estimate of a student’s educational expenses for the period of enrollment. COA is calculated based on tuition, housing, books, parking, and fees. (Financial Aid)

**COD (Common Origination and Disbursement System)** – a federal system that processes financial aid award origination and disbursement data using information from the Common Record. (Financial Aid)

**Common Record** – a federal record that houses origination and disbursement data for the Pell Grant, Direct Loan, and other grants. (Financial Aid)

**Connector Type** - a logical operator that is used to determine if some or all conditions in a statement are true. The two connector types are:

- AND - the process will succeed if all conditions are met
- OR - the process will succeed if one or all of the conditions are met

For example, a requisite condition could be set up to make students eligible to enroll in a course if they are: in their first-year AND have an ACT Math score over 25; OR if they are in their second-year AND have a GPA of 3.0.

**Constituents** – the friends, alumni, organizations, foundations, or other entities affiliated with Illinois State, and about which the University maintains information.

**CRM (Customer Relationship Management)** – a tool that manages the entire lifecycle of a person's relationship with Illinois State University, from the moment the person is a prospect, through application, admission, enrollment, graduation, and as an alumnus or alumna.

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**Disbursement** – the transfer of funds from the Financial Aid system to the student’s account in Student Financials. Financial aid disbursement cannot occur until the student’s financial aid has been authorized. After disbursement, the financial aid award will be immediately credited to the student’s account. (Financial Aid)

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**EFC (Expected Family Contribution)** – the amount of money that an applicant’s family is expected to pay toward the cost of the student’s degree. EFC is calculated based on a student’s responses in FAFSA and helps determine eligibility for federal student aid. (Financial Aid)

**Effective Date** – the date at which a piece of data is considered official or effective. Campus Solutions uses effective dates to maintain a historical record of past data. Instead of deleting or overriding data, a new set of data is entered with a new effective date, which tells the system to use the new information from that date forward.

**Empl ID (Employee ID)** – a Campus Solutions person identifier. All students, faculty, staff, and constituents will have unique Empl IDs.

**Equation Engine** – a programming tool that uses logical rules or statements to read and change Campus Solutions data tables.

**Equity Funds** – an amount of financial aid that is not repaid by students, such as grants and scholarships. Equity funds can also include parent and student contributions. (Financial Aid)

**Equity Item Type Groups** – a collection of financial aid item types. Equity item type groups allow for finer control of the way that financial aid item types are evaluated and awarded. (Financial Aid)

**Equity Item Types** – FA item types that are defined as equity funds, such as grants and scholarships. (Financial Aid)

**Equity Limits** – the maximum amount of funds set by Illinois State to be awarded with discretionary or gift funds. The equity limit can be reduced by factors like a higher EFC or parent contribution. Equity limits ensure that similar student populations are offered similar aid amounts. (Financial Aid)

**Event** – a trigger-based, predefined point that automatically creates, updates, or deletes information. For example, if a student at Illinois State enrolls in a course (event), the student will be given automatic access to the course in self-service.

**External Award** – a financial aid award that is funded by an external organization. Financial Aid maintains external award data in Campus Solutions for record-keeping purposes. (Financial Aid)

**External Organizations** – the schools, businesses, or non-profit organizations that conduct business with Illinois State. For example, the Thomas Metcalf Laboratory School is an external organization.

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**FA Item Type Groups (Financial Aid Item Type Groups)** – a grouping system that is used to award a group of similar funds in a specific order until the group maximum is met. For example, Illinois State could group all endowed funds into one item type group, allowing for the endowed funds to be assigned until the limit is met. (Financial Aid)

**FA Item Types (Financial Aid Item Types)** – a designation in Financial Aid that indicates the type of aid award, including how much an award is worth and other basic information about the award. (Financial Aid)

**FA Term (Financial Aid Term)** – an amount of time that represents the Financial Aid processing period; at Illinois State, the FA Term is based on the academic term. Defining an FA Term allows the University to determine how funding is allocated to students. (Financial Aid)

**Facility** – a room or grouping of rooms, such as Stevenson Hall 420B or Fairchild 211. For the purpose of scheduling, it can be treated as a single entity or as multiple rooms/components.

**Facility Characteristics** – a description of the facility capacity, availability, and room characteristics.

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** – an application that students must file to receive most aid or loans based on financial need. (Financial Aid)

**FAN (Financial Aid Notification)** – a process used to notify students of their financial aid awards. The FAN includes the name of each award, the amount awarded to the student, and any award messages that are designated for a particular financial aid item type. (Financial Aid)

**FDD (Functional Design Document)** – a document created by Illinois State that discusses the technical and functional needs of interfaces, conversions, reports, workflows, and customizations required for Campus Solutions.

**FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)** – a federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records. Students may choose to release information to others, such as their parents or legal guardians.

**FERPA Control** – a tool to identify and prohibit the release of a student's restricted information. This control is automated in Campus Solutions.

**Financial Aid** – the Campus Solutions module that manages the University’s financial aid process. This module controls the disbursement of awards, scholarships, loans, and federal aid. It is also used to assess a student’s eligibility for aid and maintains all data necessary for federal and state compliance. (Financial Aid)

**Financial Aid Load** – a factor that contributes to a student’s financial aid eligibility. Financial Aid Load determines how much financial aid a student can receive based on the number of units enrolled and the financial aid load rules for a term. Financial Aid load is impacted by academic load and the FA item type rules. (Financial Aid)

**Flat File** – a file that contains plain text data, such as an Excel spreadsheet. Flat files can be uploaded into Campus Solutions, which will automatically structure the file contents into the Campus Solutions database.

**FSEOG (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant)** – a federal grant that is administered directly by the financial aid office. The FSEOG does not need to be repaid and is awarded based on a student’s financial need. (Financial Aid)

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**HERA (Higher Education Reconciliation Act)** – a federal law that affects the stipulations placed on federal student aid, specifically in regards to FAFSA. HERA creates more specific rules in regards to Title IV Grant calculation based on a student's academic load. (Financial Aid)

**HERA Academic Level Rule** – a financial aid calculation that is based on the total number of units a student has completed towards a degree. The level calculated is used to determine whether a student has met specific thresholds. (Financial Aid)

**Holiday Schedules** – the schedule of academic holidays for Illinois State University. Holiday schedules are assigned to academic careers and are used for class scheduling purposes.

**HRMS (Human Resources Management System)** – the Campus Solutions system that manages human resource activities, such as payroll.

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**ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission)** – the organization responsible for awarding the MAP Grant. The ISAC is a centralized source of information and support for individuals pursuing higher education in Illinois. (Financial Aid)

**ISIR (Institutional Student Information Record)** – the combined record that contains processed student information from FAFSA and the financial aid history information from the NSLDS. (Financial Aid)

**IVG (Illinois Veteran's Grant)** – a State of Illinois grant that provides some veterans with the full amount of tuition/fees to attend any approved public college or university in Illinois. Illinois State is one of the approved public universities. (Financial Aid)

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**MAP Grant (Monetary Award Program Grant)** – a grant that is awarded by the ISAC to students based on financial need. (Financial Aid)

**Mass Packaging Process** – the process that awards financial aid to groups of students and which includes three steps. First, students are selected to be included for evaluation; second, students are assigned to packaging plans; and third, students are reviewed for eligibility and awarded financial aid. (Financial Aid)

**Modules** – the applications which comprise Campus Solutions. The six core modules are Admissions, Advising, Campus Community, Financial Aid, Student Financials, and Student Records.

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**National ID** – a government-issued identification number. For example, citizens of the United States are issued Social Security numbers.

**Need** – the difference between the cost of attendance and the EFC. Financial aid packages are offered based on the amount of financial need. (Financial Aid)

**Node** – the structural points that exists on a tree in Campus Solutions Tree Manager. Nodes join together to represent the relationships among data, such the academic structure of Illinois State University or the item types defined in Student Financials.

**NSLDS (National Student Loan Data System)** – the United States Department of Education’s central database for student aid; the NSLDS communicates with Illinois State about what types of loans are offered, such as the Direct Loan program and Pell Grants. (Financial Aid)

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**Oracle** - the technology corporation that maintains and provides support for the Campus Solutions software.

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**Packaging** – the process that awards financial aid to a student based on EFC. (Financial Aid)

**Packaging Plan** – a set of rules that controls which student populations are eligible for a specific FA item type. For example, Illinois State could create a packaging plan that only applies to undergraduate students. (Financial Aid)

**Page** – a screen in which data is entered and/or displayed. Pages let users view, change, or add data. For example, a student has several pages in their Student Record account, such as one page for addresses, one page for bio/demo data, etc.

**Pell Grant** – a federal grant awarded to students based on financial need. (Financial Aid)

**PeopleBooks** – the extensive help documentation created by Oracle that explains Campus Solutions concepts, administration, and use. PeopleBooks is available from any page of Campus Solutions by clicking the *Help* link.

**PeopleSoft** – the system which serves as the foundation of Campus Solutions. The PeopleSoft system is designed to share data from a single location and provide a common source of information for all staff members and departments.

**PeopleTools** – a comprehensive development suite for PeopleSoft applications. PeopleTools allows developers to create and customize applications easily.

**Process** – a set of actions that Campus Solutions executes according to specified parameters, such as adding batches of students to the Campus Community database, emailing multiple electronic transcripts, or updating checklist items.

**Program Status** – the relationship a person has with an academic program, such as applicant, active, admitted, cancelled, or waitlisted.

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**Query** – a selective search of the Campus Solutions database for one or many records based on defined criteria. University staff members are granted access to run queries based on their role, and only key roles have the permission to create new queries.

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**Repackaging** – the Financial Aid process of reassessing financial aid awards; repackaging only occurs if the student has been packaged in the past. Repackaging must happen if anything about the student’s status has changed, such as EFC or academic standing.  
(Financial Aid)

**RightNow** – the CRM tool that is integrated with Campus Solutions to provide a single view of all communication with a student, prospective student, or other interested person. RightNow is used to recruit new students to Illinois State through email communications, events, and analytics.

**Role-Based Security** – the security for pages, menu items, and actions that is controlled by only giving access to users based on the roles designated in Campus Solutions. For example, employees in Financial Aid at Illinois State will only have access to the Student Records data they need to do their jobs.

**Room Characteristics** – a description of the components offered in a room, such as an overhead projector, a white board, or the number of computers in a lab.

**Row** – a container for the data for a particular table. Because of the way Campus Solutions structures data, row data is very rarely changed or deleted. Instead, when changes to a record need to be made, a new row is added with a new effective date. This maintains the historical record of data and tells the system to use the new data from that point forward.

**Run Control ID** – a unique number associated with every process that is run in Campus Solutions. Run Control IDs make it easier to repeat processes without having to reenter all of the relevant parameters.

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**SACR (Student Administration and Contributor Relations)** – the tool that allows administrators to establish the academic structure framework that manages all other modules within Campus Solutions. For example, SACR controls the academic calendar, programs, plans, and security.

**SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress)** – a series of tests used in Campus Solutions to measure a student's progress towards a degree. At Illinois State, SAP is calculated based on the term and is determined by information like academic standing, GPA, current earned units, etc. If a student does not meeting SAP requirements, this will negatively affect the student's financial aid. (Financial Aid)

**Search/Match** – the Campus Solutions process that searches for and identifies duplicate records in the database.

**Service Indicators** – the flags that provide or limit services and access to a user. There are two types of service indicators – positive and negative.

- **Negative Service Indicators** create holds that prevent the user from receiving specified services, such as registration for classes or library privileges.
- **Positive Service Indicators** designate special services that are extended to the user, such as front-of-line course registration or special services for disabled students.

**Single Signon** – the ability to access other Campus Solutions applications without reentering a user ID or password after first-time authentication.

**SIS (Student Information System)** – a software application that manages student data. Campus Solutions is the new SIS for Illinois State.

**SQL (Structured Query Language)** – a programming language designed for managing data in a database. SQL can be used to create queries and run processes within Campus Solutions.

**Student Award Packaging** – the self-service application that students use to accept, decline, or reduce financial aid awards. (Financial Aid)

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**Term Code** – A four-digit code associated with an academic term. Term codes are formatted as 2BBC, where BB refers to the last two digits of the second half of the academic year, and C refers to the specific term (2 for fall, 5 for spring, 8 for summer). For example:

- 2152 – Fall term of the 2014-2015 academic year
- 2155 – Spring term of the 2014-2015 academic year
- 2158 – Summer term of the 2014-2015 academic year
- 2162 – Fall term of the 2015-2016 academic year, etc.

**Title IV** – a federal aid funding program that includes Federal Family Education Loan Programs, Federal Campus-Based grants, and the Federal Pell Grant program. (Financial Aid)

**Tree** – a graphical hierarchy that displays relationships among pieces of data within Campus Solutions. For example, there is a tree that defines the relationships among all the Illinois State University units and departments, and another tree that defines item types.

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**UAT (User Acceptance Testing)** – a test conducted to determine if the requirements of a contract are met by the given software or service. Illinois State will choose various functional department members to conduct UAT on Campus Solutions.

**Unit Testing** – a test conducted to determine if Campus Solutions modules, processes, and applications are fit for use. Unit testing will be conducted by Quality Assurance at Illinois State.

**UPK (User Productivity Kit)** – an online tutorial program that delivers self-paced, computer-based simulation training and interactive tutorials. Illinois State will offer UPKs for Campus Solutions as part of a larger training plan.

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**Verification** – the process that compares financial aid data, such as comparing EFC to financial aid applications or comparing ISIR to Illinois State data. (Financial Aid)

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