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4TH CLASS DAY DATA (SECOND 5½ WEEK SESSION) – total enrollments as of the 4th day of class of the second 5 1/2 week session.

12TH CLASS DAY DATA - total enrollments as of the 12th class day of the 16-week semester.

ACADEMIC YEAR - begins the first day of the fall semester and ends the last day of the summer session of the following year. For example, Academic Year 2005 began August 23, 2004 and ended August 10, 2005.

ACC TAXING DISTRICT - taxing jurisdictions that contribute funding for the College through property taxes.

ADJUNCT FACULTY – non-staffing table employees appointed on a course-by-course basis to teach college credit and certificate program courses.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) – courses designed primarily for students 16 years of age and older to improve basic skills in reading, writing, and arithmetic.

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL - includes staffing table employees who are exempt from receiving overtime pay, are paid on a monthly basis, and are considered upper-management.

ANNUAL HEADCOUNT - the number of students enrolled in one or more courses with each student counted only once for the year.

ASSIGNABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE - the amount of space, within the interior walls of a room, that can be used for programs . Major room use categories are: classrooms, laboratories, offices, study areas, special use space, general use areas, support rooms, health care, residential, and unclassified space.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) - degree awarded to students who successfully complete the prescribed courses in any of the occupational-technical programs.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA) - degree awarded to students who complete at least 60 semester credit hours that include 6 hours of English, 6 hours of American government, 6 hours of US history, 8 hours of a single foreign language, and the prescribed courses listed in one of the areas of concentration.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING (AAT) - degree awarded to students who successfully complete the prescribed courses for one of three degrees leading to teaching certification.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS) - degree awarded to students who complete at least 60 semester credit hours that include 6 hours of English, 6 hours of American government, 6 hours of US history, 6-8 hours of science, and the prescribed courses listed in one of the areas of concentration.

BUILDING GROSS SQUARE FOOTAGE - the sum of all square feet of floor areas within the outside faces of a building's exterior walls.

CBM REPORTS - Coordinating Board Management reports that are mandatorily submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and are the basis for state reimbursement.

CENTERS - locations other than campuses that are staffed, have regular posted hours, and offer credit courses on a regular basis (every semester).

CERTIFICATE - awarded to students who complete one of the approved certificate programs.

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CERTIFIED DATA - data that are reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and verified by ACC as of the term's official reporting date (census date).

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL - staffing table employees who are not exempt from receiving overtime pay and who are paid on a bi-weekly basis.

COLLEGE CONNECTION - a program offered to high school students to provide awareness of the benefits of going to college while providing academic and other support services they need to enter college. All ACC academic and other support services are provided at the high school.

COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES - courses for which credits can be earned that apply toward a degree and that may be transferred to other institutions of higher education. College credit courses are approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

COMPLETER - a student who completes all required assessments and 12 instructional contact hours in the Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Education Development (GED), or English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) program.

CONTACT HOUR - an instructional unit of time in which a student has contact with an instructor; includes both lecture and laboratory time.

CONTINUING EDUCATION - non-credit courses and programs, often in adult workforce or avocational areas.

CORE CURRICULUM - ACC's core consists of 42-hours of general education courses in English, communications, mathematics, natural science, humanities, visual and performing arts, government, history, and an additional social and behavioral science.

CREDIT TEACHING FACULTY - faculty who teach college credit courses; includes staffing table full-time and non-staffing table adjunct faculty.

DAY AND EVENING STUDENTS - students enrolled both in courses that begin before 5:30 P.M. and those that begin after 5:30 P.M.

DAY ONLY STUDENTS - students enrolled only in courses that begin before 5:30 P.M.

DEGREE - an award given as official recognition for the successful completion of a program of studies.

DUPLICATED HEADCOUNT - occurs when a student is counted more than one time because they are enrolled in more than one course. For example, a student who attends several courses at one location and one or more courses at a second location is counted twice, once at each location.

ENROLLMENT - the number of courses students have registered for.

EVENING ONLY STUDENTS - students enrolled only in courses that begin after 5:30 P.M.

FIELD OF STUDY CURRICULUM - intended to facilitate the free transferability of lower-division academic courses among Texas public colleges and universities.

FINANCIAL AID - grants, loans, assistantships, scholarships, fellowships, tuition waivers, tuition discounts, veteran's benefits, employer aid (tuition reimbursement) and other monies (other than relatives/friends) provided to students to meet expenses. This includes subsidized and unsubsidized loans made directly to students.

FIRST-TIME IN COLLEGE STUDENT - a student who has never attended college or any other postsecondary institution. Students are not reported as first-time-in college until they have completed their high school work.

FIRST-TIME TRANSFER STUDENT - see Transfer Student

FISCAL YEAR - an accounting period for 12 months that begins on September 1 and continues through August 31 of the following year.

FULL-TIME FACULTY – staffing table employees with faculty status including counselors and librarians.

FULL-TIME STUDENT EQUIVALENT (FTSE) - the total semester credit hours divided by 15, which is considered to be a full-time course load.

GASB – see Governmental Accounting Standards Board

GED GRADUATE - a student who successfully passed the General Education Development (GED) exam.

GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) - a test for students whose high school education was interrupted.

GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (GASB) – establishes accounting standards for local and state entities including governmental colleges and universities.

GRANT PERSONNEL - employees whose salaries are funded by sources other than Austin Community College and who are eligible for benefits and accrue leave.

HEADCOUNT - the number of students enrolled in one or more courses. This number may be duplicated or unduplicated.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT - the number of students enrolled in high school (as juniors and seniors) and in college. These students receive college credit and may receive high school graduation credit for the classes they take at ACC.

IN-DISTRICT – students who live within ACC’s tax-paying districts and pay taxes in support of the college and receive lower in-district tuition rates. Students who live or own property within the City of Austin or the Austin, Del Valle, Leander, Manor, or Round Rock Independent School Districts, as well as portions of Eanes and Pflugerville Independent School Districts are considered in-district students.

ISD – Independent School District.

NON-RESIDENT – students whose legal residence is not in Texas.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT – students who live outside ACC’s in-district taxing boundaries as identified in the in-district definition. Higher out-of-district tuition rates are charged to out-of-district students.

PARTICIPANT - an individual who attends an initial orientation of the Adult Basic Education, GED, or English-as-a-Second Language program; or a high school student that attends College Connection events.

PARTICIPANT YEAR - senior year the student took part in College Connection activities.

PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL PERSONNEL - includes staffing table employees who are exempt from overtime pay and are paid on a monthly basis.

REPORTING DATES – Fall/Spring: 12th Class Day
Summer: 4th Class Day of the 2nd 5½ week session

SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS (SCH) – transcript value of a course based on the number of hours it meets per week. For example, PSYC-2301 meets for three hours a week and is worth three semester credit hours.

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SERVICE AREA – the territory in which the College provides services.

SITE-BASED INSTRUCTION - includes various credit and non-credit classes and training to businesses, government entities, high schools, correctional institutions, and community groups.

STAFFING TABLE PERSONNEL - employees who are eligible for benefits and accrue leave.

STUDENT, FULL-TIME - a student who is enrolled in 12 or more semester credit hours in the fall or spring semesters. This is based on the financial aid definition of full time as 75% of a normal full-time load. The normal full-time load would be 15 semester credit hours per semester over two years to complete an associate degree requiring a minimum of 60 semester credit hours.

STUDENT, PART-TIME - a student who is enrolled for less than 12 semester credit hours in the fall or spring semesters.

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY (TEA) - evaluates and provides partial funding for the Adult Education Program.

TELECOMMUNICATED INSTRUCTION - courses delivered to individuals and groups by synchronous or asynchronous methods. Delivery methods include instructional television (using recorded video programs shown on cable TV and on cassette), Personal Computer with Modem (using Internet and email), print-based courses (using a textbook), directed studies, and live televised classes (to individual students via the Internet or cable television).

TEMPORARY FULL-TIME FACULTY – adjunct faculty who teach a full-time load on a temporary basis and receive benefits.

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD (THECB) - a statutory 15-member board appointed by the Governor. It is responsible for statewide planning and policy-making to assure quality and efficiency in Texas higher education. The Board's primary areas of responsibility are financial planning, senior colleges and universities, community colleges and continuing education, health affairs, student services, and campus planning.

TRANSFER STUDENT – a student entering the reporting institution for the first time but known to have previously attended a postsecondary institution at the same level. The student may transfer with or without credit.

TUITION – amount of money charged to students for instructional services.

UNDUPLICATED HEADCOUNT – the sum of students enrolled for credit with each student counted only once during the reporting period.

Note to the Fact Book

Reports in this Fact Book are based upon the best data available at the time the report was produced and is current as of November 25, 2008.