

Bellarmino Dictionary

Check out some of these **HELPFUL TERMS** to get you started off right and in the know on all things Bellarmine University.

Academic Calendar with Important Dates = each semester's Academic Calendar can be found here <https://www.bellarmino.edu/registrar/academic-calendars/> check this calendar if you need to know when classes start/end, days off during the semester, and other information

Academic Warning/Probation/Dismissal = A student will be placed on academic warning, probation or dismissal if they are not making successful academic progress. Please consult the catalog <https://catalog.bellarmino.edu/> or your advisor for more information

Academic Petition = A petition is a way to appeal particular academic policies. If you have a question about appealing, please contact your advisor

Add/Drop = A period at the beginning of a new semester during which students can sign up for new classes or drop classes they previously enrolled in without academic penalty

Baccalaureate Mass = a religious ceremony that recognizes graduating students and their achievements

Bellarmino Experience = a dashboard of electronic resources available to Bellarmine students, faculty, and staff. This can be found at <https://experience.elluciancloud.com/bu362/>

Club Sports = non-varsity competitive sports that are played at a higher level of skill and require a regular commitment to their team

Commencement = annual graduation ceremonies where the university honors students who have completed their degree program requirements

Commuter Lounge = An area located in Centro which provides a space for commuter students to socialize, study, and snack. Students can use the Commuter Lounge refrigerator and microwave to store and prepare food from home

Convocation = a series of formal gatherings during the fall semester with programs, panels, and events that support the Knight 101 curriculum

Course Catalog = The catalog is the official source of information about the university's academic programs, courses, policies, and procedures. A new version of the catalog is published each year and students are held to the requirements of the catalog from their first semester in their program. It should be used as a guide in planning a course of study and in meeting requirements for graduation. You can find the course catalog here <https://catalog.bellarmino.edu/>

Core requirements = The courses students are required to take based on their specific major These will vary depending on which major track you are on

Engage = the online platform that houses all of Bellarmine's campus events and Registered Student Organizations. Log into Engage to learn how you can grow as a leader, get involved on campus, or connect to the community <https://engage.bellarmino.edu/>

Federal Work Study = program that provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses

Final Exams = A test taken at the end of the semester. Final exams or equivalent final projects are done in each course. Final Exam Schedules can be found at <https://www.bellarmino.edu/registrar/final-exam-information/>

GivePulse = platform that allows students to log their community engagement/service/volunteer hours for classes and student organizations.

Grad Guard = tuition insurance that helps protect the cost of tuition, academic fees, meal plan, and housing if a student must withdraw from school due to a covered illness, injury, mental health condition, or job loss or death of a tuition payer

Holds = Please consult your advisor if you have a hold. A hold is anything that you see in Self Service in red as a notification. It will explain the reason for the hold and might prevent you from registering for the next semester.

Intramural Sports = recreational sports designed to create a fun and competitive atmosphere. Sign up through <http://www.imleagues.com/Bellarmino>

Knights Engage = is a university wide mobile app that connects students with a wide range of exciting opportunities across campus. This includes connecting with student organizations, finding events happening on or around campus, and creating a network of students, faculty, and staff who share similar interests. Download Knights Engage in your app store and then use your Bellarmine login and password to get access

Liberal Arts = An approach to higher education that balances depth in a chosen major with breadth across the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and arts. Through general education courses, it equips graduates with critical thinking, information literacy, problem-solving and collaborative skills, and exposure to diverse peoples and cultures

Mass = the central liturgical service of the Eucharist in the Catholic Church

Matriculation Book Signing = marks the beginning of a new student's academic career at Bellarmine. All new students are asked to sign the book during their Week of Welcome move in day

Midterm Exam = A test taken halfway through each semester in each course

Moodle = The online learning platform used by Bellarmine University

Pass / Fail = A class where rather than receiving a number grade you either pass or fail. Not all courses offer a pass/fail option and not all majors will accept pass/fail courses as credit towards them

Pioneer Scholars = A program in which First-Generation Students can attend educational and social events to learn about campus, build a community, and gain access to resources

Non-Academic Warning/Probation/Dismissal = These are disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed on a student who is found to have violated the Code of Student Conduct during student conduct hearing proceedings. They are not related to academic performance but result from behavioral or conduct-related issues.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) = the process schools use to determine if a student is meeting their educational requirements and on track to graduate on time. More information is available online at [SAP Policy](#)

Self-Service = a web-based platform where students can access and manage various aspects of their academic and financial lives. It's accessed through <https://selfservice.bellarmino.edu/> after logging in with your Bellarmine username and password

Student Handbook = The Student Handbook is a guide to the policies, procedures, and expectations for all enrolled students at Bellarmine University. It outlines important information related to student conduct, campus resources, and student life. Students are responsible for reviewing the handbook annually. A hard copy is available in the Dean of Students Office (Centro, CNMH 280), or it can be accessed online at bellarmine.edu/studentaffairs/dean.

Withdraw = If you are not performing well in a course, a withdrawal is a way to officially drop a course, before a certain date in the semester. If a student withdraws the class will not affect their GPA. Please consult your advisor and/or professor of the course before withdrawing from one or more courses

Building Codes

Need help figuring out what the abbreviations mean on your schedule? Here is a helpful guide that will make finding the right building a lot easier on your first few days as a Knight! The physical addresses of the building are also listed.

ALLN – Nolen C. Allen Hall
2120 Newburg Road

ALUM – Alumni Hall
2000 Franciscan Circle

ART – Norton Fine Arts Complex
1710 Loftus Circle

CNTR – Centro
2021 Bellarmine Boulevard

CNHH – Centro, Horrigan Hall
2021 Bellarmine Boulevard

CNMH – Centro, McGowan Hall
2021 Bellarmine Boulevard

CNTH – Centro, Treece Hall
2021 Bellarmine Boulevard

FLYN – Flynn Building
1961 Bishops Lane (off campus)

Fireplace Room – classroom/conference meeting room
Franciscan Circle – circle drive in front of Quad
2000 Franciscan Circle

GBCH – George G. Brown Center
2050 Alumni Drive

GBCH - Joseph P. Clayton Hall
2050 Alumni Drive

LIBR – W. L. Lyons Brown Library
2002 Franciscan Circle

MILE – Miles Hall
2400 Ursuline Road

MUS – Norton Fine Arts Complex
1708 Loftus Circle

ART – Norton Fine Arts Complex
1710 Loftus Circle

NHSC – Norton Health Science Center
1701 Loftus Circle

PAST – Pasteur Hall
1705 Loftus Circle

WYAT – Wyatt Center for the Arts
1700 Loftus Circle

BSC – Bellarmine Sports Complex
3408 Newburg Rd (off main campus)

Abbreviations

What about all the other abbreviations that students are using on campus? Don't worry, here's a list of those too!

ARC – Accessibility Resource Center
BAC – Bellarmine Activities Council
BUCC – Bellarmine University Counseling Center
BUPS – Bellarmine University Public Safety
CCE – Center for Community Engagement
CDC – Career Development Center
CPE – Carver Peer Educator
CRW – Campus Recreation and Wellness
DPCC = Carver Center
IFI – Interfaith Intern
IMs – Intramural Sports
KPC – Knights Pantry and Closet
PC – Peer Coach
PCN – Peer Career Navigator
PWE – Peer Wellness Educator
RA – Resident Assistant
RHA – Residence Hall Association
RLO – Residence Life Office
RSO – Registered Student Organization
SAC – Student Activities Center
SAAC – Student Athlete Advisory Committee
SGA – Student Government Association
SPM - Spiritual Peer Mentor
SSC – Student Success Center
SuRF – Sport, Recreation and Fitness Center
TSC – Technology Support Center
UDH – University Dining Hall
WOW – Week of Welcome