Glossary

Comprehensive Major
A series of courses prescribed by an academic department which result in an area of specialization. The comprehensive major is an alternative to the selection of a major and minor in meeting baccalaureate degree requirements.

Degree Audit
An analysis of a student’s progress toward meeting degree requirements. The Audit provides a summary of institutional requirements, General Studies and major/minor program requirements. Students can access their degree audit through MyBLUE.

Elective
A course in the curriculum in the choosing of which a student has some options, as opposed to a required course. The term free or unrestricted elective denotes that the student either has complete choice in the selection of a course or choice among courses in several different fields. A restricted elective is one limited to a certain discipline or group of disciplines, such as an English elective or a social science elective.

Endorsement, Teaching Field
Endorsement
A field of study in a broad area which qualifies a person for graduation and eligibility for certification to teach in the State of Nebraska. The field endorsement will normally qualify a person for teaching two or more subjects, i.e., Social Science includes the subjects of History, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology.

Endorsement, Teaching Subject
Endorsement
Study in a specific subject area leading to teacher certification.

Major
A student’s chosen field of study. The major may fall within a single department of instruction or may overlap several departments. In the latter case, the major is described as a combination or interdisciplinary major.

Matriculation
The first registration following admission as a classified student.

Minor
A student’s secondary field of study.

Senior Check
A Senior Check is a final listing of the degree requirements remaining for the student to complete. The Office of the Registrar will follow the Senior Check for graduation checkout. Students may request a Senior Check once they have reached senior standing (89 or more earned credit hours).

Supplemental Endorsement
A program of study (e.g. coaching, driver’s education) which can be used to complement field or subject endorsement(s). A supplemental endorsement cannot be used to meet graduation requirements in teacher education.

Transcript
A copy of the permanent academic (educational) record at an institution of higher education. It becomes an official transcript when the seal of the institution is affixed and the signature of the Registrar is appended.