



Academic Departments & Disciplines

AC = Accountancy
CDI = Career Development Introduction
CIN = Cinema
CS = Computer Information Systems
EC = Economics
EMS = English & Media Studies
EXP = Expository Writing
FI = Finance
FS = First Year Seminar
GB = General Business
GLS = Global Studies (Government also falls under this designator)
HI = History
HNR = Honors
ID = Interdisciplinary
IDCC = Information Design & Corporate Communication
IPM = Information & Process Management
IT = Information Technology
LA = Law
LIT = Literature
MA = Mathematics
MG = Management
MK = Marketing
MLCH = Modern Language Chinese
MLFR = Modern Language French
MLIT = Modern Language Italian
MLSP = Modern Language Spanish
NASC = Natural Science with Lab
NASE = Natural Science Elective (without lab)
PH = Philosophy
PRS = Professional Sales
PS = Psychology
SO = Sociology

Bentley Lingo: Academic Terms

Activity Period – Open block on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 2:00PM-3:20PM when no classes are scheduled

Add/Swap vs. Drop – First week of the semester when classes may be added or changed; first two weeks of the semester when classes may be dropped

B.A. – Bachelor of Arts (Degrees designed for students concentrating in humanities, social sciences, natural and applied sciences)

Bombs – (Daybombs/Nightbombs) Class that meets once per week for a double block

B.S. – Bachelor of Science (At Bentley, these degrees are in Business or math disciplines)

College Scheduler / Schedule Planner – Course registration system that assists in schedule development

Course Focus Requirements – C is Communication Intensive course (writing intensive), D is U.S. Diversity Intensive Course, I is International Intensive Course

Degree Works Audit – A personalized degree audit for students (tool helps monitor students' progress toward the completion of degree requirements)

Finals – Exam period at the end of the semester

Intensives – Courses offered in a condensed format (e.g. one-week or six-week format)

MyBentley – Main portal for accessing student information

Office Hours – The time faculty make themselves available to see and assist students

Pre-req vs. Co-req – Pre-requisite course must be completed before course may be taken and co-requisite can be taken before or at the same time

Registrar – University administrator responsible for student records

Service Learning – Community-based activities connected to academic preparation & reflection

SETs – Student Evaluations of Teaching, surveys completed by students at the end of each term

Study Break or Reading Day – Day at the end of the semester when no classes are scheduled, and students prepare for exams

Syllabus – Outline or roadmap for the class as developed by the instructor

Semester – Term during which classes are taken

Withdrawal – Period after Drop when a student is permitted to withdraw from a class, a "W" appears on the transcript

Workday – Bentley's main record system for academic, financial, & campus employment info



Academic Terms & Offices

FYS – First Year Seminar, **TS222**- Transfer Seminar
CAB – Campus Activities Board
CISS – Center for International Students and Scholars
Help Desk- Assist University staff, faculty, and students with their information technology needs
MCC – Multicultural Center
ODSA – Office of the Dean of Student Affairs
SGA – Student Government Association
SP&E – Student Programs & Engagement
UAS - Undergraduate Academic Services (Academic Advising)

Bentley Jargon

Discresh – short for discretionary funds (meal plan) that can be used at any food venue on campus
Falcon funds – discretionary funds used by swiping your ID card
Late night – Russo’s and Mein Bowl
OL – Orientation Leader
RA – Residence Assistant (1-2 live on each floor of the residence halls)
RD – Residence Director who oversees the halls & supervises RAs
The Big Four – International Accounting Firms (PWC, EY, Deloitte, KPMG)
TNT – Today N’ Tonight programs

Learning Centers

BSLCE – Bentley Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Center (located in Morison)

CIS Sandbox – Learning lab for IT 101 & CIS classes (located in Smith)

CLIC – Learning Center for Language Collaboration (located in Adamian)

ESOL Center – Center for academic help for English Speakers of Other Languages (located in the Library)

Hughey Center for Financial Services – Trading Room (located in Smith)

LEAF – Lab for Economics, Accounting, and Finance (located in Lindsay)

Library – Research and study center

Writing Center – Learning center for writing across the curriculum (located in the Library)

Grading System/Scale

A	4.0 = (95-100)	D	1.0 = (63-67)
A-	3.7 = (90-94)	D-	0.7 = (60-62)
B+	3.3 = (87-89)	F	0.0 = (59 & Below)
B	3.0 = (83-86)	S	= Satisfactory
B-	2.7 = (80-82)	U	= Unsatisfactory
C+	2.3 = (77-79)	Pass/D/Fail = Pass is C- or higher/ grade of D or F	
C	2.0 = (73-76)	W	= Withdraw
C-	1.7 = (70-72)	I	= Incomplete
D+	1.3 = (67-69)		

AAC - Adamian Academic Center, Academic Building

Green Space – grassy area facing the Bookstore

Lower G – Green space located between OrSo and Fenway

The STU – Student Center

Arena – multipurpose arena located on lower campus

GSSL or Giselle – Gender & Sexuality Student Lounge (i.e. Equity Center)

Moody Street – Downtown Waltham with restaurants & shops

The Trees – Tree Residence Halls (Alder, Birch, Cedar, Elm, Maple, Oak, and Spruce)

Back Bay – activity rooms located in the basement of STU

Harry’s – Pub in the Student Center

MOR – Morison Hall, Academic Building

Trees/Slade/Miller – First Year Housing

Bubble – 3rd floor of Student Center (homework spot)

Jen – Jennison, Academic Building

North – North campus apartments

Upper/Up Top – Area where all academic buildings are located

CoNo – Copley North, Resident Building

Koum – Koumantzelis Auditorium, top floor of Lindsay

OrNo – Orchard North, Resident Building

Upper G – Green space located next to Collins Hall

CoSo – Copley South, Resident Building

LAC/LaCava – houses Lower Café, Career Services and Conference Ctr.

OrSo – Orchard South, Resident Building

Wilder – Wilder Pavilion in Adamian

Dana – Dana Athletic Center (gym)

LIB – Library

RAU – Rauch (rhymes with “ow” and the ‘ch’ is silent), Registrar’s Office & Financial Services are located here

921 – Cafeteria in Student Center (referred to as “Seasons” by some)

EDR – Executive Dining Room (3rd floor of LaCava)

Living room – 2nd floor of STU; has pool and ping pong tables

SMI – Smith Technology Center, houses Trading Room & User Experience Center

Forest/Kresge – suite style residence halls on middle campus

Lower – lower half of campus (athletics fields located here)

Buildings & Dining Spaces