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**ASC—Academic Success Center**—(formerly Academic Support Center) second floor of Van Zoeren Hall, room 261; offers group help sessions, peer tutoring, study skills and time management workshops; also works with students with disabilities.

**Academic Computing Committee**—meets monthly to support and promote the use of technology in teaching and learning.

**Anchor**—student newspaper; appears on Wednesdays; available in Kletz, library, and online at anchor.hope.edu.

**attendance**—College does not have an attendance policy; if you do, it’s important to include on your syllabus (e.g., if a student gets As on tests & papers but never comes to class, is the grade affected?).

It’s important to notice when students don’t attend—no matter their year in school. If you have concerns about a student’s attendance, phone the Registrar’s Office at x7760. Sometimes a nudge can help students get on track. When we don’t follow up, students may assume attendance doesn’t matter.

If a student is absent more than three days and has notified Student Development, you’ll get e-mail about the absence. The e-mail neither verifies nor gives permission for the absence; it’s simply a notification.

If a student reports working with Counseling Center, it’s not possible to confirm unless the student signs a release (which the Counseling Center encourages professors to ask for). The release allows you to confirm attendance, not to know what happens in sessions.

**B-Lite**—Blite.hope.edu—an on-line dashboard utility where advisors can see grades, photos, scholarship and other information for their advisees. B-lite replaces paper advising folders.

**CASA**—Children’s After School Achievement, a community program at Hope, directed by Fonda Green, that pairs Hope students with at-risk elementary students to provide tutoring.

**C.I.S.**—Critical Issues Symposium is in late September or early October most years. It begins Tuesday night and continues on Wed. Wed. day classes are canceled (Tues & Wed nights’ are NOT); exams & papers generally not due on the following Thurs. CIS is intended to foster community and encourage discussion and critical thinking about important topics. You’ll hear more during Pre-College Conference. Many faculty require that students attend at least one event and write about it.

**C.I.T.**—Computing and Information Technology (in Durfee Hall); they run a help desk (7670) from 8 till 5 to handle questions about e-mail, word processing, software of all sorts, entering mid-term and final grades, and lots more. Their Technology Room Finder can show you the technology available in each classroom on campus.

**CRC—Christian Reformed Church; a sister denomination of the Reformed Church in America; Hope was founded by the Reformed Church in America, not the CRC.**

**Day1**—An academic program for first year students interested in gaining new skills, addressing real-world problems and making a difference beginning their first day on campus. The program provides research or design opportunities for first year students in science, engineering and math. Some include a residential component.

**Division III**—Hope is a Division III college in all sports; no athletic scholarships are awarded at D-III schools.

**degree evaluation**—available to students and their advisors via KnowHopePlus, this amazing system helps students and advisors track progress toward degree, explore requirements of majors/minors, develop 4-year plans.

**drop/add**—faculty [generally] control their destiny. Limits are set by the dept. (consult with your chair if you have questions) when the schedule is put together (Oct. for Spring; March for Fall). Students can drop/add without penalty [no grade on transcript, no billing] until generally the second Wed of Fall and Spring semesters. Students need signatures of instructors of classes they want to drop and of classes they want to add and signature of advisor. If you’ve reached your limit, you CAN refuse to sign an add slip; if you sign the slip, you give permission for the student to enroll—even if your class limit is exceeded. If you teach in the English or Language or Psychology Depts, the office manager controls and signs all drop/adds and maintains class lists for you.

**email**—all students, faculty, and staff have Hope accounts; you can make a class distribution list in KnowHopePlus.

**FACES**—Fostering a Community of Excellence in Science. FACES is a peer mentoring program for underrepresented science students starting their freshman year. The purpose of the program is to facilitate positive connections and relationships at Hope. Anna Bonnema is the director.

**Faculty Moderator**—Faculty omnibus-person elected to a two-year term. You may submit (anonymous or signed) questions and concerns to him/her; he/she’ll raise with appropriate person and read Q and A at faculty meeting. The moderator (elected by the faculty) helps determine agenda of faculty meetings.

**FYS**—First Year Seminar; a 2-credit requirement for all first-year students in the fall semester.

**FOCUS**—Fall Opportunity to Continue Upward

Scholastically—This is a program for 20 first-years who have conditional acceptance because of grades, test scores, or both. They take full-time (but slightly reduced) loads and meet weekly with an advisor. Advisors are in touch with professors throughout the semester to confirm student progress in their courses and support student understanding of best practices in college studies.
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**GenEd** — the general education (liberal arts) part of the degree, also called the core. There are three (slightly different) cores: for B.S.N.; for B.M.; and the most commonly-followed for A.B. or B.S.

**GLCA** — Great Lakes Colleges Association—a consortium of 12, liberal arts colleges located in IN, MI, PA, and OH. Members are Albion, Allegheny, Antioch, Denison, DePauw, Earlham, Hope, Kalamazoo, Kenyon, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, Wabash, and Wooster.

**Greek life** — 8 sororities and 8 fraternities (all but 2 are local) 20-30% of student body are members; a small-scale pledging happens in fall; a large-scale one in spring.

**Half-semester classes** — since 1998, we've had a few classes that meet for only 7.5 weeks—these are indicated in the online schedule by an A (first half) or B (second half) following the section number.

**Klooster Center for Writing and Research** — first floor (southeast corner) of Van Wylen Library—David Cunningham (CrossRoads Project) is director—provides trained writing mentors for students. Great resource for students and faculty.

**KnowHope** — The homepage on-campus link to the college. Announcements of all sorts, Marketplace (to buy/sell/give away items), safety updates—great to check first thing in the morning. Public Affairs and Marketing maintains it. And it's NOT “No Hope.” 😊

**KnowHope Plus** — [plus.hope.edu] You will not receive paper copies of class lists. Instead, you'll access them here. If your class list is not accurate, let the student (or Registrar's Office) know.

You'll find addresses, phone numbers, photos, and e-mails for your students; you can create distribution lists and files for spreadsheets. You'll submit midterm and final grades electronically. You can also view pay stubs, direct deposit info, tax forms, etc. Passwords come from CIT; they left a booklet in your office. Call CIT x 7670 with questions.

**MIAA** — Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association—the oldest collegiate conference in USA. Members are Adrian, Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hope, Kalamazoo, Olivet, St. Mary’s, and Trine.

**Midterms** — grades given about half-way through the semester. Sometimes they reflect about half students' final grade; more often, they don't. Grades are available online to students only (not sent to their families). Midterms are not part of students' permanent record, but are an indication of how things are going in your class. It's good to talk with students about what your midterm grades represent (and don’t represent) and what suggestions you have for those who are not happy with their midterm grade.

**Moodle** — open-source course management system (CMS) — many faculty use it for grade book, syllabus, readings, blogs, etc.

**Nykerk** — contest between 1st & 2nd year women involving song, play, and oration; during Family Weekend.

**Pass/fail** — open to those who have earned at least 24 credits (sophomore status) for one course a semester, not in core, major, or minor; “pass” is awarded for any grade but “F.” Profs are informed only at student's request.

**P.I.C.** — Professional Interest Committee—two members from each division plus the faculty moderator represent faculty concerns to administration; minutes distributed via e-mail.

**Phelps Scholars** — A one year residential, academic and social activities program for first year students. These students from a broad range of cultural backgrounds explore issues of diversity together, preparing to be leaders in a global society.

**Pull** — to call this a “tug-o-war” would be to call the World Cup a scrimmage. First-year (usually) men (coached by juniors) take on sophomores (coached by seniors) across the Black River, pits are dug, moralers (first-year/sophomore women) are selected. Practices last for hours over the course of weeks.

**RCA** — Reformed Church in America; the denomination that founded Hope College and with whom Hope maintains a relationship.

**SAC** — Student Activities Committee—sponsors movies, dances, social events; many are open to faculty.

**SALT** — Student Assessment of Learning and Teaching. Hope's on-line tool where students assess teaching and learning in their classes. Read more—and see the actual instrument at: [http://www.hope.edu/resources/assessment/salt/salt.html](http://www.hope.edu/resources/assessment/salt/salt.html)

**SOAR** — Spring Opportunity for Academic Recovery. Program for students to meet with academic advisors weekly to discuss their academic habits. Advisors serve as coaches to cheer students on in their successes and to remind them of best practices in striving for academic success; advisors also contact professors throughout the semester, checking whether students' perception of their course progress is consistent with a professor's perceptions.

**Tech Lab** — On 2nd floor of VanWylen Library (in Media Center), tech lab offers training for software, help with spreadsheets, training with scanners, digital cameras, Power-Point, trouble-shooting files. Equipment ranges from office computers to high-tech and expensive. It’s open when the Library is open.

**Withdraw** — [generally] if students drop a full-semester class after the second Wednesday of the semester, they are awarded a grade of “W;” this grade appears on their transcript; Hope has no “WP” or “WF” [withdraw passing; withdraw failing]; signatures of advisors and instructors are needed for students to withdraw from a class. Students have until the 10th week of the to withdraw from a class.

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