TU Terminology

A guide to some of the commonly used abbreviations and lingo at Towson University.

Abbreviations for Academic Units

- **ELC**: English Language Center
- **IR**: Institutional Research
- **ISSO**: International Student & Scholar Office
- **OAI**: Office of Academic Innovation
- **OSPR**: Office of Sponsored Programs & Research
- **PBO**: Provost Budget Office
- **TLC**: Tutoring & Learning Center
- **TLN**: Towson Learning Network
- **TURFA**: TU Retired Faculty Association
- **URCI**: Undergraduate Research & Creative Inquiry

Abbreviations for Academic Colleges

- **CBE**: College of Business and Economics
- **COE**: College of Education
- **COFAC**: College of Fine Arts and Communication
- **CHP**: College of Health Professions
- **CLA**: College of Liberal Arts
- **FCSM**: Fisher College of Science & Mathematics

Abbreviations for Academic Departments

- **ACCT**: Accounting
- **EBUS**: e-Business and Technology Management
- **ECON**: Economics
- **FIN**: Finance
- **MGMT**: Management
- **MKTG**: Marketing
- **ECED**: Early Childhood Education
- **ELED**: Elementary Education
- **ILPD**: Instructional Leadership and Professional Development
- **SCED**: Secondary & Middle School Education
- **SPED**: Special Education
- **EDTL**: Educational Technology and Literacy
• ART: Art + Design, Art History, Art Education
• DANC: Dance
• COMM: Communication Studies
• EMF: Electronic Media & Film
• MCOM: Mass Communication
• MUSC: Music
• THEA: Theatre Arts
• ASLD: Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology and Deaf Studies
• HLTH: Health Sciences
• KNES: Kinesiology
• NURS: Nursing
• OTOS: Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science
• ENGL: English
• FMST: Family Studies and Community Development
• FORL: Foreign Languages
• GEOG: Geography & Environmental Planning
• HIST: History
• PHIL: Philosophy and Religious Studies
• POSC: Political Science
• SOAN: Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice
• PSYC: Psychology
• WMST: Women’s and Gender Studies
• BIOL: Biological Sciences
• CHEM: Chemistry
• COSC: Computer & Information Sciences
• ENVS: Environmental Science & Studies
• MATH: Mathematics
• PAGS: Physics Astronomy and Geosciences

Abbreviations/Shorthand for Campus Buildings

Susq – Shorthand for Susquehanna Food Court; a la carte restaurant located on the second floor of the University Union; open from 10:30AM-7PM Monday through Thursday, and 10:30AM-3PM on Friday.

ABP – Abbreviation for Au Bon Pain; a la carte restaurant located in Hawkins Hall; open from 7:30AM-5PM Monday through Thursday, and 7:30AM-3PM on Friday.

Ptux – Shorthand for Patuxent Bistro; an a la carte restaurant located on the second floor of the University Union.

Commons – A building located in West Village with dining hall and eateries like Einstein Bagels and Jamba Juice.

The Beach – A grassy area located in front of Albert S. Cook Library.

CFA – Abbreviation for Center for the Arts

Glen – Shorthand for Glen marketplace/dining; dining hall on campus, located in the middle of campus, in between the Glen Complex Towers
Newell – Shorthand for Newell Dining Hall, right above the Den

The Den – Shorthand for Newell Den

Towers – A reference to the Glen Complex Towers; residence halls located on main campus; there are a total of four towers.

Res – Shorthand for Residence Tower; residence hall located on main campus, near the Liberal Arts building

Uptown – A series of restaurants and shops close to campus

HRL – Abbreviation for Housing and Residence Life

Psych – Shorthand for Psychology Building; an academic building located on main campus; houses the Study Abroad office and many education classes

LA – Abbreviation for Liberal Arts Building; an academic building located on main campus; houses a variety of subjects including cultural studies, English, foreign languages, geography, environmental planning, history, philosophy, religious studies, political science, psychology, sociology, anthropology, criminal justice, and women’s studies.

SECU – The sports arena on campus.

Admin – Shorthand for Administration Building; located on York Road; houses the Office of the President, Office of the Provost and senior administrator units as well as offices like Disability Support Services and Human Resources. The Admin Café is a dining option on the ground floor of the building.

Paws – A popular eating/ hang out spot across from the University Store on the ground floor of the Union.

Other Commonly Used Abbreviations/Shorthand

- CSD: Center for Student Diversity
- BTU: Baltimore + Towson University (Partnerships at Work for Greater Baltimore)
- ECS: Events & Conference Services
- B&G: Black & Gold; TU’s catering company
- SGA: Student Government Association
- GSA: Graduate Student Association
- TUSC: Towson University Staff Council
- BSU: Black Student Union
- QSU: Queer Student Union
- SAGE: Students Achieve Goals through Education
- PALS: Peer-Assisted Learning Sessions
- DSS: Abbreviation for Disability Support Services
- OTS: Office of Technology Services
- SCS: Student Computing Services