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<th>Term</th>
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<td>3 Cs</td>
<td>UCO’s core values: Character, Civility, and Community.</td>
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<td>AA</td>
<td>Division of Academic Affairs.</td>
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<td>AACC</td>
<td>Academic Affairs Curriculum Council (previously called the Academic Affairs Council or AAC).</td>
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<td>AAC&amp;U</td>
<td>Association of American Colleges and Universities.</td>
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<td>AASCU</td>
<td>American Association of State Colleges and Universities</td>
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<td>AAHE</td>
<td>American Association of Higher Education.</td>
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<td>AAUP</td>
<td>American Association of University Professors.</td>
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<td>ABET</td>
<td>Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.</td>
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<td>ACM</td>
<td>Academy of Contemporary Music.</td>
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<td>ACS</td>
<td>American Chemical Society.</td>
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<td>ACT</td>
<td>American College Testing.</td>
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<td>ADP</td>
<td>American Democracy Project.</td>
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<td>AF</td>
<td>Division of Administration and Finance.</td>
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<td>ALF</td>
<td>Academic Leadership Fellows</td>
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<td>AQIP</td>
<td>Academic Quality Improvement Process.</td>
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<td>Banner</td>
<td>UCO’s integrated information management system (a product of Sungard HE).</td>
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<td>B.A.T.</td>
<td>Behavioral Assessment Team</td>
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<td>CAS</td>
<td>Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education.</td>
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<td>CB</td>
<td>College of Business</td>
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<td>CDS</td>
<td>Common Data Set - a set of standard and precise measures used for consistent institutional comparisons in guidebooks, publications, and other media.</td>
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<td>CeCE</td>
<td>Center for eLearning and Connected Environments</td>
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<td>Central 6</td>
<td>UCO’s tenets of transformative learning (Discipline Knowledge; Leadership; Problem Solving; Service Learning and Civic Engagement; Global and Cultural Competencies; and, Health and Wellness).</td>
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<td>Centralities</td>
<td>An email newsletter sent to all faculty and staff campus email accounts.</td>
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<td>CEP</td>
<td>OSRHE’s Course Equivalency Project.</td>
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<td>CEPS</td>
<td>College of Education and Professional Studies</td>
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<td>CETTL</td>
<td>Center for Excellence in Transformative Teaching and Learning</td>
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CFAD College of Fine Arts and Design
CIRP Cooperative Institutional Research Program, a survey that collects comparative data on entering students.
CIF Continuous Improvement Facilitators.
CIT Continuous Improvement Team - Academic Affairs continuous improvement group that evolved into the CIF in 2005.
CLA College of Liberal Arts
CMS College of Mathematics and Science
Code of Student Conduct Policies and procedures for students.
CQI Continuous Quality Improvement.
CQIT Continuous Quality Improvement Team.
CUPA College and University Professional Association.
D2L Desire2Learn - UCO’s web Learning Management System (LMS)
Dashboard A method of displaying and monitoring data.
Demographic Book UCO Enrollment Statistics and Demographics Book contains information regarding various aspects of the student body for the current term.
Division The university divides its organization into seven divisions: Academic Affairs, Administration and Finance, Student Affairs, Information Technology, Leadership, Development, and Enrollment Management.
EHS Environmental Health and Safety Division.
ELA Educator’s Leadership Academy
EM Division of Enrollment Management.
Employee Handbook Policies and procedures for UCO employees.
Employment Services Human Resources Department
Factbook UCO’s Factbook is published annually. The book contains information on the student body, faculty and staff, organizational structure, the state system, and other areas of interest.
Faculty Handbook Policies and procedures for faculty members.
Faculty Survey An external survey measuring faculty perceptions.
Foundation The UCO Foundation.
FTE Full-time Equivalent. For example, a full-time faculty member would count as 1 FTE faculty member. An adjunct that teaches 3 hours would contribute 0.25 toward a count of total FTE instructors. FTE students are counted in a similar way.
GSS Graduating Student Survey, an internal survey administered to all graduating students.
HLC  Higher Learning Commission - a division of North Central Association and UCO’s primary accrediting body.
HR  Human Resources Department; official name is Employment Services
IPEDS  Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System.
IPP  Individual Performance Plan.
IR  Office of Institutional Research.
IT  Division of Information Technology (also called OIT, Office of Information Technology).
LEAF  Leaders and Educators Academic Forum
Lean  An approach to process improvement.
LOT  Leaders of Tomorrow
Luminus  UCO’s web-based information portal more generally called “UCONNECT.”
MERLOT  Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching. A national project, supported directly by OSRHE, to share web-based curriculum support.
NCA  North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
NCAA  National Collegiate Athletic Association.
NSSE  The National Survey of Student Engagement, a survey that UCO is committed to administering every three years. This survey, which is administered to freshmen and seniors, attempts to measure how well a student connects with his or her university environment.
OIT  Office of Information Technology (also called Division of Information Technology).
Old North  UCO’s oldest building and an icon for the campus.
OSHA  Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSRHE  Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
Passport UCO  Program that highlights different international cultures on UCO’s campus each year.
PC  President’s Cabinet composed of the president, the Provost/VP for Academic Affairs, the Executive VP and VP for Administration and Finance, the VP for Student Affairs, the VP for Information Technology/Assistant to the President, the VP for Enrollment Management, the Vice President for University Relations, Vice President for Development, Vice President for Public Affairs and the Athletic Director.
PAC  Provost’s Advisory Council composed of the provost, vice provost,
associate and assistant academic vice presidents, deans and executive director of university library.

PLC  President’s Leadership Council.
PS  Police Services (under the division of Safety and Transportation)
RUSO  Regional University System of Oklahoma (previously known as BOROC).
SA  Division of Student Affairs.
SPIE  Student Perception of Instructional Effectiveness, an internal instructor evaluation tool.
SSCI  Self Study for Continuous Improvement. This is the analysis document completed by academic departments every five years.
Staff Survey  An internally produced survey measuring staff perceptions.
Sungard HE  Producers of Banner and Luminus (UCONNECT).
SWOT  Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats.
TC  Tutoring Central
T&P  Tenure and Promotion.
Tinker AFB  Tinker Air Force Base located in Midwest City approximately a half hour’s drive from UCO.
UCO  University of Central Oklahoma.
UCONNECT  UCO’s web-based information portal based on SCT Luminus.
UCOSA  The UCO Student Association.
UCOvations  A one page color promotional sheet highlighting recent UCO accomplishments.
UDS  Unitized Data System.
Unit  A lower organizational level in one of the university’s four divisions (e.g. a college is a unit of Academic Affairs, and a department is a unit of a college).
Vista  The campus newspaper.
VPAA  The Vice President for Academic Affairs.
VPA  The Vice President for Administration
VPIT  The Vice President for Information Technology.
VPPA  The Vice President for Public Affairs
VPSA  The Vice President for Student Affairs.
VSA  Voluntary System of Accountability.
WCMS  Web-content management system