DEFINITION OF ACADEMIC TERMS

There are three 16-week **semesters** offered at Concordia University. The traditional academic year consists of fall and spring semesters.

A **Bachelor of Arts degree** consists of a major of typically 30 to 44 credits or two minors, general education courses, upper-level requirements, and elective courses totaling a minimum of 120 credits.

A **Bachelor of Arts degree, reduced credits,** consists of a major of typically 30 to 44 credits, general education courses, upper-level requirements, and elective courses totaling a minimum of 90 credits.

A **Bachelor of Business Administration** degree consists of a major in Accounting, general education courses, upper-level requirements, and elective courses totaling a minimum of 120 credits.

Bachelor of Fine Arts degree consists of an intensive major in the visual or performing arts of typically 77 to 80 credits, general education courses, upper-level requirements, and elective courses totaling a minimum of 120 credits.

Bachelor of Science degree consists of a major of typically 30 to 60 credits, general education courses, upper-level requirements, and elective courses totaling a minimum of 120 credits.

Certification for Church work is the process by which the faculty approves candidates for placement in the public ministry of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS); including teacher, Director of Christian Education, Director of Christian Outreach, and Director of Parish Music.

A **credit** means a semester hour credit. One semester hour credit represents a minimum of 45 hours of engaged time.

An **elective course** is a course chosen in addition to major, minor, or emphasis requirements.

An **emphasis** consists of 9 to 14 credits taken in courses in one area or related areas of study.

An **integrative course** is comprised of two or more disciplines, is team-taught, and makes connections to life beyond academic material.

A **teaching licensure** is recommended by the university after completion of requirements for the desired license and is granted by the state of Minnesota.

An **academic major** normally consists of 30 to 80 credits taken in courses in one area or related areas of study prescribed by the faculty.

An **academic minor** normally consists of 15 to 21 credits taken in courses in one area or related areas of study prescribed by the faculty.

A **prerequisite** is a course that students are required to take before being eligible to enroll in an advanced course.

Summer semester consists of two eight-week sessions May-August.

A **track** is one of two or more alternative sets of courses prescribed by the faculty within a major. The purpose of a track is to provide direction to a student in meeting interest, vocational, or other needs while fulfilling the requirements of a major.

A **transcript** of credits is a certified record of all grades earned and all courses attempted at a given school, college or university.