Commonly Used Graduate Student Services Related Acronyms

University Offices
ASSU – Associated Students of Stanford University- Stanford’s student government
BEAM- Bridging Education, Ambition & Meaningful work – Career Education
CAPS – Counseling And Psychological Services
EFS- English for Foreign Students- English screening for new international students and TAs
FAO – Financial Aid Office
GLO – Graduate Life Office
OCS- Office of Community Standards
OGC- Office of General Counsel
P&T- Parking and Transportation
R&DE- Residential and Dining Enterprises
SFS- Student Financial Services
SSC - Student Services Center
URO - University Registrar Office
VPGE- Vice Provost for Graduate Education

Student Status/Policy Related
AC- Academic Council (Faculty)
FERPA - Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
GAP- Graduate Academic Policies & Procedures
GDAWG- Graduate Deans and Administrators Working Group
GR- Graduate Student
Grad Auth- Graduate Authorization Form
GRPD- Graduate Policy Discussion Group
LOA- Leave of Absence
TGR- Terminal Graduate Registration

Systems/PeopleSoft related
CA- Course Assistant
CPS – Course Planning System
GFS – Graduate Financial System
OBIEE- Oracle Business Intelligence Enterprise Edition (also known as BI- for reporting)
PS- People Soft
PTA – Project-Task- Award – represents an account in Oracle Financials
RA- Research Assistant
TA- Teaching Assistant
TF- Teaching Fellow
TPC- Third Party Contract
Campus Locations
Co Ho – The Coffee House
EV – Escondido Village
Mem Aud – Memorial Auditorium
Mem Chu – Memorial Church
SEQ – Science and Engineering Quad

Major Events
NGSO- New Graduate Student Orientation
NSO- New Student Orientation
GOALIE- Graduate Orientation Activity Lunch and Informational Event

Employee Training/Benefits Related
CLASS- Creating Leaders Among Student Services
GSS- Graduate Student Services
HIP – Health Improvement Program offers exercise classes to staff members
SSO- Student Services Offices
STAP– Stanford Training Assistance Program
STARS- Stanford Training and Registration System – a learning management system
STRP- Staff Tuition Reimbursement Program