

## **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&TS- 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