

AT-SCHOOL INTRODUCTIONS

- MARTHA: (smiling and extending hand for handshake) Hi! My name is Martha Ross.
Pleased to meet you!
- TOM: My name is Tom Smith. You can call me Tom. Nice to meet you, too!
- MARTHA: What are you studying, Tom?
- TOM: My major is Business Administration with a specialization in Accounting.
How about you?
- MARTHA: I'm studying Biology with a minor in Chemistry.
- TOM: What year are you?
- MARTHA: I'm a senior right now. I only have one more semester left before I graduate.
- TOM: That's great! I'm a junior. I'm going to take some summer classes to graduate faster.
- MARTHA: Do you want to go to the student center to get some lunch?
- TOM: Sure! I have a couple hours before my next class.

Other Questions

- Where are you from? I'm from Los Angeles.
- What is your nationality? I'm American.
- Where do you live? I live on Walnut (Street).
- What's your (tele)phone number? It's area code 949 (pause) 456 (pause) 1234.
- How do you spell your last name? It's spelled R-O-S-S.

Sorry. What did you say?

Excuse me. What was that again? I didn't hear what you said.

Could you please repeat what you *just* said?

Titles

Mr. (for a single or married man)

Mrs. (for a married woman)

Ms. (pronounced [mɪz]; for a single or married woman) This title is preferred professionally.

Miss (pronounced [mɪs]; formally used for young girls who are not adults yet)

Grade Levels (for college and high school)

Senior (4th year)

Junior (3rd year)

Sophomore (2nd year)

Freshman (1st year)

Academic Degrees

major = a subject chosen for an academic course of study ("I'm a biology major.")

minor = a secondary subject chosen for an academic course of study

dissertation = lengthy paper usually required for a doctoral degree

thesis = lengthy paper usually required for a master's degree

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| Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.) | two-year degree |
| Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.) | four-year degree |
| Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Science (M.S.) | six-year degree |
| Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) | often seven to ten years of study |