Words and phrases every undergraduate should understand

1. i.e. “id est”, that is
2. e.g. “exempli gratia”, example given
3. cf. confer, compare
4. non sequitur it does not follow
5. verbatim word for word
6. per capita by heads (as in a count)
7. per se in itself
8. ex post facto after the fact
9. lingua franca “Frankish Tongue”, the commonly spoken language
10. sui generis of its own kind, unique
11. ad infinitum to infinity
12. ad nauseam to the point of physical repulsion
13. vox populi voice of the people
14. persona non grata person who is unwelcome
15. in absentia in the absence of
16. desideratum that which is desired
17. sine qua non “without which not”, something essential
18. mea culpa my fault
19. etc. “and the rest”, and so on
20. de jure by law
21. de facto by fact
22. a priori already established
23. et al. “et alii”, and others