



OVERSTREET

# Types & Classifications of American Universities

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# Public vs Private Universities

## Public

- Receives Government Funds
- Higher Acceptance Rates



## Private

- Can be Affiliated with a Religious Group
- Higher Tuition Rates





# Carnegie Classifications

- Basic Categories Include:
  - Doctoral Universities
  - Master's Colleges & Universities
  - Baccalaureate Colleges
  - Baccalaureate/Associate's Colleges
  - Associate's Colleges
  - Special Focus Institutions
  - Tribal Colleges



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# Doctoral Universities

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- Awarded at least 20 research/scholarship doctoral degrees
- Awarded less than 20 research/scholarship but awarded at least 30 professional practice doctoral degrees in at least 2 programs



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO  
MONTICELLO · CROSSETT · MCGEE



# Master's Colleges and Universities

- Award at least 50 master's degrees and fewer than 20 doctoral degrees

# Baccalaureate Colleges

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- At least 50% of all degrees are baccalaureate degrees but fewer than 50 master's degrees or 20 doctoral degrees





## Baccalaureate/Associate's Colleges

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Offer at least one four-year degree program, but have more than 50% of associate's degrees





*Where Students Come First!*

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# Associate's Colleges

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Offer associate's degrees as the highest degree





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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES

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## Special Focus Institutions

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- Have a high concentration of degrees in a single field.



South Texas  
COLLEGE OF LAW  
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BCM

Baylor College of Medicine

# Tribal Colleges

- Belong to the American Indian Higher Education Consortium
- Controlled and Operated by American Indian Nations



# Southern Arkansas University Classification

- M1: Master's Colleges and Universities –  
Larger programs





# References

- [https://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/classification\\_descriptions/basic.php](https://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/classification_descriptions/basic.php)