

# Types and Classifications of American Universities

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Public Universities  
Private Universities  
Community Colleges  
Liberal Arts Colleges



# Public Universities

Government funded

Typically larger than most private universities

Relatively high acceptance rates





Southern Arkansas University

# Private Universities

- Can be for profit or non-profit
- Receive little or no government funding
- Include some of the most prestigious universities in the country
- Sometimes has religious affiliation
- Stricter admission policies







Vanderbilt University

# Community Colleges

Offer two-year degrees

Often a cheaper alternative to complete core courses before transferring to a university





Phillips Community College



# Liberal Arts Colleges

Majority of students are undergraduate

Mostly offer four-year degrees

Skill focus is broad rather than  
preprofessional

Typically smaller than public or private  
universities





Washington and Lee University

# Regionally Accredited Universities

Credits are widely accepted and transferrable

Accredited by regional agencies

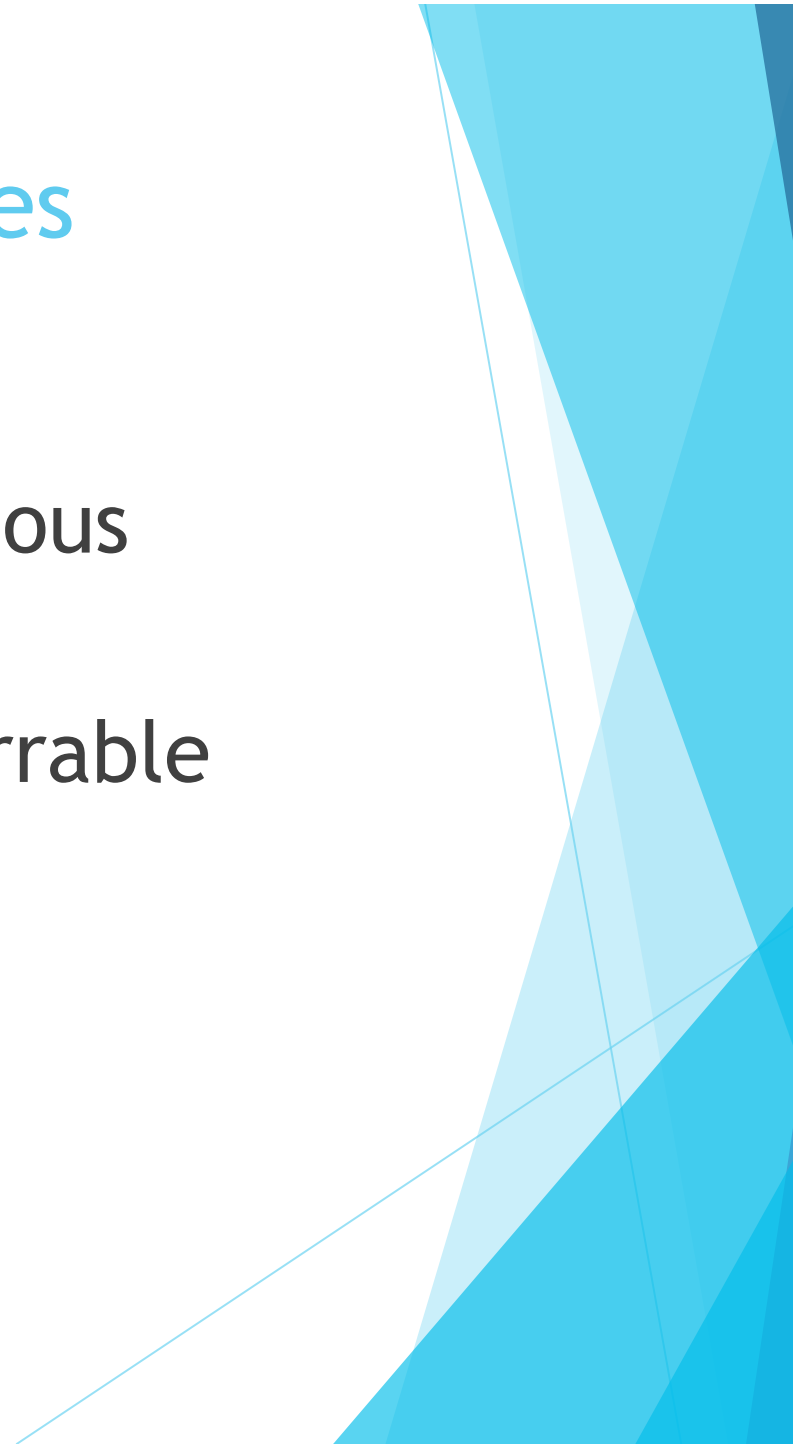
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# ationally Accredited Universities

Generally focus on career or religious education

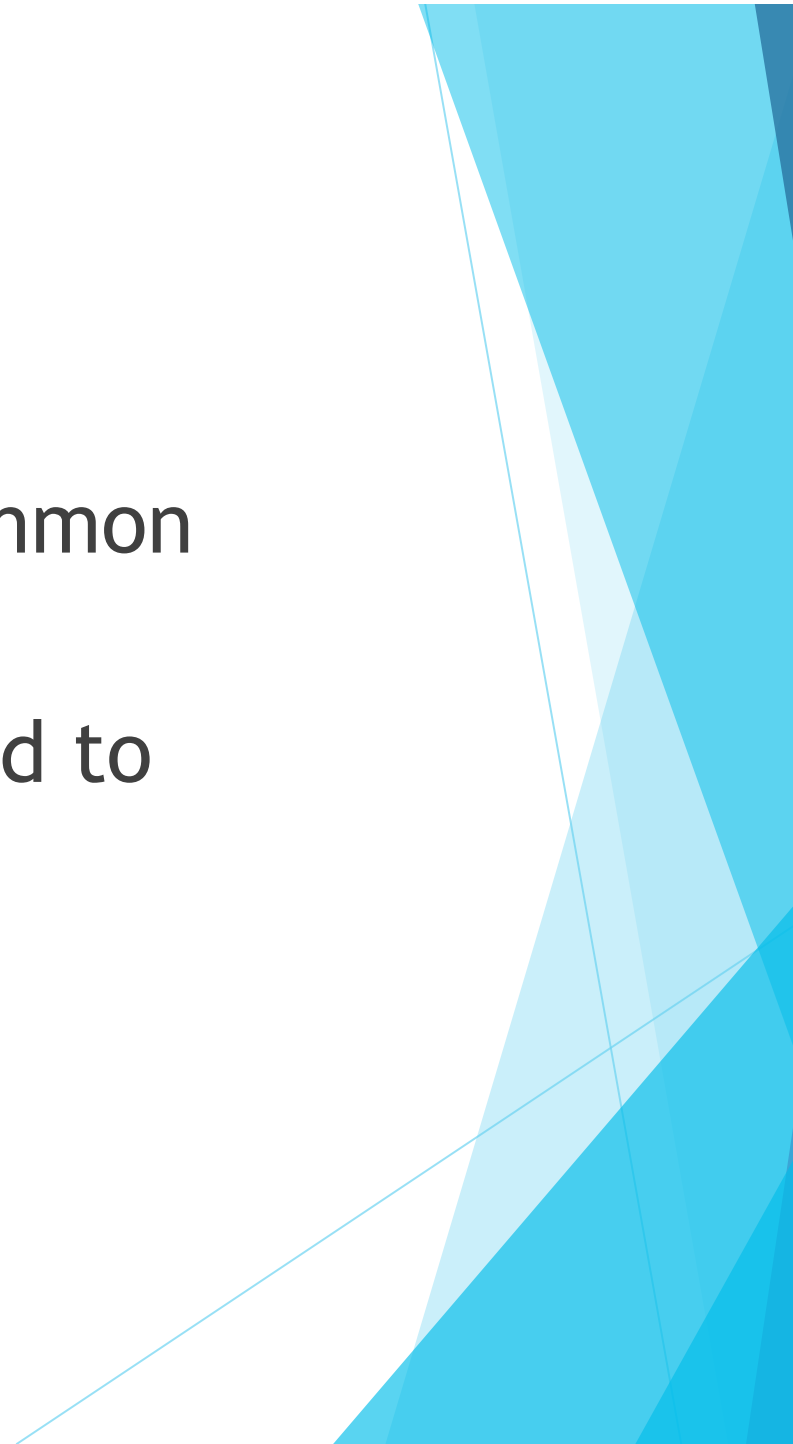
Credits are not as reliably transferrable



## gender-specific universities

Female-only universities more common than male-only universities

Four male universities as compared to about 35 female universities





# Special Types of Universities

Veterinary

Medical

Military academies

Dental

Online



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