

Types of Subdivisions

There are four main types of subdivisions:

Topical	Archaeology -- Methodology
Form	Archaeology -- Fiction.
Chronological	Archaeology -- History -- 18th century
Geographic	Archaeology -- Egypt

However, listing all of the subdivisions available for each heading would add several more volumes to the already large LCSH. To solve this problem, there are free-floating subdivisions and pattern headings, both of which are included in the first volume of the LCSH (in newer editions). The free-floating subdivisions are also published separately (call number LC 30.2:F 87).

In the 27th ed. of the LCSH, more than 3,300 free-floating subdivisions are listed. These subdivisions can be added to the headings by following the instructions (usage notes) following each entry. For example:

--Tuition

Use as a topical subdivision under names of individual educational institutions.

--Tumors (May Subd Geog)

Use as a topical subdivision under individual organs and regions of the body.

BT --Diseases

Pattern headings are used to assign free-floating subdivisions to a category of subject headings. For example, in the category of "Educational institutions -- Individual," the pattern heading given is Harvard University. This means that the majority of free-floating subdivisions that can be assigned to a university or college will be found in the entries for Harvard University.

Harvard University--Auditing

Harvard University--Awards

UF Harvard University--Prizes [Former Heading]

Harvard University--Bands

UF Harvard University--Orchestras and bands [Former Heading]

Harvard University--Baseball

So, if subdivisions are needed for the University of Mississippi, any of the examples under Harvard University could be used.

University of Mississippi--Auditing

University of Mississippi--Awards

University of Mississippi--Bands

University of Mississippi--Baseball

A copy of the Table of Pattern Headings is given below.

Table of Pattern Headings

<i>Category</i>	<i>Pattern Headings</i>
Animals	Cattle Fishes
Art	Art, Chinese Art, Italian Art, Japanese Art, Korean
Chemicals	Copper Insulin
Colonies	Great Britain—Colonies
Diseases	Cancer Tuberculosis
Educational institutions Individual Types	Harvard University Universities and colleges
Industries	Construction industry Retail trade
Languages and groups of languages	English language French language

	Romance languages
Legal topics	Labor laws and legislation
Legislative bodies	United States. Congress
Literary authors (Groups)	Authors, English
Literary works entered under author	Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616. Hamlet.
Literary works entered under title	Beowulf
Literatures (including individual genres)	English literature
Materials	Concrete Metals
Military services	United States. Air Force. United States. Army. United States. Marines United States. Navy
Music compositions	Operas
Musical instruments	Piano
Organs and regions of the body	Heart Foot
Plants and crops	Corn
Religious bodies Religious and monastic orders Religions Christian denominations	Jesuits Buddhism Catholic Church
Sacred works	Bible
Vehicles, Land	Automobiles
Wars	United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865