

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

2005 CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATIONS

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has recently revised their single classification system of Institutions of Higher Education to include 5 parallel classifications, a revised basic classification, and elective classifications (e.g., community involvement).

The foundation outlines two motivating factors in this revision. First, universities are complex and the foundation believes a single classification system masks the range of ways they resemble or differ from one other. Second, classifications are often confused with rankings, and the foundation hopes to reduce the improper use of the classification as informal quality touchstone.

The classifications are organized around three central questions: 1) What is taught, 2) to whom, and 3) in what setting?

	Main Campus	Medical Center Campus
Undergraduate Instructional Program	Professions plus arts & sciences, some graduate coexistence*	<i>Special focus institution</i>
Graduate Instructional Program	Comprehensive doctoral (no medical/veterinary)	<i>Special focus institution</i>
Enrollment Profile	High undergraduate	High graduate/professional
Undergraduate Profile	Full-time four-year, selective, lower transfer-in	<i>Special focus institution</i>
Size and Setting	Large four-year, primarily residential	<i>Special focus institution</i>
Basic Classification	<i>Research Universities (high research activity)</i>	<i>Special focus institution – Medical School</i>
Elective classifications	Not yet available for response	

*The graduate coexistence measure is within 5 percentage points of the category with higher coexistence.