

STUDY IN THE U.S. UNIVERSITY TYPES

U.S. UNIVERSITY TYPES & TERMINOLOGY

STATE FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITIES

Usually a prominent research university with a large student body and vibrant college town atmosphere, with an emphasis on college sports such as American football.

In general, when people talk about "flagship" state universities, they are referring to the most prominent public research university in a particular state. These are very large universities, offering undergraduate to doctorate-level studies. They are generally located in a "college town," where the life of the town or city revolves around the university. During the fall semester, weekend activities often include attending games for the university's American football team.

FEATURED STATE FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITIES

Study in the U.S.A. - Midwest



University of Kansas Lawrence, KANSAS

Study in the U.S.A. - Southeast



University of Mississippi Oxford, MISSISSIPPI

Study in the U.S.A. - West



University of Wyoming Laramie, WYOMING

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

A college or university funded by a state government which may focus on a particular degree area and located in a larger city or town, with a large student body.

A college or university primarily funded by a state government. Public colleges and universities generally are larger and have larger class sizes. Often there is a mix of both liberal arts classes and specialized programs. A state university campus may specialize in a particular degree area. These universities tend to be located in cities or large towns and more students may live off-campus. There is therefore there is often less of a university "bubble."

FEATURED PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Study in the U.S.A. - Midwest



Truman State University Kirksville, MISSOURI

Study in the U.S.A. - Southeast



Appalachian State University Boone, NORTH CAROLINA

Study in the U.S.A. - Midwest



North Dakota State University Fargo, NORTH DAKOTA

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PRIVATE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

Privately funded institutions with small class sizes and higher access to professors, with a focus on the undergraduate student experience.

Private colleges and universities do not receive direct funding from the state. Colleges only award undergraduate degrees, while universities also offer graduate programs. There is an emphasis on small class size, and it is rare to have a class larger than 40 students. At many smaller colleges, students can expect class sizes between 15-20 students. Smaller class sizes mean that students have a high level of access to their professors.

FEATURED PRIVATE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

Study in the U.S.A. - Midwest



Macalester College
St. Paul, MINNESOTA

Study in the U.S.A. - West



Westminster College Salt Lake City, UTAH

Study in the U.S.A. - Southeast



Hendrix College
Conway, ARKANSAS

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (HBCUs)

Institutions established to educate Black Americans; open to students of all races.

Located primarily in the Southern U.S., Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are institutions of higher education in the United States that were established before the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964 abolished legal racial segregation in the U.S. The principal mission of HBCUs was and is the education of Black Americans. All students are encouraged to include our HBCU members on their ISEP Exchange applications! HBCUs offer all students, regardless of race, an opportunity to develop their skills and talents. Although HBCUs were originally founded to educate primarily Black students, their diversity has increased over time – in 2017, non-Black students made up 24% of overall enrollment at HBCUs.

FEATURED HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Study in the U.S.A. - Southeast



Winston-Salem State University
Winston-Salem, NORTH
CAROLINA

Study in the U.S.A. - Southeast



North Carolina A&T Greensboro, NORTH CAROLINA

Study in the U.S.A. - Southeast



Morehouse College Atlanta, GEORGIA

