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A&T Gets New Carnegie Classification

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching released its new basic classifications for America's colleges and universities and placed North Carolina A&T State University in the second highest category of "A High Research Activity" University.

The restructuring was done because "the higher-education landscape has become increasingly complex and multifaceted," says Lee S. Shulman, president of the Stanford, CA-based foundation. The previous classifications, Carnegie officials say, did not reflect that.

The foundation's method of classifying colleges has undergone four previous revisions, but none as comprehensive as this one, which has drawn mixed reactions from institutions. Carnegie officials believe the extra categories, which will be easier to analyze with Web-based tools the foundation has created, could generate interest in the classification system outside academe. The system was developed in 1970 to help researchers group similar institutions.

"I think it is possible that it could be used by the general public," Mr. Shulman says. The new version classifies 4,321 colleges and universities, up from 3,856 in 2000. An additional 60 institutions were not classified in the revision because their degree data were incomplete, or the institution was too new to have produced any graduates, and the classification for one institution is pending, says Alexander C. McCormick, who directs the foundation's classification project. (For the complete list of colleges, see <http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/classifications>).

New Names, New Categories

Perhaps the most significant changes in the classifications are in the college categories themselves. Nearly all of the subcategories have new names and have been expanded. In addition, the methodology behind some of the categories has changed.

For instance, universities that award doctoral degrees are once again grouped according to the amount of research activity that takes place on campus, a measurement that was dropped in the 2000 revision of the classifications. However, the two categories previously used - "Doctoral Extensive" and "Doctoral Intensive"- have been divided into three. The three groups were determined using a complex plotting exercise where each institution's research activity was compared to a common reference point.

"Research Universities (very high research activity)" includes only two UNC institutions, UNC-Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University, both formerly known as "Doctoral Extensive." A&T and UNC-Greensboro, both known as "Doctoral Intensive," are now "Research Universities (high research activity)." The third group of doctoral universities under the new basic classification is called "Doctoral/Research Universities" and includes sister institutions UNC-Charlotte and East Carolina University.

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