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RE: 2015 Carnegie Classification Update

MSCHE uses the categories as established by the Carnegie Classification - Basic Classification for research purposes. The Carnegie Classification employs an established methodology and uses data pulled from IPEDS (see <http://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/methodology/basic.php>).

On October 8, 2014, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching announced that it transferred responsibility for the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education to Indiana University Bloomington's Center for Postsecondary Research (effective Jan 1, 2015). In January 2016, the Center released a preliminary version of the **2015 Carnegie Classification**, and collected feedback from institutions during an open comment period (through Feb 1, 2016). In early February 2016, the Center officially released the 2015 Carnegie Classification.

MSCHE recently updated your 2015 Carnegie Classification-Basic Classification in our system and it is now viewable on the Institution Directory and Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) on the MSCHE website. There may or may not have been changes to your institution's classification. The information provided below displays the classification(s) for your institution.

2010 Classification: Baccalaureate Diverse Fields

2015 Classification: Baccalaureate Colleges Arts & Sciences Focus

Institutions that are not included in the Carnegie Classification system are flagged as "Not Classified." This means Carnegie did not provide a classification, and usually includes institutions that do not submit IPEDS data or institutions operating outside of the United States.

In order to maintain consistency in data and preserve the usefulness of the classification system for research purposes, MSCHE downloads the classification in its entirety and does not change or update the classification for individual institutions on a case by case basis. If you have any questions regarding the 2015 classification assigned to your institution, please contact The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education directly at ccihe@iu.edu.

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