

CLASSIFICATION OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

In terms of ownership form, institutions of higher learning in Ukraine may be *state*, *communal*, or *private*. Regardless of their ownership form, they have equal rights and provide an education of the same quality. Ukrainian institutions of higher learning are classified by types as follows; universities, academies, institutes, conservatories (music academies), colleges, and technical schools.

University is a multidisciplinary institution of higher learning of the IV accreditation level that provides higher education within a broad range of humanities, economic, natural, and other studies, and is a leading research and methodology center. There may be classic and specialized universities.

A university is recognized as *classic* if it prepares specialists in at least eight areas of study, as well as doctors of philosophy and doctors of science in at least twelve research fields, including at least two liberal arts, economic, natural studies or technical specializations.

A *specialized* university is recognized as such if it prepares professionals in at least four areas of study, as well as doctors of philosophy and doctors of science in at least eight research fields, including at least six specialization areas (except for arts and higher military educational institutions (higher educational institutions with special study conditions)).

Institute is an institution of higher learning of the III or IV accreditation levels or a structural unit of a university, which provides higher education in a specific area of study, education, culture, or manufacture.

Academy is an institution of higher learning of the IV accreditation level, which operates to provide a specific higher education, helping students to obtain a qualification in a specific area of science, industry, education, culture, and arts, engages in fundamental and applied research, being a leading research and methodology center in its specialization area, and has the relevant level of human and material resources.

An academy is recognized if it prepares specialists in two areas of education and doctors of philosophy and doctors of science in at least two research fields (except for arts and higher military educational institutions (higher educational institutions with special study conditions)).

Conservatory is an institution of higher learning of the III or IV accreditation levels that provides a higher education in the field of culture and the arts.

College is an institution of higher learning of the II accreditation level or a structural unit of an educational institution of the III or IV accreditation levels that provides a higher education in related areas or in several specialization fields.

A professional college is created if its daytime departments have at least five hundred people.

Technical school is an institution of higher learning of the I accreditation level or a structural unit of an educational institution of the III or IV accreditation levels that provides a higher education in several related specialization fields.

Universities, academies, institutes, and conservatories may train students under any type of academic program (junior specialist, bachelor, specialist, master, candidate of sciences), as well as under post-graduate programs. A university (academy) may be awarded with national status for excellence in research activities.