

# HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

The first Historically Black College and University (HBCU) was founded in 1837 in Pennsylvania with the purpose of providing Black youth an education. The African American population was prevented from attending established colleges and universities due to racial discrimination and segregation in the United States. The U.S. Department of Education defines an HBCU as any historically Black college or university that was established prior to 1964. HBCUs thrived in educating Black Americans and to this day continue providing outstanding educations to all. Although HBCUs were originally founded to educate Black Americans, today 1 in 4 students (24%) enrolled at HBCUs are non-Black.

# HBCUs



HBCUs offer an inclusive environment to study. HBCUs are becoming a magnet for international students because they offer strong academic programs, affordability, and diversity for international students.

Many notable African Americans have attended HBCUs, including Vice President Kamala Harris (Howard University), Oprah Winfrey (Tennessee State University), Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Morehouse College), and more. The U.S. has 100 HBCUs with 51 of them being public institutions and 49 being private.





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HBCUs are accredited institutions, with a variety of public, private, and liberal arts schools. HBCUs have the most diverse faculties in the country. The tuition costs are half of a majority of institutions, making it affordable for students.





HBCUs are degree-granting schools for associate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in a variety of fields in the sciences, arts, law, business, and more. HBCUs have an ethos of collective learning and have an institutional responsibility for ensuring student success.

International students of all races and ethnic backgrounds are able to attend HBCUs. International students attending HBCUs is rapidly increasing in more than 20 states. HBCUs are known for their closeknit environment, smaller classes, and extensive student support systems.





The White House and the U.S. Department of State have made a commitment to support and further engage with HBCUs. We seek to provide students of diverse backgrounds with an opportunity to have a more equitable education.



# LIST OF ACCREDITED HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

# FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### <u>Alabama</u>

Alabama A & M University (4-year, Public) Alabama State University (4-year, Public) Bishop State Community College (2-year, Public) Gadsden State Community College (2-year, Public) H Councill Trenholm State Community College( 2year, Public)

J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College (2-year, Public)

Lawson State Community College (2-year, Public) Miles College (4-year, Private not-for-profit) Oakwood University (4-year, Private not-for-profit) Shelton State Community College (2-year, Public) Stillman College (4-year, Private) Talladega College (4-year, Private) Tuskegee University (4-year, Private)

# <u>Arkansas</u>

Arkansas Baptist College (4-year, primarily associate's, Private) Philander Smith College (4-year, Private) Shorter College (2-year, Private) University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (4-year, Public)

# <u>Delaware</u>

Delaware State University (4-year, Public)

# District of Columbia

Howard University (4-year, Private) University of the District of Columbia (4-year, Public) University of the District of Columbia-David A Clarke School of Law (4-year, Public)

# **Florida**

Bethune-Cookman University (4-year, Private) Edward Waters College (4-year, Private) Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (4year, Public) Florida Memorial University (4-year, Private)

#### <u>Georgia</u>

Albany State University (4-year, Public) Clark Atlanta University (4-year, Private) Fort Valley State University (4-year, Public) Interdenominational Theological Center (4-year, Private) Morehouse College (4-year, Private) Morehouse School of Medicine (4-year, Private) Paine College (4-year, Private) Savannah State University (4-year, Public) Spelman College (4-year, Private)

# <u>Kentucky</u>

Kentucky State University (4-year, Public) Simmons College of Kentucky (4-year, Private)

# <u>Louisiana</u>

Dillard University (4-year, Private) Grambling State University (4-year, Public) Southern University and A & M College (4-year, Public) Southern University at New Orleans (4-year, Public) Southern University at Shreveport (2-year, Public) Southern University Law Center (4-year, Public) Xavier University of Louisiana (4-year, Private)

# <u>Maryland</u>

Bowie State University (4-year, Public) Coppin State University (4-year, Public) Morgan State University (4-year, Public) University of Maryland Eastern Shore (4-year, Public)

# <u>Mississippi</u>

Alcorn State University (4-year, Public) Coahoma Community College (2-year, Public) Jackson State University (4-year, Public) Mississippi Valley State University (4-year, Public) Rust College (4-year, Private) Tougaloo College (4-year, Private)

#### <u>Missouri</u>

Harris-Stowe State University (4-year, Public) Lincoln University (4-year, Public)



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#### North Carolina

Bennett College (4-year, Private) Elizabeth City State University (4-year, Public) Fayetteville State University (4-year, Public) Johnson C Smith University (4-year, Private) Livingstone College (4-year, Private) North Carolina A & T State University (4-year, Public) North Carolina Central University (4-year, Public) Saint Augustine's University (4-year, Private) Shaw University (4-year, Private) Winston-Salem State University (4-year, Public)

#### <u>Ohio</u>

Central State University (4-year, Public) Wilberforce University (4-year, Private)

<u>Oklahoma</u> Langston University (4-year, Public)

# <u>Pennsylvania</u>

Cheyney University of Pennsylvania (4-year, Public) Lincoln University (4-year, Public)

# <u>South Carolina</u>

Allen University (4-year, Private) Benedict College (4-year, Private) Claflin University (4-year, Private) Clinton College (4-year, primarily associate's) Denmark Technical College (2-year, Public) Morris College (4-year, Private) South Carolina State University (4-year, Public) Voorhees College (4-year, Private)

# <u>Tennessee</u>

American Baptist College (4-year,) Fisk University (4-year, Private) Lane College (4-year, Private) Le Moyne-Owen College (4-year, Private) Meharry Medical College (4-year, Private) Tennessee State University (4-year, Public)

#### <u>Texas</u>

Huston-Tillotson University (4-year, Private) Jarvis Christian College (4-year, Private) Paul Quinn College (4-year, Private) Prairie View A & M University (4-year, Public) Southwestern Christian College (4-year, primarily associate's, Private) St Philip's College (2-year, Public) Texas College (4-year, Private) Texas Southern University (4-year, Public) Wiley College (4-year, Private)

# <u>U.S. Virgin Islands</u>

University of the Virgin Islands (4-year, Public) University of the Virgin Islands-Albert A. Sheen (4-year, Public)

# <u>Virginia</u>

Hampton University (4-year, Private) Norfolk State University (4-year, Public) Virginia State University (4-year, Public) Virginia Union University (4-year, Private) Virginia University of Lynchburg (4-year, primarily associate's, Private)

# <u>West Virginia</u>

Bluefield State College (4-year, Public) West Virginia State University (4-year, Public)

\*This list is up to date as of February 2022. Always refer to the Department of Education's database when you are unsure of a school's accreditation status.

# Sources:

Department of Education Accredited HBCUs, 2022 HBCU First, 2022 Historically Black Colleges and Universities Britannica, 2019 National Center for Education HBCU Statistics, 2022