

MUS Award Category Codes

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Award_Cat_Code	Award Category Description	Definition	Source
20	Certificate of Completion (9 to 15 credits)	A short applied, academic or technical program between 9 and 15 credits designed to provide a student with baseline competency or a focus of study. These certificates are award by 2-year Colleges and generally are not recognized by industry as sufficient education or training for entry-level positions.	OCHE
21	Certificate of Technical Studies (16 to 29 credits)	An applied, technical program between 16 and 29 credits designed to provide a student with broad technical competencies. The CTS must lead to, or incorporate the results of, either industry-recognized credentials or certificates or an industry-accepted block of entry-level skills training. (awarded by 2-year Colleges)	OCHE
22	Certificate of Applied Science (30+ credits)	An academically-oriented applied or technical program of 30 credits or more awarded by 2-year Colleges. <i>(30 credits is based on BOR policy 301.12)</i>	OCHE
23	Associate Degree	An award that normally requires at least 2 but less than 4 years of full-time equivalent college work.	IPEDS
24	Baccalaureate Degree	An award (as determined by the U.S. Department of Education) that normally requires at least 4 but not more than 5 years of full-time equivalent college-level work. Also includes bachelor's degrees in which the normal 4 years of work are completed in 3 years.	IPEDS
25	BA level certificate	Certificates received by undergraduates in pursuit of a bachelor's degree that signify the completion of a program of study that augments the students' primary major and degree.	OCHE
31	First Professional	A first-professional degree is an award that requires completion of a program that meets all of the following criteria: (1) completion of the academic requirements to begin practice in the profession; (2) at least 2 years of college work prior to entering the program; and (3) a total of at least 6 academic years of college work to complete the degree program, including prior required college work plus the length of the professional program itself. (ex. Law, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy)	IPEDS
41	Post Baccalaureate Certificate	An award that requires completion of an organized program of study equivalent to 18 semester credit hours beyond the bachelor's. It is designed for persons who have completed a baccalaureate degree, but does not meet the requirements of a master's degree	IPEDS
42	Masters Degree	An award that requires the successful completion of a program of study of at least the full-time equivalent of 1 but not more than 2 academic years of work beyond the bachelor's degree.	IPEDS
43	Post Masters Certificate	An award that requires completion of an organized program of study equivalent to 24 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree, but does not meet the requirements of academic degrees at the doctor's level.	IPEDS
44	Doctoral Degree	A Ph.D. or other doctor's degree that requires advanced work beyond the master's level, including the preparation and defense of a dissertation based on original research, or the planning and execution of an original project demonstrating substantial artistic or scholarly achievement.	IPEDS