

**Part II: The "Institutional Summary
Form Prepared for Commission Reviews"**
(Applicable to all institutions)

Directions: Please include Part II with Parts I, III, and V on the same electronic device or with the same print document. It should not be combined with Part IV.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Institution: Alcorn State University

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IMPORTANT:

Accreditation Activity (*check one*):

- Submitted at the time of Reaffirmation Orientation
- Submitted with Compliance Certification for Reaffirmation
- Submitted with Materials for an On-Site Reaffirmation Review
- Submitted with Compliance Certification for Fifth-Year Interim Report
- Submitted with Compliance Certification for Initial Candidacy/Accreditation Review
- Submitted with Merger/Consolidations/Acquisitions
- Submitted with Application for Level Change

Submission date of this completed document: March 15, 2017

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

1. Level of offerings (Check all that apply)

- Diploma or certificate program(s) requiring less than one year beyond Grade 12
- Diploma or certificate program(s) of at least two but fewer than four years of work beyond Grade 12
- Associate degree program(s) requiring a minimum of 60 semester hours or the equivalent designed for transfer to a baccalaureate institution
- Associate degree program(s) requiring a minimum of 60 semester hours or the equivalent not designed for transfer
- Four or five-year baccalaureate degree program(s) requiring a minimum of 120 semester hours or the equivalent
- Professional degree program(s)
- Master's degree program(s)
- Work beyond the master's level but not at the doctoral level (such as Specialist in Education)
- Doctoral degree program(s)
- Other (Specify) _____

2. Types of Undergraduate Programs (Check all that apply)

- Occupational certificate or diploma program(s)
- Occupational degree program(s)
- Two-year programs designed for transfer to a baccalaureate institution
- Liberal Arts and General
- Teacher Preparatory
- Professional
- Other (Specify) _____

GOVERNANCE CONTROL

Check the appropriate governance control for the institution:

- Private (*check one*)
 - Independent, not-for-profit
Name of corporation OR
Name of religious affiliation and control: _____
 - Independent, for-profit *
If publicly traded, name of parent company: _____

- Public state * (check one)
- Not part of a state system, institution has own independent board
- Part of a state system, system board serves as governing board
- Part of a state system, system board is super governing board, local governing board has delegated authority
- Part of a state system, institution has own independent board

* If an institution is part of a state system or a corporate structure, a description of the system operation must be submitted as part of the Compliance Certification for the decennial review. See Commission policy "Reaffirmation of Accreditation and Subsequent Reports" for additional direction."

**INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION
FOR REVIEWERS**

Directions:

Please address the following and attach the information to this form.

1. History and Characteristics

Provide a brief history of the institution, a description of its current mission, an indication of its geographic service area, and a description of the composition of the student population. Include a description of any unusual or distinctive features of the institution and a description of the admissions policies (open, selective, etc.). If appropriate, indicate those institutions that are considered peers. Please limit this section to one-half page.

Alcorn State University is the oldest public historically black land-grant institution in the United States and the second-oldest state-supported institution of higher learning in Mississippi. Alcorn University was founded in 1871 as a result of the people of Mississippi's efforts to educate the descendants of formerly enslaved Africans. It was named in honor of the sitting governor of Mississippi, James L. Alcorn.

The institution has a rich and illustrious history. Alcorn is situated in Claiborne County, seven miles west of Lorman, 80 miles south of the capital city of Jackson, 45 miles south of Vicksburg, and 40 miles north of Natchez. It is located on the site of the former Oakland College, a Presbyterian school for the education of white males. Oakland College closed its doors at the beginning of the Civil War, and upon failing to reopen after the war, the state purchased the defunct college. The Honorable Hiram R. Revels, the first black man to serve in the United States Senate, resigned his seat in 1871 to become the first president of the newly established institution.

The university was given \$50,000 per year for 10 years. Alcorn State University also received three-fifths of the proceeds from the sale of agricultural script under the provisions of the First Morrill-Land Grant Act of 1862. According to the *1872 Alcorn University Catalogue*, "the fund amounted to \$189,000, three-fifths of which, or \$113,400, became the property of Alcorn University, the income from which is to be devoted to the agricultural and mechanical department of the institution."

Initially, the institution's three major study components were the four-year college track, the two-year college track, and the three-year graded track. Students spent the morning, from seven

o'clock until noon, in classes. In the afternoon, they worked in various University shops for eight cents per hour. Room and board, including laundry, cost about \$5 a month.

In 1878, Alcorn University became Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College. The college was exclusively for males at first, but eventually women were admitted. A dormitory for women was built in 1902. Over time, facilities increased from three historic buildings to more than 80 structures. The original purchase of 225 acres of land grew to a campus of more than 1,700 acres.

Recognizing the tremendous growth and impact of the institution during its more than one century of existence, the Mississippi State Legislature changed the name of the institution to Alcorn State University in 1974. Governor William L. Waller signed House Bill 298, granting this status.

As Mississippi recognized the importance of educating all citizens, Alcorn has gained status and importance. From the original eight faculty members in 1871, the University has grown to more than 800 faculty and staff. It has attracted students from 82 counties in the state of Mississippi, 42 states, and 18 foreign countries.

2. List of Degrees

List all degrees currently offered (A. S., B.A., B.S., M.A., Ph.D., for examples) and the majors or concentrations within those degrees, as well as all certificates and diplomas. For each credential offered, indicate the number of graduates in the academic year previous to submitting this report. Indicate term dates.

Degrees Awarded Summer (2015-2016)		
Credential	Program of Study	2015-2016
<i>School of Agriculture, Research, Extension, and Applied Sciences (AREAS)</i>		***
BS	Agribusiness Management	10
BS	Agricultural Economics	5
BS	Agricultural Science	16
BS	Applied Science	17
BS	Child Development	17
BS	Computer Networking and Information Technology	0
BS	Nutrition and Dietetics	11
BS	Robotics and Automation Technology	1
MS	Applied Science and Technology	1
MS	Biotechnology	5
MS	General Agriculture	8
MS	Workforce Education Leadership	29
<i>Total</i>		<i>120</i>
<i>School of Arts and Sciences</i>		
BS	Biology	66
BS	Chemistry	3
BS	Computer Science	0
BA	Criminal Justice	20
BA	English	10
BA	History	3
BA	Mass Communications	9
BS	Mathematics	4

BA	Music	*
BM	Music	7
BA	Political Science	5
BSW	Social Work	26
BA	Sociology	1
MS	Biology	7
MS	Computer and Information Science	19
Total		180
School of Business		
BS	Accounting	21
BBA	Business Administration	26
MBA	General Business Administration	20
Total		67
School of Education and Psychology		
BS	Elementary Education	8
BA	General Studies	37
BS	Psychology	19
BS	Recreation	10
BS	Sport Management	**
MAT	Teaching (Alternate Route)	13
MSEd	Elementary Education	4
MSEd	Secondary Education	24
EdS	Elementary Education	7
Total		122
School of Nursing		
ASN	Nursing	25
BSN	Nursing	36
MSN	Nursing	10
Total		71
Total Degrees Awarded		560

*Program received approval fall 2014

** Program received approval spring 2013

***The name of the School of Agriculture, Research, Extension, and Applied Sciences (AREAS) was changed by the Mississippi IHL Board of Trustees by board approval to the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences fall 2016.

3. Off-Campus Instructional Locations and Branch Campuses

(Please note: This section has been extensively revised.)

List **all locations** where 50% or more credit hours toward a degree, diploma, or certificate can be obtained primarily through traditional classroom instruction. Report those locations in accord with the Commission's definitions and the directions as specified below.

Off-campus instructional sites—a site located geographically apart from the main campus at which the institution offers **50 % or more** of its credit hours for a diploma, certificate, or degree. This includes high schools where courses are offered as part of dual enrollment. For each site, provide the information below. **The list should include only those sites reported and approved by SACSCOC.** Listing unapproved sites below does not constitute reporting them to SACSCOC. In such cases when an institution has initiated an off-campus instructional site as described above without prior approval by SACSCOC, a prospectus for approval should be submitted immediately to SACSCOC.

Name of Site	Physical Address (street, city, state, country) Do not include PO Boxes.	Date Approved by SACSCOC	Date Implemented by the institution	Educational programs offered (specific degrees, certificates, diplomas) with 50% or more credits hours offered at each site	Is the site currently active? (At any time during the past 5 years, have students been enrolled and courses offered? If not, indicate the date of most recent activity.)
Natchez	9 Campus Drive Natchez, MS 39122		4/1996	Master of Business Administration	Yes
Natchez	15 Campus Drive Natchez, MS 39122-8399		7/1977	Associate Degree (Nursing)	Yes
Natchez	15 Campus Drive Natchez, MS 39122-8399		7/1979	Bachelor of Science (Nursing)	Yes
Natchez	15 Campus Drive Natchez, MS 39122-8399		1/1995	Master of Science (Nursing)	Yes

Institutions with off-campus instructional sites at which the institution offers 25-49% credit hours for a diploma, certificate, or degree—including high schools where courses are offered as dual enrollment—are required to notify SACSCOC in advance of initiating the site. For each site, provide the information below.

Name of Site (Indicate if site is currently active or inactive. If inactive, date of last course offerings and date of projected reopening)	Physical Address (street, city, state, country) Do not include PO Boxes.	Date Notified SACSCOC by SACSCOC	Date Implemented by the institution	Educational programs offered (specific degrees, certificates, diplomas) with 25-49% credit hours offered at each site	Is the site currently active? (At any time during the past 5 years, have students been enrolled and courses offered? If not, indicate the date of most recent activity.)
Vicksburg Expansion Center	3505 Pemberton Square Vicksburg, MS 39180			*	

*No degree program are offered, but general and upper level courses are offered based on market demand and faculty availability.

Branch campus—an instructional site located geographically apart and independent of the main campus of the institution. A location is independent of the main campus if the location is (1) permanent in nature, (2) offers courses in educational programs leading to a degree, certificate, or other recognized educational credential, (3) has its own faculty and administrative or supervisory organization, **and** (4) has its own budgetary and hiring authority. **The list should include only those branch campuses reported**

and approved by SACSCOC. Listing unapproved branch campuses below does not constitute reporting them to SACSCOC. A prospectus for an unapproved branch campus should be submitted immediately to SACSCOC.

Name of Branch Campus	Physical Address (street, city, state, country) Do not include PO Boxes.	Date Approved by SACSCOC	Date Implemented by the institution	Educational programs (specific degrees, certificates, diplomas) with 50% or more credits hours offered at the branch campus	Is the campus currently active? (At any time during the past 5 years, have students been enrolled and courses offered? If not, indicate the date of most recent activity.)
NA-Alcorn State University has no Branch campus locations.					

4. Distance and Correspondence Education

Provide an initial date of approval for your institution to offer distance education. Provide a list of credit-bearing educational programs (degrees, certificates, and diplomas) where 50% or more of the credit hours are delivered through distance education modes. For each educational program, indicate whether the program is delivered using synchronous or asynchronous technology, or both. For each educational program that uses distance education technology to deliver the program at a specific site (e.g., a synchronous program using interactive videoconferencing), indicate the program offered at each location where students receive the transmitted program. Please limit this description to one page, if possible.

Initial Approval Date: December 2010

Credential	Program of Study	Technology
School of Agriculture, Research, Extension, and Applied Sciences		
MS	Workforce Education Leadership	Both
School of Arts and Sciences		
MS	Biology	Asynchronous
School of Business		
MBA	Business Administration	Both
School of Nursing		
BSN	Nursing	Asynchronous
MSN	Nursing	Asynchronous

5. Accreditation

- List all agencies that currently accredit the institution and any of its programs and indicate the date of the last review by each.

Accrediting Agency	Last Review
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)	2011
Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)	2015
Accreditation Commission for Education in	2012 (ASN)

Nursing (ACEN)	2015 (BSN and MSN)
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP)	2013
American Association of Family and Consumer Science (AAFCS)	2016
Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE)	2016
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)	2015
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	2016
National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)	2016

(2) If SACS Commission on Colleges is not your primary accreditor for access to USDOE Title IV funding, identify which accrediting agency serves that purpose.

SACSCOC is the primary accreditor for access to USDOE Title IV funding for Alcorn State University.

(3) List any USDOE recognized agency (national and programmatic) that has terminated the institution's accreditation (include the date, reason, and copy of the letter of termination) or list any agency from which the institution has voluntarily withdrawn (include copy of letter to agency from institution).

No USDOE recognized agency has terminated the institution's accreditation.

Alcorn State University has voluntarily withdrawn from the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND). The accreditation will end August 31, 2017. No students are being admitted to the program. The institution is restructuring the program for a new self-study.

(4) Describe any sanctions applied or negative actions taken by any USDOE-recognized accrediting agency (national, programmatic, SACSCOC) during the two years previous to the submission of this report. Include a copy of the letter from the USDOE to the institution.

The Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) voted to with accreditation of the program effective April 19, 2015. ACEND accepting Alcorn's plan of action to voluntarily close the Didactic Program in Dietetics. Accreditation will remain active until August 31, 2017, and enrolled students will complete the program.

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) placed the Nursing, ASN program on warning. A follow up visit will be conducted in the fall 2017 accreditation cycle.

6. Relationship to the U.S. Department of Education

Indicate any limitations, suspensions, or termination by the U.S. Department of Education in regard to student financial aid or other financial aid programs during the previous three years. Report if on reimbursement or any other exceptional status in regard to federal or state financial aid.

Alcorn has not been given any limitations, suspensions or terminations of any financial aid programs during the previous three years. The institution is not on any reimbursement or other exceptional status from the Department of Education.