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What Degrees Schools Offer and What Degrees Their Literature

Faculty Members Need to Have

| <u>School</u> | <u>Degrees Offered</u> | <u>Degrees Needed</u> |
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| University | BA, MA, & PhD or BA & MA | MA or PhD MA or PhD |
| 4-year college | BA | MA or PhD |
| Community (= junior) college | AA | MA |
| K-12 | Depends on level | BA (& credential if teaching in public, and some private, schools) |

Faculty Ranks and What Degrees Literature

Faculty Members Need to Have in 4-Year Colleges and Universities

| <u>Rank</u> | <u>Tenure Status</u> | <u>Time Base</u> | <u>Degrees Needed</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Full professor (= professor)* | Usually tenured | Full-time | PhD |
| Associate professor* | Usually tenured | Full-time | PhD |
| <u>Assistant professor*</u> | <u>Tenure-track</u> | <u>Full-time</u> | <u>PhD</u> |
| Lecturer (more or less = instructor) | Not tenurable, has contract | Full- or part-time | MA or PhD |

*Assistant, associate, and full professors are sometimes called "ladder" faculty because they are on the tenure ladder.