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THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Maryland is the State university and the "Land-Grant" institution of Maryland.

The present University of Maryland is the result of the merger of the former privately owned University of Maryland located in Baltimore with the former Maryland State College at College Park. The former University of Maryland was founded in 1807 as the College of Medicine of Maryland (Chapter 53, Acts of 1807). In 1812, it enlarged its curriculum and changed its name to the University of Maryland (Chapter 159, Acts of 1812). Subsequently, it added faculties of law (1823), dentistry (1882), nursing (1889), and pharmacy (1904).

The Maryland State College of Agriculture was founded by Chapter 114, Acts of 1856, as the Maryland Agricultural College, a private institution at College Park, and became the beneficiary of the Land-Grant Act of 1862 (Chapter 178, Acts of 1865). By Chapter 129, Acts of 1914, the State assumed complete control of the school and in 1916 the Legislature granted it a new charter, which renamed the school the Maryland State College of Agriculture (Chapter 372, Acts of 1916). The General Assembly consolidated the University of Maryland and the Maryland State College of Agriculture in 1920 and gave the name University of Maryland to the new institution (Chapter 480, Acts of 1920).

In accordance with 1963 legislation authorizing the University to establish a branch in Baltimore County, the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Campus (UMBC) opened initially to freshmen students in September 1966 (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 77, sec. 251A).

The University is under the administration of a Board of Regents consisting of eleven members appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Members appointed to the Board prior to 1960 serve for nine years; members appointed in 1960 and thereafter serve for terms of seven years (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 77, sec. 249B).

The Board of Regents, within the limits prescribed by law, may issue revenue bonds to finance the building of dormitories and other student housing facilities. Student union buildings at College Park and Baltimore have been constructed as well as a combination Physical Education and Auditorium building at College Park. The Regents issue such bonds directly with the payments of principal and interest made from revenues realized from the use of the buildings (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 77, secs. 249-59J).