

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 of Agriculture 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).

The Eastern Shore Campus (UMES) had diverse affiliations and several names before becoming the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, on July 1, 1970. The institution was founded in 1886 as the Delaware Conference Academy for Negroes under the general control of what came to be known as Morgan College, then a private institution in Baltimore. By the Morrill Act of 1890 the Academy received federal funds and became known as the Princess Anne Academy. This funding began a relationship with the then Maryland Agricultural College, although the campus continued to be a part of Morgan College. College level work began at Princess Anne in 1927. The State authorized purchase of the Academy in 1935 (Chapter 548, Acts of 1935) and, beginning in 1936, Princess Anne Academy became a division of the University of Maryland. The institution bore the name of Maryland State College from 1948 until 1970.

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 Education Article, sec. 13-104f).

Evening courses were offered by various departments and colleges of the University from the 1920s through the World War II period. In 1947 the College of Special and Continuation Studies was established to administer the off-campus evening programs with a dean as the principal officer. The name was changed to University College in 1959. In 1970 the unit was designated as one of five major components headed by a chancellor.

The University of Maryland is under the administration of the Board of Regents consisting of fifteen members who are citizens of Maryland. Fourteen of the members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The remaining member, the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, is ex officio with voting privileges. Two of the members must be students at different campuses of the University of Maryland, appointed for one-year terms from July 1. Each may be reappointed if he/she remains a student at any campus of the University. Board members serve without compensation but are paid their reasonable and necessary expenses while engaged in the discharge of their official duties. The term of office of all members appointed after July 1, 1969, is five years with the exception of the Secretary of Agriculture and the student members. Appointed members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Members appointed to fill vacancies occurring during a term serve for the remainder of the term and are then eligible for reappointment (Code Education Article, sec. 13-102).

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 building (Chapter 22, Acts of 1978).

There are four principal campuses of the University located in Baltimore, Catonsville, College Park, and Princess Anne. University College, a unit under a chancellor, administers adult and continuing education courses and programs and awards degrees.

The Baltimore campus is located at Lombard and Greene Streets. The schools of Dentistry,