lum and changed its name to the University of Maryland (Chapter 159, Acts of 1812).

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 original University of Maryland and the Maryland State College of Agriculture in 1920, creating the modern University of Maryland with campuses at Baltimore and College Park (Chapter 480, Acts of 1920). The Baltimore County Campus was added in 1966. Two other campuses, Eastern Shore and University College, were added in 1970.

The Eastern Shore Campus (UMES) at Princess Anne had diverse affiliations and several names before becoming the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. 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 campus at Catonsville in Baltimore County, the University of Maryland Baltimore County (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 UM campuses headed by a chancellor.

The University of Maryland is under the administration of a fifteen-member Board of Regents. Fourteen of the members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Twelve serve five-year terms and two are student members, appointed for one-year terms. The remaining member, the Secretary of Agriculture, serves ex officio with voting privileges (Code Education Article, sec. 13–102).

The Board of Regents may issue revenue bonds to finance the building of dormitories and other student housing facilities. 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).

The University's Central Administration (UMCA) is responsible for the operation of the five-campus system. Located in Adelphi, UMCA includes the offices of the president, the executive vice-president, and the six vice-presidents. Part of UMCA, the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs administers the University-wide Maryland Institute for Biotechnology, which brings together in one unit the University's expertise in this field.

Campuses of the University are located in Baltimore (UMAB), Catonsville (UMBC), College Park (UMCP), and Princess Anne (UMES). University College (UMUC) is headquartered in the Center of Adult Education at College Park. It administers adult and continuing education courses and programs at sites throughout Maryland and in Europe and Asia.

The Baltimore City Campus (UMAB) includes the schools of Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Social Work and Community Planning, offering both professional and graduate instruction. Complementing these schools are the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation, which includes the Hospital, Cancer Center, Shock Trauma Unit, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS), Poison and Drug Information Center, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Institute, and other research and public service organizations.

The Baltimore County Campus (UMBC) offers a range of programs in the arts, sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Master's and doctoral programs are also offered.

At the College Park Campus (UMCP) instruction is offered at undergraduate and graduate levels in almost every discipline. There are the Colleges of Agriculture, Business and Management, Education, Engineering, Human Ecology, Journalism,