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University College derives from the evening courses that were offered by the University from the 1920s through World War II. In 1947, the College of Special and Continuation Studies was established to administer the off-campus evening programs. Its principal officer was the dean. It was renamed University College in 1959. In 1970, the College was designated as one of five major UM campuses headed by a chancellor.

University College extends the resources of the University of Maryland System to adult, part-time students throughout the State and around the world. It offers bachelor's, master's, and noncredit professional development programs. The curriculum, class schedules, registration procedures, and comprehensive student services have all been designed to create an academic environment that supports and encourages the educational goals of busy adults.

Evening and weekend classes meet at more than 25 locations throughout Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia. The European and Asian divisions conduct degree programs for U.S. military personnel and their families at more than 200 locations in twenty-two countries.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY

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In 1963, legislation authorized the University of Maryland to establish a campus at Catonsville in Baltimore County (Code Education Article, sec. 13-104(f)). The University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) opened to its first freshmen in September 1966.

The mission of UMBC is to be a first-class doctoral research university for the greater Baltimore region. UMBC offers a wide range of programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels in the arts, sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

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The Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station was established in 1888 following passage of the federal Hatch Act in 1887. The Act made grants-in-aid available to the states for research pertaining to agriculture. Now, both State and federal funds support these activities, as well as research in food science, nutrition, aquaculture, rural sociology, and natural resources.

Administrative headquarters for the Agricultural Experiment Station are on the College Park Campus, along with laboratories for research in the animal and plant sciences, agricultural engineering, agricultural and resource economics, rural sociology, human ecology, and social sciences.

The Station conducts field research at ten off-campus facilities. They are organized into four regional research and education centers:

Western Maryland (Keedysville)
Central Maryland (Clarksville, Ellicott City,
Cherry Hill, Beltsville, Upper Marlboro)
Upper Eastern Shore (Wye Mills)
Lower Eastern Shore (Salisbury, Princess
Anne).

Although research programs throughout the State are diverse, the Station gives priority to programs that: 1) assist in sustaining competitive and profitable agriculture in Maryland; 2) develop appropriate technology for new and changing agriculture, aquaculture, and related industries; 3) increase the fundamental understanding of the principles and practices important to agriculture; 4) develop scientific criteria and increase the knowledge base for dealing with environmental and natural resource issues; 5) enhance the role of biotechnology in accelerating agricultural production efficiency, environmental quality, and natural resource management; 6) improve food quality and human nutrition; and 7) provide research leadership in human resource development and community vitality.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

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The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service was established by federal and State