

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 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 77, sec. 18).

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 thirteen members who are citizens of Maryland. Twelve of the members are appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The remaining member, the Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, is ex officio with voting privileges. 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. Appointed members shall 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 1959, 1969 Repl. Vol., 1972 Supp., Art. 77A, sec. 156).

The Board of Regents, within the limits prescribed by law, may issue revenue bonds to finance the building of dormitories and other