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The Eastern Shore Campus (UMES) at Princess Anne had diverse affiliations and several names before becoming the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in 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, 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.

The Eastern Shore Campus (UMES) offers curricula in the arts and sciences, business, agriculture, and other areas; pre-professional training; extension education; and marine, estuarine, and environmental sciences. Research and public services organizations at UMES include the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, Institute for Eastern Shore Studies, and the Soybean Research Institute.

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University College originated when 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. 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 (UMUC) administers the University's adult and continuing education programs. Fiscally self-supporting courses and programs are offered on University of Maryland campuses and at off-campus centers throughout the State. University College also maintains overseas centers for U.S. military personnel and civilians. In addition, UMUC, through its Professional and Career Development Programs, offers an extensive variety of non-credit adult courses, seminars, workshops, and institutes. With the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting, UMUC operates the National University Consortium, the country's first national degree-granting television college. UMUC offers master's programs in administration, computer systems management, and technology management.

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The Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station was established following passage of the federal Hatch Act in 1887. The Act made available to the states grants-in-aid for research pertaining to agriculture. Now both State and federal funds support these activities.

Administrative headquarters are located on the College Park Campus, as are laboratories for research in the animal and plant sciences, agricultural engineering, agricultural and resource economics, rural sociology, and home and consumer economics. Provisions are made for maintenance of experimental herds, flocks, field and tree plots, and for investigations of soils, and insect and disease control (Chapter 55, Acts of 1888, as amended).

Research is conducted at eleven locations throughout the State, with particular attention to