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<h1><a href="/msa/mdmanual/25univ/system/html/syst.html">UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND</a></h1>

<h2>ORIGIN & FUNCTIONS</h2>

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The University System of Maryland comprises eleven campuses and two major research and service components. It is the twelfth-largest university system in the nation.

<p>In 1807, the System's earliest unit was founded in Baltimore as the College of Medicine <p>At College Park, the Maryland State College of Agriculture was founded in 1856. <p>

<p>As the components of the former University of Maryland were evolving, so too were the State's teachers colleges. <p>

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<h2><a href="/msa/mdmanual/25univ/system/html/syst.html#regents">BOARD OF REGENTS</a></h2>

Governing the University System of Maryland is the Board of Regents

<p>With Senate advice and consent, the Governor appoints the seventeen-member Board of Regents. <p>

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<h2><a href="/msa/mdmanual/25univ/system/html/syst.html#system">SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION</a></h2>

System Administration directs and coordinates the twelve institutions of the University System of Maryland<p>

<br>Allegany County at Frostburg (Frostburg State University);<br>

Baltimore City (UMB, Coppin State University, University of Baltimore);<br>

Baltimore County at Catonsville (UMBC) and at Towson (Towson University);<br>

Prince George's County at Bowie (Bowie State University) and College Park (UMCP);<br>

Somerset County at Princess Anne (UMES); and<br>

Wicomico County at Salisbury (Salisbury University).

<p>From its headquarters in Adelphi, University of Maryland University College administers adult and continuing education courses and programs at sites across the United States and in Europe and Asia. <p>

<p>Appointed by the Board of Regents, the Chancellor chairs the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center Governing Board, and serves on the Maryland Subcabinet for Public-Private Partnerships<p>Under the Chancellor are Academic Affairs; Administration and Finance; Advancement; and Environmental Sustainability.<p>

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<h3><a href="/msa/mdmanual/25univ/system/html/syst.html#academic">ACADEMIC AFFAIRS</a></h3>

For the University System of Maryland, Academic Affairs plans courses, programs and academic calendars; coordinates research grants and projects; and monitors and reports degrees and enrollments. This office is accountable to the <a href="/msa/mdmanual/25ind/highered/html/43high.html">Maryland Higher Education Commission</a> and the <a href="/msa/mdmanual/07leg/html/ga.html">General Assembly</a>, and addresses issues of student transfer between the System and other Maryland institutions.

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Academic Affairs is responsible for Academic Leadership Development and Diversity Initiatives; Academic Programs; P-20 Education; and two regional education centers: the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown (Washington County), and the Universities at Shady Grove (Montgomery County).

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<b><a href="/msa/mdmanual/25univ/system/html/syst.html#hagerstown">UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND AT HAGERSTOWN</a></b><br>

32 West Washington St., Hagerstown, MD 21740

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The University System of Maryland at Hagerstown opened in January 2005. Here, all students transfer from another school, typically a community college, and enter Hagerstown at the junior level.

<p>

Students attend classes provided by six participating institutions: Copping State University; Frostburg State University; Salisbury University; Towson University; University of Maryland, College Park; and University of Maryland University College. In 2016, at Hagerstown, these universities offer thirteen undergraduate and eight graduate degrees, and two graduate certificate programs.

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<b><a href="/msa/mdmanual/25univ/system/html/syst.html#shady">UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE</a></b><br>

9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

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The Universities at Shady Grove began in 1992 as part of the University of Maryland University College. In 2000, it reformed under its present name.

<p>Daytime, evening and weekend classes are offered at Shady Grove to undergraduate and graduate students seeking degrees in 60 programs<p>

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<h3><a href="/msa/mdmanual/25univ/system/html/syst.html#admin">ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE</a></h3>

<p>Under Administration and Finance are four main offices: Financial Affairs, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Institutional Research.<p>

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<h3><a href="/msa/mdmanual/25univ/system/html/syst.html#advancement">ADVANCEMENT</a></h3>

Advancement conducts fund-raising to find alternative sources of income for the University System of Maryland and directs cooperative efforts among institutions for obtaining grants.

<p>Under Advancement are four offices: Advancement Research; Advancement Services; Planned Giving; and Special Events.<p><hr><a name=environmental>

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