History

The University of Baltimore was founded in 1925 by a group of professional and businessmen interested in providing greater educational opportunities for employed men and women in Baltimore. It is a nonstock, nonprofit, nonsectarian, coeducational institution. The University operates on income from tuition and is not subsidized by City, State, Federal, or corporation funds. Its teaching resources have been increased, however, by the generosity of individuals (and organizations) who from time to time have donated services, books, and equipment.

In keeping with its aim to provide higher educational opportunities for the residents of Baltimore and the nearby suburbs, the University is centrally located. Within easy walking or riding distance are business, financial, and industrial organizations known throughout the world. Museums, libraries, art galleries, and churches may be reached quickly and conveniently.

A School of Law and a College of Business Administration were organized in 1925 and located on St. Paul Street facing Mount Vernon Place. Although the University was originally planned as an evening professional school, a day division of the business college was started in 1926.

By 1929 the growth of the University made it necessary to secure more adequate quarters, and the building at 847 North Howard Street, formerly the home of the Baltimore Dental College, was purchased and occupied. A junior college was organized in 1937. In 1945 the College of Business Administration was reorganized as the School of Business, Industry, and Management.

The increase in enrollment following the end of World War II again made necessary an expansion of facilities. Accordingly, in the spring of 1947 the large building at 1420 North Charles Street, formerly occupied by the Baltimore Athletic Club, was purchased and completely remodeled for college use.

The continued growth of the institution made it desirable to provide campus facilities for varsity athletics and other undergraduate activities. In the spring of 1952 the University purchased a forty-five acre tract of land in Mount Washington, bounded by Belvedere Avenue, Greenspring Avenue, and West Rogers Avenue, which had formerly been occupied by St. Paul's School, thereby making provision not only for immediate but also probable future needs of the institution. On this campus are located the office of the Director of Athletics, the athletic fields, and the gymnasium.

By 1959 still more classrooms were needed. The property on the corner of Charles and Oliver Streets, immediately adjacent to the Charles Street building, was acquired and a new four-story building, connected by corridors with the old building, was erected and occupied in the fall of 1961. At the same time the increasing desire of high school graduates to obtain a liberal arts education at relatively low cost led the University to expand its two-year junior college into a four-year Bachelor of Arts degree program. The liberal arts program is given primarily in the day school, but some courses are offered in the evening. The first B.A. degrees were awarded in 1965.
Howard Hall is now a classroom building. Charles Hall houses the administrative offices; faculty offices; the Placement Bureau; classrooms of the College of Liberal arts, the School of Business, Industry, and Management, and the School of Law; the offices of the Student Government Association, the student newspaper, and other student activities; the Student Lounge; the Bookstore; and the Cafeteria.

Construction was begun early in 1965 on a new library building. The Langsdale Library, located at the southwest corner of Maryland Avenue and Oliver Street, has four floors and a basement and houses the general library collection and the Law Library. It has a capacity of 125,000 volumes, seating for 600 readers, and an auditorium with continental seating for 449. It was opened for student use on April 13, 1966.

In addition, the University owns all the property, with the exception of two small buildings, in the block bounded by Charles Street, the Jones Falls Expressway, Saint Paul Street, and Mount Royal Avenue. This land is for the future expansion of the University.

The University has no dormitories, but it assists nonresident students in finding acceptable living quarters.

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