



Ohio State University

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Introduction

Founded in 1870 as a land-grant university as the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College, Ohio State University is a public research university located in Columbus, Ohio, the state's capital. It was the ninth university in Ohio and established with the help of then Governor of Ohio, Rutherford B. Hayes. In 1878, when it began to offer a more comprehensive education, the name was changed to Ohio State University. The institution grew with the continued support of the state government, and, by the early 20th century, it was considered Ohio's flagship, comprehensive university. Today, over 60,000 students (undergraduate and post-graduate) attend Ohio State University in Columbus and at its regional campuses, making it one of the largest university campuses in the United States.

Important Dates

- 1870: Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College is founded as a land-grant university under the Morrill Act of 1862.
- September 18, 1873: The College's first students begin class.
- 1878: The College graduates its first class and changes its name to Ohio State University.
- 1879: The University graduates its first female student.
- 1886: The University confers its first master's degrees.
- 1890: The University confers its first doctoral degrees.
- 1891: The University's law school is founded.
- 1906: The Eagleson Bill is passed, which stipulated that all doctoral education and research functions in the state of Ohio would be provided exclusively by Ohio State University rather than Ohio or Miami Universities.
- 1914: Ohio State University merges with Starling Medical College to create its College of Medicine. The School of Dentistry is also founded.
- 1916: Ohio State University is inducted into the Association of American Universities.

Suggested Search Strategies

- Search "Ohio State University" as a phrase or try combining it as an "all" word search or in proximity with the following terms: student, agriculture, graduate, Thompson, medical, law, Eagleson Bill.
- Limit search by date to find articles about specific events.
- Some results may be articles written by or about Ohio State University faculty or students.

Sample Articles from Chronicling America

- "[Legislative Summary](#)" *Fremont Weekly Journal* (Fremont, OH), March 21, 1873, Image 2, col. 4.
- "[Dr. Thompson Accepts](#)" *Evening Bulletin* (Maysville, KY), June 26, 1899, Image 1, col. 5.
- "[Rural Members Score Victory](#)" *Democratic Banner* (Mt. Vernon, OH), February 7, 1913, Image 1, col. 1-2.
- "[The Worst Results](#)" *Democratic Banner* (Mt. Vernon, OH), May 14, 1915, Image 5, col. 2.
- "[Agricultural Course](#)" *Perrysburg Journal* (Perrysburg, OH), September 16, 1915, Image 1, col. 1.
- "[Getting Ready to Dedicate Stadium](#)" *Democratic Banner* (Mt. Vernon, OH), August 25, 1922, Image 1, col. 2.