Chapter 1  Overview of the University

The University was founded in 1817 as the Catholepistemiad, or University of Michigania. In 1821, it was officially renamed the University of Michigan. Originally located in Detroit, the institution’s home moved to Ann Arbor in 1837. One of the original buildings on the Ann Arbor campus still stands and is used today as the President’s house.

The first Ann Arbor classes were taught in 1841, at which point the U-M had two professors and seven students. The first commencement was held in 1845 to recognize the graduation of 11 men. Women were first admitted in 1870.

The University has grown to include 19 schools and colleges (table at right), covering the liberal arts and sciences as well as most professions. Student enrollment surpassed 1,000 by 1865, 10,000 in 1936, and 40,000 in 2006. The fall 2012 enrollment of undergraduate, graduate and professional students was 43,426.

The current faculty consists of 3,029 individuals who are tenured or on a tenure-track. Lecturers, clinical faculty, research professors, librarians, archivists, and post-doctoral fellows add 4,805 to the Ann Arbor campus academic staff. The staff count is 13,506, bringing the total to 21,340. The FY2012 operating revenues from the state appropriation, tuition, research grants and contracts, gifts and other sources reached $3.26 billion for the Ann Arbor campus. The U-M Health System revenues added $2.68 billion for a grand total of $5.94 billion. According to the latest national data, the U-M expenditures on research -- $1.28 billion in FY2011 -- represent more than any other U.S. public university.

The U-M provides housing to 9,500 undergraduate students in 18 residence halls and apartment buildings. Undergraduate room and board rates in residence halls range from $8,838 to $13,230, depending on the number of roommates in a unit. Graduate and family living is provided through 1,100 apartments in the U-M’s Northwood complex. Rates vary from $919/month to $1,259/month based on the unit’s number of bedrooms.

This chapter presents an overview of the University. The chapters that follow will provide further detail on all aspects of the institution.

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Chart updated since previous edition.
Since World War II ended, fall enrollment has more than doubled, from 19,176 in 1946 to 43,426 in 2012.

1.2 Student Enrollment, Fall 1841-2012.

The fall enrollment headcount is available starting in 1841 and continuing about every five years to 1929. The first class in 1841 consisted only of undergraduates (6 freshmen and 1 sophomore). Graduate student enrollment began sometime in the 1840s, since the first graduate degree (a Master of Arts) was conferred in 1849, followed by the first M.D. degree in 1851. Total enrollment is reported unless records provide an accurate accounting of the separate undergraduate and graduate student population.

The enrollment valley in the early 1940s followed by a rapid rise and peak in the late 1940s parallels the U.S. involvement in World War II followed by the the war’s end and the passage of the GI Bill. The subsequent enrollment valley – reaching its low point in 1985 – synchronizes fairly closely with the end of the post-World War II baby boom’s prime college years.
The University has more than 43,000 students and nearly 6,700 faculty members.

1.3 Composition of U-M Ann Arbor Campus Community\(^1\), Fall 2012.

![Pie chart showing the composition of the campus community.]

- Undergraduate Students: 27,979 (43%)
- Graduate Students: 8,383 (13%)
- Professional Students: 7,064 (11%)
- Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty: 3,029 (5%)
- Lecturers: 823 (1%)
- Clinical Faculty: 1,507 (2%)
- Research Faculty/Fellows: 2,069 (3%)
- Other Academic: 406 (1%)
- Staff: 13,506 (21%)

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“Other Academic” includes Not on Track, Supplemental Instructional (Adjunct/Visiting), Supplemental Primary (Adjunct/Visiting), and Emeritus Faculty. “Research Faculty/Fellows” includes Regular Primary Faculty and Research Fellows (although Research Fellows are not included in faculty headcounts). “Staff” includes Regular Staff, Clinical Interns and Professional Specialists. The Staff category does not include Graduate Student Instructors, Graduate Student Research Assistants, or Graduate Student Staff Assistants.

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\(^1\) Excludes the U-M Health System (see Appendix E for definition).
Revenues (adjusted for inflation\(^2\)) for the Ann Arbor campus and U-M Health System taken together increased from $4.34 billion in FY2002 to $5.71 billion in FY2012. The state appropriation in inflation-adjusted dollars declined from $452 million in FY2002 to $269 million in FY2012.

### 1.4.1 Operating Revenues for the Ann Arbor Campus (including the U-M Health System), Adjusted for Inflation\(^2\), FY 2002-2012.

### 1.4.2 Operating Revenues for the Ann Arbor Campus (including the U-M Health System), by Percent, FY 2002-2012.

SOURCE: University of Michigan Financial Reports.

Data based on the annual audited financial reports. “Net student tuition/fees” is calculated by subtracting student scholarships from total tuition and fees for the fiscal year.

\(^2\) Based on FY 2012 U.S. Consumer Price Index.