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Ohio University (OU) is located in Athens, Ohio in the southeastern Appalachian region of the State. Established in 1804, it is the oldest university in the Northwest Territory, an area that includes that states of Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan. The University is comprised of 11 colleges and offers more than 250 baccalaureate majors, 188 Masters majors, and 58 Doctoral majors. In addition, OU is designated as a *Research University* by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This classification identifies OU as a university with “high research activity” and places it in an elite group of universities in the U.S. that are committed to the advancement of knowledge through research.

In addition to the main campus in Athens, OU has 5 regional campuses throughout southern and eastern Ohio. More than 21,000 students are enrolled at the main campus, and the total enrollment for all campuses is more than 35,000 students. OU has earned the distinction as a Center of Excellence from the Ohio Board of Regents in: *Energy and the Environment, Health and Wellness, and the Scripps College of Communication.*

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