

LMU Heritage

LMU grew out of love and respect for Abraham Lincoln and today honors his name, values, and spirit. As the legend goes, in 1863 Lincoln commented to General O. O. Howard, a Union officer, that when the Civil War ended, he hoped General Howard would do something great for the people of this area.

In the late 1800s, Colonel A. A. Arthur, an organizing agent of an English company, purchased the area where LMU is located. His company built a hotel of 700 rooms called “The Four Seasons” as well as a hospital, an inn, a sanitarium, and other smaller buildings. Roads were laid and the grounds planted with a wide variety of shrubs and trees. In 1895 the company was forced to abandon its project when a financial panic swept England.

Reverend A. A. Meyers, a Congregationalist minister, came to the Cumberland Gap in 1888. He succeeded in opening the Harrow School, established for the purpose of providing elementary education to mountain youngsters. On a visit to the area to give a series of lectures at the Harrow School, General O. O. Howard remembered his commitment to fulfill Lincoln’s request and he joined Reverend Myers, M. F. Overton, C. F. Eager, A. B. Kesterson, and M. Arthur in establishing LMU. That group, along with Robert F. Patterson, a Confederate veteran, became a board of directors and purchased The Four Seasons property. In commemoration of Lincoln’s birthday, the institution was chartered by the State of Tennessee on February 12, 1897 as LMU.

Throughout the years, many thousands of LMU alumni have entered careers in medicine, law, and education. LMU graduates have positively impacted the educational opportunities, economic expansion, and health of countless communities in the Appalachian region and beyond.

LMU’s strong heritage has propelled the growth of the University over the last decade, leading to the addition of professional schools: the DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (DCOM), the Duncan School of Law (DSOL), and the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). Additionally, LMU has experienced growth at every degree level across the board.

LMU has expanded its international reach by partnering with educational institutions in Japan, Mongolia, China, Brazil, and Thailand.

The Main Campus Community and Climate

LMU is located in Harrogate, Tennessee, in the heart of Appalachia, where the borders of Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia meet. It is adjacent to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. The nearest town is Middlesboro, Kentucky, which offers shopping, a cinema, laundromats, dry cleaners, several restaurants, and other businesses college students may need to frequent. Harrogate offers several banks, churches, restaurants, a variety store, pharmacy, grocery store, and physicians’ and dentists’ offices, all within walking distance of the campus. Hillcrest Lanes features a 20-lane bowling alley located approximately three miles from campus. For those desiring an urban experience, Knoxville, Tennessee, is 55 miles south of the campus.

The climate in the area is pleasant, with cold temperatures and occasional snow December through February, and 80-degree temperatures July through August. Both fall and spring are pleasant seasons, with temperatures ranging from the 50s to the 70s.

Main Campus

The 1,000-acre main campus—its grounds, buildings, equipment—is strikingly beautiful. Located in a rural setting in Harrogate, Tennessee, the campus is a visual treat. Stately trees, shrubs, and open spaces, along with farmland and rolling hills that become the Cumberland Mountains, create a natural recreational area for enjoying nature on campus. Biking, cross-country trails, hiking, mountain climbing, and camping in the surrounding environs are activities available for all to enjoy. A portion of the campus is part of the Daniel Boone Greenway Walking/Biking Trail.

LMU facilities are equipped with current technology and amenities that enhance the learning environment. The University's Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum (ALLM) is a center for historical research and provides a number of educational programs for students, faculty, and staff, and the general public. The ALLM is home to one of the nation's largest and most diverse collections of Lincoln and Civil War artifacts and supports an unmatched collection of fine and popular art, commemorating Abraham Lincoln reaching back over 150 years. Scholars from every region of the globe have visited the ALLM to study the life and thoughts of the nation's sixteenth president.

Duke Hall of Citizenship, along with its spacious Sam and Sue Mars Performing Arts Center, houses a few administrative offices, including Counseling Services, Accessible Education Services, and Information Services.

Grant-Lee Hall is the only original building on the Harrogate campus. It was part of the Four Seasons Hotel and has been recently renovated to house administrative offices for Academic Affairs, Academic and Student Support Services, General Administration, Human Resources, Finance, and University Advancement.

Historic Avery Hall, the first building to be built on campus, houses offices, classrooms, and rehearsal space for the Paul V. Hamilton School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

Farr-Chinnock Hall is home to the J. Frank White Academy, a college preparatory school for Grades 4-12. Kresge Hall houses the lower school grades K-3. Academy students also use several other University facilities including Mars Gym, the library, and the dining hall.

The Harold M. Finley Learning Resources Center houses the [Carnegie-Vincent Library](#), the Tagge Academic Support Center, the Reed Health Sciences Library, the Dr. Mabel D. Smith Music Library, two computer labs, the Murray Alumni Lounge, and the Brooks Reading Room. The facility is the academic hub of campus with collections totaling more than 500,000 items including traditional and electronic books, electronic journals, bound periodicals, software, microfilm, and audiovisual materials. University Archives and Special Collections are housed in the Learning Resource Center as well.

LMU's Elizabeth D. Chinnock Chapel completes the campus quadrangle and provides a non-denominational atmosphere for religious and meditative retreat.

DAR-Whitford Hall houses Undergraduate Admissions, the Registrar, Student Services, Financial Aid, and student accounts. Marketing and Public Relations are also located in this building.

Smith Manor, formerly known as the President's Home, houses the President's Office and the Office of University Counsel.

The Student Center is the hub for a variety of activities from eating meals to watching movies and playing games. This complex, which houses dining options such as Starbucks, Chick-fil-A, and the dining hall, is also home to the University bookstore, a workout facility, the campus post office, the campus print shop, and some administrative offices, including the Office of Residence Life.

The DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (DCOM) facility houses the DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine and its programs, including the Physician Assistant Program, the Doctor of Medical Sciences program, and the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program. It contains lecture halls, faculty and administrative offices, laboratories, examination rooms, and classroom space.

The Schenck Center for Allied Health Sciences provides classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, laboratories, kennels, and surgical units to support the Veterinary Health Science (VHS), the Veterinary Medical Technology (VMT), and the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) programs.

The Hamilton Math and Science Building houses faculty and administrative offices, classrooms, labs and research space for the School of Mathematics and Sciences, the Caylor School of Nursing, the DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (DCOM) and the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM), and the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) program.

The Business-Education Building houses faculty and administrative offices and classroom facilities for the Carter and Moyers School of Education and the School of Business.

The Lincoln Memorial University-College of Veterinary Medicine (LMU-CVM) occupies an 85,000 sq. ft. building on the Harrogate campus featuring two large lecture halls, 24 state-of-the art communications laboratories, simulation laboratories, basic and clinical sciences classrooms, study rooms, break areas, and ample research space along with offices for faculty, student and academic services, and clinical relations and outreach. In addition, the 1,000-acre DeBusk Veterinary Teaching Center (DVTC) is located in Ewing, VA and includes six buildings housing more than 90,000 sq. ft. of state-of-the-art facilities for teaching veterinary clinical skills in a safe and effective learning environment.

Campus housing facilities are available for 985 students in either double-occupancy, co-ed, or apartment-style accommodations.

The 5,009-seat Tex Turner Arena is the centerpiece for the University's NCAA Division II intercollegiate athletic program and the competition site for men's and women's basketball. It houses athletic department offices, a weight room, and an auxiliary gym, and is equipped for radio and television broadcasts.

The Mary E. Mars Gymnasium, with its classrooms and basketball/volleyball court, is a multi-purpose facility. Complementing the many outdoor athletic facilities—Lamar Hennon Field (baseball), Neely Field (softball), soccer field, lacrosse field, golf complex, tennis courts, and physical fitness trails—the arena and the gym are home to our strong athletic teams that have a consistent tradition of winning in athletic competitions.

LMU has intercollegiate athletic programs in men's and women's basketball, cross country, tennis, lacrosse, soccer, track and field, golf, bowling, and volleyball; women's softball and beach volleyball; and men's baseball.

Other important facilities exist on or near campus. The Cumberland Mountain Research Center was created in 1990 for the purpose of providing research and training opportunities for LMU students and graduates.

LMU facilities, located in the historic town of Cumberland Gap, include space for the applied arts and a Convention Center (see LMU Website).