

The Ottawa University System & Facilities

The Ottawa University educational system consists of two residential campuses, OUKS in Ottawa, Kansas, and OUAZ in Surprise, Arizona. In addition, the University offers adult programs in Overland Park, Kansas; Phoenix, Queen Creek and Surprise, Arizona; Brookfield, Wisconsin; and the Jeffersonville, Indiana area, as well as multiple international instructional sites and courses through Ottawa University Online.

The University was founded in 1865 after a treaty was signed between the Ottawa Indian Tribe and American Baptist missionaries. In honor of that treaty, members of the tribe may attend any of the University's campuses and earn a degree without the cost of tuition, as well as room and board. This strong heritage permeates the beautiful Kansas campus, which currently serves more than 600 traditional-aged students. The campus offers academic buildings with classrooms and laboratories equipped with the latest technology; a state-of-the-art student center that includes a library, dining bistro and conference center; two computer labs; modern residential facilities; a chapel; an athletic performance center, stadium and track and a variety of other athletic fields. Students can also appreciate the campus' oldest building, Taui Jones Hall, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places with its stately copper dome and cornerstone dated 1865.

In 1974, Ottawa University opened the doors to its first adult campus in Overland Park, Kansas. In 1977, the first Arizona adult campus began operation in Phoenix. Currently, Ottawa University offers adult undergraduate and graduate degree programs at campuses in Overland Park, Kansas; Phoenix and Queen Creek, Arizona; Brookfield, Wisconsin; and Jeffersonville, Indiana. These adult campuses are operated within attractive and modern commercial buildings with generous classroom and computer lab space.

In February 2017, the University opened its second residential campus in Surprise, Arizona. OUAZ sits adjacent to the Civic Center Complex in Surprise. In the early stages, residential life has been conducted out of one campus building. A new residential hall and student union with an integrated dining facility is expected to be completed for fall 2019. A new, state-of-the-art athletic facility, the O'Dell Athletic Center, is also near completion with an expected completion date of November 2019. The centerpiece of campus is Spirit Field, which was completed in the fall of 2017.

In addition to residential and adult campuses, the University serves a large contingent of online students and an ever-expanding class of international undergraduate and graduate students.

For more information regarding any of the Ottawa University campuses, please see the "Locations" tab on the homepage at www.ottawa.edu.