

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY IDENTITY

University Name and Status. The official name of the institution is The University of Vermont and State Agricultural College. The Latin name, *Universitas Viridis Montis*, is the source of the popular abbreviation “UVM.” Pursuant to Charter amendments adopted by the state legislature in 1955, the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College (“University”) is a body corporate that shall be "recognized and utilized as an instrumentality of the state for providing public higher education.” The University is also a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and a nonprofit corporation incorporated and registered to do business in the State of Vermont.

University Motto. The motto of the University, "*Studiis et Rebus Honestis*," selected before the University's first graduation in 1804, comes from the *Epistles* (I.ii.36) of Horace and may be freely translated as "Integrity in Theoretical and Practical Pursuits."

University Seal. The University first adopted an official seal in 1807. The seal depicts the sun rising over the Green Mountains with the original "college edifice" (now the remodeled Old Mill) in the upper foreground, and a diagram of the Pythagorean Theorem, a quadrant, and a globe in the lower foreground. The outer ring of the oval includes the motto "Universitas V. Montis. A.D. 1791." "Collegiumque Agriculturae" in an inner ring notes the establishment of the College of Agriculture in 1865. From 1891 until 1975, the original seal was replaced with a round seal developed to include the College of Agriculture. In 1975, the University Board of Trustees approved a return to the original oval seal, modified to include the College of Agriculture representation within the inner ring of the oval.

University Colors. The colors of the University are green and gold.

University Mascot. The mascot of the University is the Catamount.

University Mace. The mace is the symbol of the authority of the Board of Trustees as vested in the President. It resides in the office of the President and is carried by the Faculty Senate President, who serves *ex officio* as the University Marshall, at the head of official academic processions.

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