

## ***What are regional campuses?***

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As we move toward a regional campus arrangement that is more closely integrated with the main campus academically, we should keep in mind that this does not mean ending the culture of involvement and the many activities that currently exist at UC's regional campuses. While this is not meant to say there will be no change, the closer academic arrangements at the state's other regional campuses do not undermine the sense of identity that the Kent, Ohio, and OSU regional campuses maintain. In fact, if done properly, much of the day-to-day life for students and faculty at UC's regionals is unlikely to change. Ohio State-Mansfield's description of itself is one that we should emulate for UC's regional campuses as we carefully restructure: ***“The resources, courses, and faculty of one of America's great research universities, offered in a small college setting where students find personal attention in a peaceful environment.”***

Although each Kent, Ohio, and OSU regional campus is somewhat different, as a group, they have the following common characteristics:

- Campus representatives to the university-wide faculty senate
- A campus-level faculty assembly
- Campus-level committees for campus governance and programming
- Centers for Teaching and Learning
- Separate budgeting and funding from the state
- Open access admission policies
- Admissions offices, campus relations staff, and campus specific publications
- Deans and associate deans
- Honors programs and sports teams
- Unique traditions and programs, such as Kent Stark's Leadership Academy, Kent Salem's DIRT (Discovering Innovative Rural Teaching), Ohio-Southern's Business Training Resource Center, Ohio-Eastern's James Wright Poetry Festival, and OSU-Newark's Campus Educators, an outreach program to local school administrators
- Campus-specific student scholarships and financial aid offices
- Campus libraries, bookstores, and IT departments
- A share in university-wide academic planning
- Campus faculty conduct job searches and hiring, often in collaboration with main campus colleagues; regional campus faculty serve on university-wide department committees
- Joint curriculum committees with their main campuses to coordinate course offerings
- Associate, bachelor and graduate courses taught by regional campus faculty or in collaboration with main campus faculty
- Arts and entertainment on their campuses with galleries and theaters
- Program coordinators or vice chairs (they have a variety of titles) who behave in many ways like a department chair and do scheduling
- Faculty hold leadership positions in their AAUP chapters & in university governance
- A full range of student services, including counseling, writing centers, math labs, and advising; some have student housing - despite smaller enrollments than UC's regionals.
- Active student governments and a wide variety of student clubs and organizations exist, ranging from bands to chess to drama to literary journals