

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Ohio Wesleyan University

RECOMMENDATION

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Profile: Ohio Wesleyan University, located in Delaware, Ohio, is an independent institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Originally established in 1842, the university today serves nearly 1,900 students and defines itself as “a community of teachers and students devoted to the free pursuit of truth.”

Accreditation/Authorization: Ohio Wesleyan University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and possesses specialized accreditation for several of its professional programs. The university has been authorized by the Chancellor since May 1969.

Program Offerings: Ohio Wesleyan University offers the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, and Bachelor of Music.

Institutional Changes: Since the university's last reauthorization review, the institution has had a change in the presidency and expanded certain program offerings while reducing others to better align resources with student, community, and industry needs.

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