

OU Norman Land Acknowledgment

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Long before the University of Oklahoma was established, the land on which the University now resides was the traditional home of the "Hasinai" Caddo Nation and "Kirikir?i:s" Wichita & Affiliated Tribes.

We acknowledge this territory once also served as a hunting ground, trade exchange point, and migration route for the Apache, Comanche, Kiowa and Osage nations.

Today, 39 tribal nations dwell in the state of Oklahoma as a result of settler and colonial policies that were designed to assimilate Native people.

The University of Oklahoma recognizes the historical connection our university has with its indigenous community. We acknowledge, honor and respect the diverse Indigenous peoples connected to this land. We fully recognize, support and advocate for the sovereign rights of all of Oklahoma's 39 tribal nations. This acknowledgement is aligned with our university's core value of creating a diverse and inclusive community. It is an institutional responsibility to recognize and acknowledge the people, culture and history that make up our entire OU Community.

Additional Resources for learning about the land you are currently on, a guide to acknowledging land and an Ally Toolkit:

<https://native-land.ca/>

<https://www.whose.land/en/>

<https://nativegov.org/a-guide-to-indigenous-land-acknowledgment/>

https://segalcentre.org/common/sitemedia/201819_Shows/ENG_AllyToolkit.pdf