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The Arts

Manette Ansay ’87 is a critically acclaimed novelist. Ansay continues to write despite a disorder that causes her difficulties in both reading and writing at a computer. Her novel “Vinegar Hill” was personally chosen for the Oprah Book Club by Oprah Winfrey herself.

Stephen King ’70, nicknamed the “King of Horror”, has become an American literary icon publishing a slew of highly successful novels with no signs of slowing down. King’s books have sold well over 100 million copies worldwide, and many have been made into movies. Well known titles include, Carrie, The Shawshank Redemption, and The Green Mile.

Donald Holder ’80. In 2008, Holder won his second Tony award for lighting design for his work in “South Pacific” He was also nominated for the play: “Les Liaisons Dangereuses.” He has been nominated for seven Tony Awards. In 1980 he won a Tony Award for his innovative lighting design for the Broadway production of the “The Lion King”. Currently Don is lighting “Spiderman: Turn off the Dark.” Holder owns a successful museum and architectural lighting business as well as working on lighting designs for plays, musicals, museums, and businesses. Although he graduated with a degree in Forestry, Holder has integrated his other diverse interests to shape his career, illustrating how people are not limited by their degree studies

Business

Colby Chandler ’50 became CEO of Kodak and transformed how the company was run, allowing it to thrive because of his changes. His approach to streamlining the business and his involvement with government in President Reagan’s Export Council was innovative and influential–making everything he influenced a success.

Matthew Kenny ’88 has a passion and drive like few others. He has opened seven successful restaurants in both New York and Maine. He has written two cookbooks, been featured in many well-known magazines, was a guest on the “Today Show”, and is known as one of New York’s “celebrity chefs”.

Raymond H. Fogler ’15 was president of W.T. Grant Company for many years. He was an Assistant Secretary of the Navy under President Eisenhower. He was tapped by a Maine governor to help guide the state’s education direction. He was part of all major fundraising campaigns, helping to build such major facilities as the Memorial Union, Fogler Library, Maine Center for the Arts and Alfond Arena. In 1962, Fogler Library was named for Raymond Fogler for his service to the University. It is estimated that more than 30 members of his family, including his seven children, have graduated from the University of Maine.

Douglas “Doug” B. Hall ’81 is the founder, chief inventor and CEO of Richard Saunders, International Eureka! Ranch. The company specializes in creating new products and jump-starting old ones. Corporate clients included: American Express, Ford, Nike and Walt Disney. 1981 to 1990 he was a master marketing inventor for Proctor & Gamble. In 1990, Procter & Gamble asked Doug to head up their invention team. Surveys indicate that the average American home uses 18 products or services that Doug and his team have invented.
or re-invented. In March 2006, he became a panelist for a new television show called “The American Inventor.” He has been named by Inc. Magazine, the Wall Street Journal, A&E Top 10 and Dateline NBC as “One of America’s Top Innovation Experts.”

**Communication and Journalism**

Bettina Boxall ’74 and Julie Cart of the Los Angeles Times won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize in explanatory reporting for their five-part series, “Big Burn,” exploring the growth and cost of wildfires. Boxall, who graduated from UMaine with a degree in journalism, has been a reporter for the Los Angeles Times since 1987. She covers natural resources and environmental issues in California and the West.

David Lamb ’62 has traveled to more than 120 countries as a journalist in order to get firsthand coverage for his stories and increase his expertise on Arabs and Islam. He has covered breaking news in a number of revolutions and both Vietnam and the Persian Gulf Wars earning him the title of distinguished reporter of the Los Angeles Times.

Wendy Semonian ’92 graduated with a degree in International Affairs and Russian. She is the publisher of the Boston-based magazine The Improper Bostonian, which covers art, events, restaurants, movie reviews, celebrity interviews, and more. She utilizes the opportunities created by running a magazine to give back to the community through social and charity events.

Gary F. Thorne ’70 is a sports announcer for ESPN, covering Major League baseball and the National Hockey League. He is a former New York Mets broadcast booth announcer. Gary is an attorney who practiced law in Bangor before moving to a full-time career in sports broadcasting that began with his coverage of the Black Bear hockey games. In 1992 he was presented with the Hall of Fame President’s Award for outstanding achievement at the Maine Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

**Education**

Peter Buotte ’88 with French degree and a background in art and teaching, recently served with the U.S. Army Reserve #411 Civil Affairs Unit working to reopen schools in Baghdad. He was in charge of planning how to rebuild the schools to ensure a safe environment for students and help them return as soon as possible.

Charles V. Stanhope ’71 is the director of development at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. He spent his whole career with the Library of Congress. He’s currently second vice president of the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. In the past he has hosted an Honors (University of Maine) alumni event at the Library of Congress, providing a tour of the facility. He’s a former University of Maine Singer and proud of it.
**Engineering/Technology**

**Francis Crowe** '05 was an engineering marvel of his time. He built 19 dams in the western United States—more than any other man in history. His most notable project was the Hoover Dam, which is still recognized for its enormity and historical significance today.

**Linden McClure** '89 works for Hewlett-Packard Company as a research and development engineer designing technical workstations and chipsets for microprocessors. He has also contributed to projects and space missions for NASA as lead engineer on embedded systems and assisting in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

**Bridget Ziegelaar Johnson** '96 graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. She received a MA in Science, Technology & Public Policy and a concentration in Economics from George Washington University in 1999. As part of a fellowship with the school’s Space Policy Institute, she interned at NASA headquarters in Washington, DC as a research associate. She is an extravehicular activities flight manager at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Houston, Texas. She is in charge of spacewalks. Her first full-time job with NASA was as a space station thermal systems controller. She started with NASA in 2000.

**E. James Ferland** '64 received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from UMaine and an MBA from the University of New Haven. His career has been spent in the energy services field. He has served with the Hartford Electric Light Company, Northeast Utilities as chief operating officer and as chairman, president, and CEO of Public Service Enterprise Group (PSE&G). He worked for PSE&G from 1986 through 2004, the longest serving CEO in the energy industry. Mr. Ferland led PSE&G to become a worldwide diversified energy company serving five million gas and electric distribution customers in North and South America and operating or building more electric-generation plants in North and South America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and North Africa.

**Law and Politics**

**Brent Littlefield** '94 is a nationally known political consultant who has advised multiple U.S. Governors, U.S. Senators, Members of Congress, statewide and local officials. A former UM Student Body President, Littlefield is a regular political commentator on national TV news programs on MSNBC and has been interviewed by reporters with Fox News, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal and all three capitol papers: Roll Call, Politico and The Hill. In an Associated Press profile they called him a “political wiz” when describing his strategic plan that took local Mayor Paul LePage to the Maine Governor's mansion.

**Leigh Saufley** '76 is the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. She is the first woman to serve in that position and the youngest Chief Justice in Maine’s history. She was appointed to serve on the Maine District court in 1990, the Maine Superior Court in 1993 and the Supreme Judicial Court in 1997 before being appointed Chief Justice in 2001. As Justice, Saufley has been particularly concerned with the issue of domestic violence as well as the safety and accessibility of the courts.
Olympia Snowe '69 has used her Political Science degree to take her through Maine’s government system to the U.S. Congress and Senate, making her the first woman to serve in both houses of a state legislature and both houses of the U.S. Congress. Snowe joined the most powerful committee in Congress in 2001, the Senate Finance Committee, which granted her a very influential role in national legislation.

John E. Baldacci '86 was the Governor of the State of Maine from 2003 – 2011. He served as a State Senator for 12 years. In 1994, following the retirement of George J. Mitchell, Baldacci won election to the U.S. House of Representatives from Maine’s Second District. He was reelected to Congress in the elections of 1996, 1998, and 2000. He established a state funded health care program known as Dirigo Health.

Science

Peter Brooks '88 is looking for a cure for cancer. He has developed a tumor-shrinking drug that shows great potential, is researching how to stop blood flow to tumors, as well as understanding how a tumor utilizes the body’s collagen to its own advantage. Brooks is well recognized in his field, receiving numerous awards for his cancer research as well as the support of many health foundations and businesses.

Kathleen Wynne '81 G is a marine mammal specialist at the University of Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program. Wynne uses her M.S. Wildlife Management degree in her research about the causes for large population declines in Harbor seals and Stellar seal lions in Alaska. Her field guide to Atlantic Ocean marine mammals and turtles and her approach to including the fishing industry in her research have helped the scientific community to move toward a better understanding of marine ecosystems.

Bernard Lown, M.D. '42 is a dedicated advocate of world peace, for which he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985 in recognition of his efforts. Along with his dedication to a more peaceful world, Lown is a pioneer heart surgeon who developed innovative new methods to prevent sudden coronary death.

Edith Patch '10 G was the first woman president of the Entomological Society of America. Her knowledge of the potential dangers of pesticides was far advanced of others in the field. She is also known for authoring many children’s books that helped to increase youth’s interest in scientific topics.

Robert Chandler '29 is internationally recognized for developing the “miracle rice” which vastly increased Asian rice production and prevented a looming famine. He is a recipient of the World Food Prize for his extensive work in increasing world food supply.

Sports

Garth Snow '93 was a star goaltender on the legendary 1992-93 UMaine hockey team that registered a 42-1-2 record and earned the university’s first national championship. A Wrentham, Mass. native, Snow played four years for the Black Bears and represented the U.S. in the 1994 Winter Olympics before joining the Quebec Nordiques in 1994 to begin a successful playing career that continued until his July 2006 appointment as the New York
Islanders’ general manager, a post he currently holds. His playing career also included time with the Philadelphia Flyers, Vancouver Canucks and Pittsburgh Penguins, in addition to four years with the Islanders. All told, he played 368 NHL games, registering a 2.80 goals against average and 16 shutouts. For his work in the Islanders’ front office, Snow was named 2006-2007 NHL Executive of the Year by Sports Illustrated.

Paul Kariya ’96 was the highest scorer for the Anaheim Mighty Ducks his rookie year. But before he played for the NHL, Kariya got his start at the University of Maine; he is the first and only freshman to receive the Hobey Baker Award recognizing him as the nation’s best college hockey player. He also led the UMaine hockey team to win the national championships in 1993. The following year he helped Canada win the silver medal at the Olympics. Kariya retired in June 2011 after 15 years in the NHL.

Michael “Mike” T. Bordick ’88 started a 20 year major league baseball career with the Oakland A’s including a trip to the World Series. He stayed with Oakland through 1996 before joining the Baltimore Orioles. In 2002, he set major league records for a shortstop by playing 110 consecutive games without committing an error and handling 543 straight errorless chances. In 2006, he was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. After his major league career he returned to UMaine to finish his degree. He graduated in 2008.

William “Billy” C. Swift ’84 is a former pitcher for the Seattle Mariners. He also played for the Baltimore Orioles and the Rockies. He was a Cy Young Award runner-up in 1993. Billy is listed as one of Maine’s Top 20 Athletes of the 20th Century.

John F. Tortorella ’81 was recently named as a coach of the U.S. Olympic Hockey team. He became the head coach of the New York Rangers in 2008. Before that he was the head coach of the Tampa Bay Lightning hockey team. He led the Lightning to their first Stanley Cup Championship, as well as its second consecutive Southeast Division Championship. He was the recipient of the 2003 – 04 Jack Adams Award as the National Hockey League’s top coach. He is recognized as one of the top teaching coaches in the game. He spent three seasons with the Black Bears and was twice named an East Coast Athletic Conference All-Star.

Viktoriya Rybalko ’02. Represented the Ukraine at the 2012 Olympics and 2008 Olympics in the long jump. She finished 12th overall in Beijing in 2008. She recently returned to UMaine as an assistant track coach. She is also working on a Ph.D. in exercise physiology through the University of Texas. A 2008 inductee into the UMaine Sports Hall of Fame, Viktoriya earned a degree in biochemistry/microbiology at UMaine and as the 2003 Dean Smith Award winner, which is given to the school’s top scholar-athlete.
What do I do before the college fair?

Dress professionally and wear comfortable shoes—you’ll be standing most of the time! Another point about comfort – have a bottle of water.

Get there at least 30 minutes before the fair starts so you have time to check in, set up your table, get a drink of water, visit the refreshment area, etc. There may be students available to help you with unloading materials.

Place the banner on the table and display board and publications on top. Place the contact cards and pens near the edge—easy access for students. Take pen caps off pens (may prevent pens from being taken).

Put a designated amount of Viewbooks on the table—say 50, so you know how many publications were taken during the fair by how many you have left at its end.

What do I do during the college fair?

- Smile!
- Adhere to NEACAC (New England Association for College Admissions Counseling) Rules & Guidelines — among the rules? No balloons or candy!
- Wear your name tag.
- Stand behind your table, not in the aisle.
- Be honest! If you don’t know the answer to a question – say so. It is unusual that you will be asked highly specific questions, but if you are, jot them down with the student’s contact info and let them know you or someone in Admissions will get back to them. Please e-mail the questions to the Admissions Office.
- Provide the necessary facts to answer a question first–then add your personal experience.
- Have each student that stops at the table fill out a Contact Card. (This info is entered on to our data base when you return the cards to our office–this is how the recruitment process continues!)
- Take the Contact Card, once they have filled it out and place it with your belongings behind the display board.
- Have a good time!
During the college fair, you’ll want to avoid:

- Speaking negatively about another college or university.
- Calling students to your table; let them choose the table they’d like to visit.
- Being too stingy with the publications on the table–if the student thinks it is your last piece, they won’t be apt to take it!
- Making statements about admissibility to prospective students; this is the responsibility of the Admissions Review Team.
- Providing an answer to a poorly asked question–clarify the question first, then answer it.
- Making statements about eligibility for financial aid or scholarships.

What to do after a college fair?

Tally the number of publications taken, as well as the number of Contact Cards received and fill out the Program Evaluation Form.

Send Contact Cards and Program Evaluation Form to the Admissions Office in the stamped envelope provided. (The Contact Cards are the hinge for further contact from our Office.) Consider your enthusiastic and informative work at college fairs as the first half of a potent 1-2 punch – followed by a prompt mailing of UMaine information to interested students.

Let us know if you need more supplies for upcoming fairs you may be attending.

Call or e-mail the Admissions Office if you have any immediate concerns.

Supplies:

- Table Banner
- Display boards
- Name tag
- Viewbooks (Primary marketing piece–for all students. Only use small brochures if you run out of viewbooks.)
- Open House Invitations
- Bookmarks with Web information
- Contact Cards
- Pens
What is the admissions deadline?

To meet deadlines, applications and other materials need to be postmarked by the following dates: For fall admission our Early Action (non-binding) deadline is December 15. Students who apply Early Action are given priority in Merit Scholarship consideration and will find out about a decision on their application by the end of January. Otherwise, we use a Rolling Admission policy, as long as space is available. In recent years we have gone for a wait list for our Nursing program in February and we have closed all 1st year admissions in August.

Important dates to keep in mind:

- December 15 – to be considered for Merit Scholarships awarded by Admissions
- February 15 – suggested deadline for FAFSA to be submitted to the Federal Processing Center.
- March 1 – FAFSA priority date to be received by the Federal Processing Center.
- May 1 – Candidates reply date – Priority deadline for student to confirm their enrollment and submit their enrollment deposit to UMaine. Confirmation deposits are refundable, on written request through April 30.
- June 1 – priority deadline to confirm attendance for housing consideration

Open House dates for 2013 (often on holiday Mondays)

- Monday, February 18th, 2013
- Monday, April 15th, 2013
- Monday, August 26th, 2013 – UMaine Summer Tour

Saturday Information Sessions for 2013

- Saturday, March 23rd, 2013
- Saturday, April 2nd, 2013

What happens after the student applies?

Once we have received an application and all supporting documents, the file will be reviewed. It should be no more than a 6-8 week wait to receive a decision on your application once it is complete.
Cycle for fall applicant:

Fall/Winter: apply for admission

January/February: complete FAFSA form

Mid-to-late March-April: receive Financial Aid Award

By May 1: confirm attendance by paying $150 deposit fee—this is the trigger to receive info from New Student Programs (orientation), Housing (username & password to apply for housing on-line), Cutler Health Center (necessary immunizations), and the student’s college/program (registration).

June: New Student Orientation (register for classes, MaineCard ID, parking permit, meet peers, prepare for campus life)

September: Maine Hello move-in weekend

**What do you look for in an applicant?**

Admission decisions are based on a holistic evaluation of a student. The following criteria are reviewed: high school grade point average, class rank (when it is available. Many schools do not rank their students), and SAT score (ACT is also accepted). Also, students need to have the appropriate college-prep curriculum required for their intended major (refer to grid on back of Admissions Fact Sheet). The rigor of a student’s academic program is considered, including honors, Advanced Placement, senior year math. Other important factors are a student’s essay, commitment to activities and school recommendations.

UMaine uses only the critical reading and mathematics SAT scores, which range from 200 to 800 for each test or a combined range of 400 – 1600 (we currently do not consider the writing test score). Students and parents frequently ask about SATs. Rather than provide a specific range of scores, you can refer to the mean SAT combined scores for the 2004 entering class (below). UMaine does not have a minimum level. SATs are one of several factors considered in our holistic evaluation.

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Are admission requirements different for out-of-state students?

No. Admission requirements are the same for all applicants.

Requirements for a Complete Application:

- Completed application form (UMaine System app, or Common Application. We encourage students to complete an on-line version whenever possible.)
- High school transcript with 1st set of senior grades
- SAT or ACT score
- Guidance Counselor recommendation
- Personal Statement
- $40 application fee

How are applications reviewed?

At UMaine, we do what is called a holistic review of our applications – this means we consider all of the admission criteria, individual circumstances and how they relate to each other when making an admission decision.

The 80+ majors at UMaine are divided into four colleges: Natural Sciences, Forestry & Agriculture; Engineering & Engineering Technology; Liberal Arts & Sciences; and Education & Human Development. In addition, students can apply to the Explorations Program, our general Undecided major.

Applications completed after our December 15th Early Action deadline, or applications deferred to the regular admissions process will be reviewed on a rolling admissions basis. Rolling Admissions means we read applications as they become complete. Applicants are evaluated by criteria set by the college to which they have applied. UMaine suggests that students take the following courses in high school which would meet the course requirements for all UMaine’s academic programs:

- 4 years CP English
- 4 years CP Math (including Alg. I, II, Geometry and either Pre-calculus, Calculus, College Algebra/Trigonometry, etc.)
- 3 years lab science – Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
- 3 years of Social Studies
- 2 years of the same foreign language or ASL

There are specific ‘unit requirements’ for each College and sometimes specific majors. Refer to the grid on the back of the Admissions Fact Sheet. For example, Engineering requires all entering students to have Chemistry & Physics as their two lab science units. Natural
Sciences, Forestry & Agriculture requires Biology to be one of the two lab sciences. One would not need two units of the same foreign language for either of these Colleges, but it is a requirement for Liberal Arts & Sciences, Education & Human Development, and the Business Administration major.

During the busy time (December through March) it may take 6 – 8 weeks for a student to learn of a decision on their application.

**What is your acceptance rate?**

Overall, close to 78% of students who applied are admitted. This varies by college.

**What about merit scholarships at UMaine?**

There are three kinds of merit (no need) scholarships awarded at UMaine.

1. Those offered to new students by the Admissions office. The admission application will be used as the merit application. Merit scholarships offered by the admission office are designed to encourage outstanding students to consider UMaine and to assist excellent out-of-state students with the out-of-state differential in tuition. For additional details about merit scholarships check out the [Academic Scholarship Program fact sheet (PDF)].

2. Those offered to new and continuing students by their academic department or college. These may or may not require a special scholarship application. Information is available from the academic department or college.

3. “Restricted Scholarships” usually created by a donation from an alum or corporation have specific eligibility criteria and often require a separate application form. These are on the Financial Aid website.

(Don’t forget, state, community and high school scholarships – information about these is available from high school guidance offices. Many have specific deadlines and require and application form.)

- We also honor students who are National Merit Finalists.
- To qualify for merit scholarships, your application must be complete by December 15.
- Individual departments may award scholarships to incoming students.
- Grants and scholarships offered through Financial Aid are usually based on need.
- If a school doesn’t rank, students are still eligible. We will contact the Guidance Office to help us determine eligibility.
- The ACT may be substituted for the SAT for scholarship consideration.
What is the application process for merit scholarships?

There is not a separate application form. Simply by applying for admission students are considered! However, it is important to apply by December 15 (Early Action) for priority consideration.

Any questions regarding Departmental Scholarships should be directed to the College the student has been accepted to, or the specific departmental major.

The Restricted Scholarship Directory can be found on the UMaine website (www.umaine.edu). Click on the A-Z Directory and go to ‘Financial Aid’. These scholarships are usually set up by Alumni who want to help students, say, from a particular high school or county, or students who are descendants of a certain graduating class. Applications for these scholarships can be downloaded from the web-site. Students with questions about restricted scholarships should be referred to the Office of Student Financial Aid.

The only question a student would have regarding a scholarship they are receiving in their hometown, would be how it is incorporated with their financial aid package—this question should be directed to the Office of Student Financial Aid.
How big is your school?

There are approximately 8,500 undergrads. [Fall 2012 Enrollment]

What is the faculty to student ratio?

The faculty to student ratio is 15:1.

What is the average undergraduate class size?

19

What is your retention rate?

78%

Freshmen graduate in:

- 4 years, 35%;
- 4-5 years, 55%;

84% of recent UMaine graduates found jobs:

- 65% full-time
- 19% part-time
- 29% graduate school

What percentage of students are out-of-state?

About 20% of UMaine students are from outside of Maine. (Entering class)

U.S. States and territories – 44

Foreign countries – 84

What is diversity like at UMaine?

Sometimes, “I don’t know” is the best answer. What kind of information are you looking for when you ask about diversity? We have statistics for students who choose to report their ethnicity—but other aspects of diversity do not have hard and fast numbers—say varying socioeconomic levels, percentages of religions practiced by students, gay/lesbian/bisexual/transsexual students. Consider other diversity criteria and encourage further research of a broad range of organizations and resources through the A-Z directory at the UMaine website.

Are you wondering if you’ll feel alone or isolated in Orono? Do you mean ethnic/racial diversity? Many students enjoy getting to experience life in the state of Maine. For others the experience may be tiresome because they feel they are in a position to educate others about themselves or their culture.
If you are the kind of person who is willing to challenge yourself – to go beyond your comfort level and explore something new and different, UMaine offers a great educational opportunity – 5 colleges, over 200 student organizations, an Honors College, Div. 1 athletics, music and the arts. You will have the support of the dynamic Multicultural Programs Office. It’s up to you to determine whether or not UMaine is a good fit.

Get in touch with people on campus–start with Admissions. Someone will direct you from there. Other options are to check us out at formal Open Houses or Multicultural Programs sponsored events. Better yet, call Judith Josiah-Martin, (207-581-1425), the Director of Multicultural Programs and arrange informal talks or visits with minority students at UMaine.

Consider other diversity criteria and encourage further research of a broad range of organizations and resources through the A-Z directory at the UMaine website:

- gender differences - Women’s Resource Center
- religion organizations – Religious Affairs
- non-traditional students – Non-traditional students
- GLBT (gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and trans-gendered) students – see GLBT Services

It is important to reframe this question to identify what it is the student is looking for. Some students are asking because it is one of many questions they are asking every college rep, other students ask because they are genuinely concerned about what life will be like for them in Orono. Respond with honesty and sincerity. Encourage students to contact Multicultural Student Affairs. Sometimes ‘I don’t know’ is the best answer.

Updated diversity figures – see Fall 2012 Enrollment
What kind of Financial Aid is provided?

The University of Maine participates in all Federal Aid programs. The only application form we require for financial aid is the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The Priority Deadline is March 1—we encourage students to apply by February 15 to ensure that the form is received at the Federal Processing Center by March 1. The forms are available at your local high school guidance offices, however we encourage students and their families to submit the on-line application found at [http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

Nearly every school in the nation requires the FAFSA to be eligible for federal and state financial aid. It must be filled out every year the student is in school. The information requested is taken from the parent and student tax documents from the previous year. This info is plugged into a formula and is used to project what the family can contribute (Expected Family Contribution) to the Cost of Education. This is done so the families with the greatest amount of need will receive the most aid.

This is a simple way to view the formula: \( \text{COE} - \text{EFC} = \text{Need} \)

Cost of Education (COE) (Tuition & Fees, Room & Board, Books & Supplies, Etc.)

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

= Financial Need

The window of opportunity for completing the FAFSA is January 1-February 15 (cannot be filed before January 1–February 15 is suggested to ensure that it is received at the Federal Processing Center by March 1).

Students completing the FAFSA and submitting it to the Federal Processing Center after UMaine’s March 1 priority date and students who are accepted late in the admission process may be at a disadvantage for student aid. Certain types of aid are contingent on the March 1 deadline—which means even if the student has the ‘need’ for more aid, they may not have the eligibility.
How much does it cost to go to UMaine?

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*Students from New England may qualify for the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) rate if their major has been approved for their state from the New England Regional Student Program. Based on 30 credit hours.

What is the NEBHE program?

NEBHE stands for New England Board of Higher Education. There is an agreement among the Public Universities in New England in regards to available majors. If the student’s ‘home’ state public universities and colleges do not have a major that is offered at another New England public state university, the student may be able to attend that institution at a discounted tuition rate. At UMaine the NEBHE rate is 50% above the in-state tuition rate for specifically approved majors. Refer to the Fact Sheet for a list of NEBHE majors at UMaine.
Can I be undecided?

Yes. If you are undecided between similar majors you may want to choose to be undecided in a specific college or if you have no idea or can’t choose between several dissimilar majors you may want to choose the Explorations program. All colleges offer an undecided major, and we have the Explorations program for the “truly” undecided.

Do you have an Honors Program?

Yes! We have an Honors College. You may be invited to join, or you can make an inquiry with the Director of the Honors College. Those invited have been high achievers in high school and prove to be among the most motivated students on campus. There are more than 600 -700 students in the Honors College with representation from each of the five colleges. Honors courses are taken in place of General Education requirements. During senior year, Honors students write and defend an Honors Thesis to a faculty committee. We have Honors Housing in Colvin, Penobscot and Balentine Halls.

Do you have services for students with disabilities?

Yes. Whether you need a note-taker when you break your arm, or need to identify University resources for a learning disability–this office will work with you.

If you provide documentation with your admission application, we forward the information to the Office for Students with Disabilities for them to keep on file. It is your responsibility to contact the Office for Students with Disabilities in order to utilize resources and develop appropriate plans for accommodation.

Can I study abroad?

Absolutely! UMaine offers students the opportunity to study abroad in more than 50 countries–through reciprocal programs or through our membership in four national consortia. Obtaining a global perspective is an important part of today’s education since tomorrow’s workforce will function in an increasingly global economy.

Why Pre-med at UMaine?

The University of Maine is a great choice for anyone who is interested in attending medical school. We consistently have a high acceptance rate to med school because we work with you from day one.

- Faculty who are committed to providing you with a quality education and research opportunities
• A Career Center where you will meet the Health and Legal Professions Career Specialist who will help you every step of the way; adjusting to college life, individual appointments and group meetings, understanding the medical school application process, developing a plan to move you toward your career goal, connecting you with a mentor in your field of interest, prepping you for your medical school interview and we don’t stop there. After graduation our Gilbert Loan Program will help you pay for medical school.

• Our alumni attend medical schools that include: Tufts, UVM, BU, Albany, Dartmouth, University of Rochester, Penn State, Case Western, and University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. They are successful here and they are successful in medical school resulting in residencies in emergency medicine, anesthesiology, surgery, primary care and many others.

• Our students support each other, study together and have fun together

• The University of Maine is your partner in education as you pursue your health professions career

Research Opportunities

• Many undergraduates participate in laboratory studies with faculty members on either formal or informal projects, and some go on to be co-authors on publications with their sponsoring professors.

• Research experience adds an important dimension to graduate school applications.

• Cooperating faculty members and graduate students often make important contributions to graduate school applications in the form of letters of recommendation.

Faculty

• A combination of research and teaching ensures that cutting-edge information is used in all classes.

• Admissions committees know they can rely on the quality of a University of Maine degree

Health Professions Committee

• An established Health Professions Committee oversees the preparation of its undergraduates for careers in medicine.

• A committee member is available to work with the student, his academic advisor and the Health Professions Career Specialist to ensure that academic prerequisites are fulfilled and application deadlines are met. Plus a committee member is available to assist with your medical school recommendation letters.
Mentor Program

The Career Center in partnership with Eastern Maine Medical Center and St. Joseph’s Hospital arranges a Health Professions Mentor for interested students.

- Mentors are members of the medical community who have generously volunteered their time to help aspiring students learn about the professional life they wish to enter.

- Discussing a career field with a professional mentor greatly assists students in making career choices and in preparing themselves for admission to professional schools; by learning about a profession first-hand, one is enabled to discuss it maturely and with ease, skills important in an interview.

Health Professions Club

- An interactive club offering “hands-on” medically related experiences, opportunities to meet health professional and a great opportunity to network with fellow pre-med students

Special Programs

**Doctor of Medicine (MD) — Maine Track**

Tufts University School of Medicine (TUSM), in partnership with Maine Medical Center (MMC) in Portland Maine, offers a “Maine Track” for applicants who are interested in completing their last two years of medical school in Maine. The University of Maine has been invited to participate in the TUSM Maine Track Early Assurance program which allows exceptional students to be admitted to medical school in their sophomore year.

**Fast Track Options**

The University of Maine in partnership with top professional schools offers a way to complete your degree faster. You can earn your UMaine degree in just 3 years and head off to your professional school. Agreements include:

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine with University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Doctor of Optometry with New England College of Optometry

- Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine with Logan College of Chiropractic

- MCPHS – preference for UM students in Pharmacy, PA and BSN

Financial Aid

- **Charles E. Gilbert Loan Program**
  Unique to the University of Maine, This program sponsored by the University of Maine is available only to University of Maine graduates seeking medical, dental or veterinary careers. This low 3% no fees loan is available through our financial aid office on campus. Repayment is deferrable during residency.
- **Doctors for Maine’s Future**
  Our students who enroll in a qualifying Maine-base medical school program are eligible for a tuition subsidy.

- **Scholarships**
  Over $50,000 in scholarship money is available to health professions students

**Do you have pre-law?**

Yes. There is no specific major if you are interested in going to law school. However, we do have a pre-law advisor, Crissanne Blackie, who works with students in selecting courses, preparing for the LSAT, and application process for law school.

The most important criteria in law school admissions are:

- GPA & LSAT
- Personal Statement
- Recommendations
- Extra Curricular Activities

A GPA of 3.6 or higher & LSAT scores in the top twentieth percentile usually means acceptance to some of the best law schools in the country.

Law Schools UMaine students have been admitted to over the past four years:

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How good is your Marine Science program?

Excellent! We have Darling Marine Center on the coast in Walpole—2 hours from campus. It is one of the leading research stations on the Eastern seaboard. Marine Science majors spend the fall of their junior year living & taking all classes at Darling. It is an excellent research opportunity for undergraduate students.

Do you have a film major?

We have a Film & Video minor. It is an interdisciplinary minor that draws from courses within Mass Communication, English, History, Sociology & New Media. The New Media department has a Digital Filmmaking Lab.

Do you have an equestrian team?

Yes. UMaine is a member of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. UMaine has a cooperative stable at Witter Farm. We compete against schools such as UNH, UVM, Dartmouth, and Colby-Sawyer.

Do you need to audition if you want to major in Music?

Yes. You must pass your audition before you can be admitted to Music. It is encouraged that you audition before February 1.

Students need to contact the School of Performing Arts to schedule an audition, or make arrangements to send a tape or CD. Students must list their repertoire, prepare two pieces of differing styles, and will be expected to sight-read. Memorization is preferred for voice.

Do you have a sports medicine program?

We offer Athletic Training, a nationally accredited major within the College of Education and Human Development. A student needs to acquire 800 supervised clock hours with Athletic Trainers to be eligible to take the National exam—which isn’t hard to do with Division I athletics! We do not have Sports Medicine, which is a specialty area similar to Physical Therapy or Physicians Assistant in which a Masters degree is required.

Do you have criminal justice?

No. If you are interested in the lab work associated with this field, Biochemistry would be a good major to consider. We also offer classes offered in Biology and Anthropology.

We have a Crime, Law & Deviance concentration within our Sociology major if you more interested in the psychological profiling of criminals.

Keep in mind, most people who deal with criminal justice receive on-the-job training as they work their way through police departments. People with specialized backgrounds are often sought—Computer Science, Physics, Biochemistry, etc. It takes an entire team of professionals from many backgrounds to ‘put together’ a crime scene.
Does sign language count as a foreign language?

Yes, American Sign Language (ASL) courses can be used to meet Foreign Language requirements.

Do you have ROTC?

Yes. We have Navy and Army ROTC on campus.
Will UMaine’s library have what I need?

Absolutely. Fogler Library is the largest library in the state and is comprehensive in the resources it provides for students, faculty and staff.  

- Over one million volumes
- 3,900 periodical subscriptions
- 1.6 million microforms
- Rapidly growing number of electronic resources
- Interlibrary Loan
- Media Resource Center includes cd’s. dvd’s, childrens & young adult literature, educator resources, audiovisual equipment – including laptops students can borrow for 3 hours at a time.
- Computer Cluster
- Web & Desktop Publishing workshops are offered
- $16.00/semester free on MaineCard for printing & photocopying
- Oakes Room Café for study breaks!

How many students live on campus?

Nearly half of undergraduate students live on campus or in college owned housing (fraternities, sororities, University Park Family Housing).

40% of all undergraduates live in University affiliated housing.

What are the residence halls like?  

They vary! There are traditional corridor style residence halls of course, we have two apartment style residence halls with Edith patch and Doris Twitchell Allen Village, Oak Hall is all singles, Colvin Hall is set up as suites. Each room has two high-speed internet hook ups, telephone jack, and cable TV access.

Access to each residence hall is secured by MaineCard ID at the entrance.

- 18 residence halls
- 3,800 beds
- All smoke-free
- All Co-ed with single sex bathrooms
• No triples
• Colvin, Balentine and one floor of Penobscot are the Honors student residence halls
• For 2012 – 2013 Living Learning Communities:
  • Outdoor Adventure
  • CHOICE (chem-free)
  • Global Crossroads (international students and those interested in experiencing other cultures)
  • Great Books
  • T.E.C.H. (technology, innovation)
  • The Well (wellness option)
  • Explore UMaine (out of state students, undecided about a major)
  • Science Students
  • Honors College housing.

**Is Housing guaranteed?**

Essentially yes – if you apply in a timely manner and confirm your acceptance on or shortly after May 1. Confirming your enrollment with the office of Admissions is the first step in applying for on-campus housing at the UMaine. Once you have confirmed your enrollment with the University of Maine, you will receive instructions for completing the online housing application. Please note that incoming students who confirm their enrollment after May 1st and apply for housing after May 1st may be placed on a wait list for housing.

**First Year Experience**

At UMaine we know that the first year of college can be difficult for many students. Whether you struggle with time management, navigating the university campus, making friends, or getting involved, we are here to help! Our staff provides an additional layer of support for first-year students by helping to “fill the gaps” here at the university, thus making it easier for our students to find the resources and assistance that they need in order to be successful.

As part of the First Year Experience at UMaine, we require all first-year students to live on campus for their full first year. Living on campus greatly increases students’ opportunities to get to know their peers, increases students’ access to faculty and staff, and it increases students’ access to clubs, organizations and campus events. Our data also shows that
Important Facilities

students who live on campus their first year have a higher semester and cumulative GPA and also are much more likely to return to UMaine for their second year!

http://www.umaine.edu/fye/

How is the food on campus?

The best thing about the food at UMaine is how many options you have! There are three Dining Commons amongst the Residence Halls. At the Union Marketplace you can find Mexican food, pizza and pasta, Chinese, home-cooked food (like Thanksgiving everyday!), grill food, wraps and sandwiches, homemade soups, and a complete salad bar. There are two campus grocery stores. You can also order food from off-campus and pay using your MaineCard. You design your own meal plan!

How safe is your campus?

I feel safe on campus and in Orono, but crime can happen anywhere and everyone should take general precautions such as locking your doors and always stay with your friend or group if you are out at night or in unfamiliar surroundings. UMaine’s Public Safety is an actual police force who patrol the campus via food, bike and car 24 hours a day.

A Community policing philosophy is employed – officers are assigned to ‘neighborhoods’ to establish a regular relationship between students and Public Safety.

A student run group – Campus Walking Companion, is available to escort students from 6:00PM – 12:00 AM. Monday –Thursday and 6:00 PM – 2:00 AM Friday – Sunday. (Public Safety will always escort you as well.)

UVAC (University Volunteer Ambulance Corps) is an actual campus ambulance. UMaine is one of a few universities in the nation to have it’s own campus ambulance.

UMaine provides a report of all crime statistics for the last three years by law of the Cleary Act. This can be accessed via the web-site.

Does UMaine have a health center on campus?

Yes, Cutler Health Center. For the most up-to-date description of services please see the website. http://emmc.org/splash_CutlerHealthCenter.aspx
What is there to do at UMaine?

There are more than 200 student organizations – there is something happening every night with Campus Activities and Student Engagement (CASE). The Collins Center for the Arts brings in national shows throughout the academic year. Recreational Sports is hugely popular. There’s great support for Maine’s Division 1 athletic teams. Maine Bound is our outdoor recreation club. What do you like to do when you’re not studying?

**CASE** hosts a number of special events during the year – Maine Hello- move in day, Homecoming, Family & Friends Weekend, UMaine Vote, Maine Day, and Student Leadership Conference. CASE also organizes nightly activities in the Memorial Union. Think – Game Night, Java Jive, Kickin’ Flicks and Karaoke. [http://www.umaine.edu/case/](http://www.umaine.edu/case/)

**Collins Center for the Arts** hosts national performances – be it theater, opera, concerts or comedians. Recent performances have included Comedian Bob Marley, David Sedaris, Brett Michaels, k.d. lang, Broadway touring productions of Spamalot, Sweeney Todd, Hairspray, and Spring Awakening. 2012-13 performances include Broadway touring productions of Hair, A Chorus Line and Rock of Ages. [http://www.collinscenterforthearts.com/](http://www.collinscenterforthearts.com/)

**School of Performing Arts (SPA)** hosts student productions throughout the year – plays, dance performances and music concerts. Recent productions have been: The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Hair, Pirates of Penzance, and Avenue Q. The 2013 musical is Spring Awakening. SPA performances are held in a variety of venues: Minsky Recital Hall, Hauck Auditorium, Cyrus Pavilion, the Collins Center and Class of 1944 black box theater. [http://www.umaine.edu/spa/](http://www.umaine.edu/spa/)

**UMAC (University of Maine Campus Activities)** provides events for the student body through the guidance of CASE. The goal is to provide low cost, but high quality events. Some examples are the Guest Lecture Series, and concerts featuring musical groups and comedians. Recent performers have been: O.A. R, Dropkick Murphys, Ben Folds, The Roots, Maroon 5 and Daniel Tosh. [http://umaine.edu/case/campus-activities-board/](http://umaine.edu/case/campus-activities-board/)

**Maine Bound** is a rental source, outdoors club, and they offer courses for credit. You can get canoes, kayaks, cross-country skis, snow shoes, climbing gear, tents, etc. Maine Bound has organized trips such as kayaking coastal island or winter backpacking. The Maine Bound facility features and indoor climbing wall – very impressive! The Maine Bound schedule can be found at the Campus Recreation web-page.
New Balance Student Recreation Center

The highly-celebrated New Balance Student Recreation Center is a fabulous addition to the recreational opportunities at the University of Maine. Before designing the 87,000+ square foot facility, Cannon Design employed a consulting firm to survey a wide range of students, faculty, and staff about what they would like to see in a campus recreation facility. The $25 million result has become a community hub for campus and the surrounding towns.

It is also a “green” building. Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED), a nationally accepted benchmark for design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings, promotes sustainability through key areas. Providing measurements for success, LEED evaluates sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Campus Recreation and the University of Maine has been awarded Silver Certification under LEED. Click here to view a self-guided tour pamphlet that will walk you through many of the facility’s “green” features!

http://www.umaine.edu/campusrecreation/facilities/recreationcenter/#hours

How good do you have to be to play varsity sports?

With each sport at UMaine, the level of recruitment, competition, and availability of scholarship money varies. The best thing you can do is have your coach contact the specific UMaine coach’s office and learn more about the UMaine Div.1 sports experience. Find out from the coaching staff what it is they are looking for. You may be encouraged to send a profile or DVD. For individual sports, visit our web-sites and see the times/distances of our athletes or attend a game if you can and watch your position. Coaching staff information can be obtained at the Athletics web-site.

http://goblackbears.com/landing/index