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At UMaine, learning isn’t confined to a classroom, lecture hall or laboratory. Hike, kayak, bike and ski at one of the top “green” campuses in the nation. Experience the thrill of your first ice hockey game as a Black Bear. Study under a canopy of multicolored leaves along the Mall. Find your passion through community engagement — on campus and off.
discover Maine
Maine is a remarkable place. Trees, lakes, fields and shores. Northern lights and city lights. Here you can discover natural beauty in Acadia National Park; explore an island along the beautiful, rugged coast; ski or climb majestic peaks like Mount Katahdin; or take in northern Maine’s peaceful rolling farmland.

For students interested in forestry, wildlife ecology, agriculture, life sciences, marine sciences, and ecology and environmental sciences, the Maine outdoors is their classroom.

For all of our students, this state and its sense of place are part of the UMaine experience.
meet your mentors
Students work closely with internationally and nationally recognized faculty whose research and scholarly activity advance science, expand technology, inspire innovation and enrich scholarship. That collaboration — empowering students to make the most of the undergraduate experience — provides a front-row seat to discoveries and creative achievements. And for our faculty and students, those discoveries happen in Orono and throughout the world.

Our faculty are passionate about helping students. They provide opportunities to learn in varied venues — in the classroom, in the laboratory, in the studio, in the community, in the field and around the world. They are dedicated to teaching and to providing hands-on, real-world experience for students.
excel in academics
The University of Maine offers nearly 100 undergraduate majors and academic programs, 70 master’s degrees and 30 doctoral degrees across seven different academic areas of study. We are the state’s premier research and graduate institution, which informs the undergraduate experience — in and out of the classroom.

The state’s flagship university with a 150-year legacy is home to one of the nation’s oldest and most prestigious honors programs. We have a thriving Center for Undergraduate Research, dedicated to facilitating and enhancing research and creative achievement for students by connecting them to projects and mentors.

From the first-year classes to senior capstones, the rigorous academic programs and hands-on learning opportunities prepare graduates to achieve success.
explore
frontiers
16+ Research Centers and Institutes

Undergraduates are plugged into the latest technology in some of the best research facilities in the Northeast. They have the opportunity to experience innovative engineering projects in the Advanced Structures and Composites Center, be involved in product development at the Food Science Pilot Plant and explore the night skies with the largest telescope in Maine housed in the new Emera Astronomy Center.

Young entrepreneurs have launched new businesses with the help of the Foster Center for Student Innovation and the Innovative Media Research and Commercialization (IMRC) Center.

Undergraduates work in a fully immersive virtual reality in the Virtual Environment and Multimodal Interaction (VEMI) Laboratory. The TeachLivE program offers preservice student-teachers avatar-based classroom simulations, and a state-of-the-art Bloomberg terminals lab connects business students to Wall Street.

UMaine is consistently ranked among the top public universities for research by the National Science Foundation.
gain

experience
850+
Honors students

Our undergraduates collaborate with faculty conducting fieldwork around the globe — from the North Atlantic to the Antarctic — and intern throughout Maine and beyond to put their coursework into practice — and contribute.

Honors College students conduct research for their theses. Political science majors intern in state government and Congressional offices, and sustainable agriculture majors operate UMaine Greens and the Black Bear Food Guild.

Wildlife ecology majors study black bear cub habitat and marine sciences students participate in Semester by the Sea at UMaine’s Darling Marine Center. Through the Maine Business School, students manage a $2.3 million investment portfolio. Student engineers contribute to NASA research in the inflatable lunar habitat on campus, and studio art majors take their easels to Maine’s rocky coast and UMaine’s ornamentals garden.

UMaine is the only public university in Maine to be profiled in The Princeton Review’s 2015 guide to best colleges.
find

success

Gwendolyn Beacham, Farmington, Maine
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UMaine has 105,000 alumni worldwide.
93% of recent grads have found jobs or are in graduate school

University of Maine alumni have gone on to write best-selling novels, serve in the U.S. Senate, become governor, build the Hoover Dam, launch startup companies, play in the NFL, NHL, WNBA and MLB, and win the Nobel Peace Prize, the Pulitzer Prize, the Oscar and the Tony.

They head to national and international veterinary and medical schools, including the Tufts Medical School Early Assurance Program. They’re pursuing Ph.D. work at top graduate schools as National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellows.

Recent outstanding graduating students are headed to careers in hydrology, public accounting, teaching, physics, structural bridge design, public health, communication sciences and disorders, and physical therapy.
get involved
UMaine received the 2015 Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation.

700+

Study Abroad programs available

From the Fall Welcome Weekend Day of Service to Maine Day in the spring, the UMaine community is involved and dedicated to making a difference.

At UMaine’s Bodwell Center for Service and Volunteerism, students participate in Alternative Breaks and other community engagement opportunities, logging 30,000 volunteer hours annually. They are involved in service learning, such as the Black Bear Mentors and Philosophy Across the Ages.

Study abroad opportunities on six continents, faculty-led travel-study coursework, international fieldwork and teaching placements abroad provide global perspective and enrich the UMaine student experience. Students travel to Honduras with UMaine’s chapter of Engineers Without Borders, participate in archaeological field school in Croatia, study folklore in Ireland, core glaciers for climate change research in Alaska and Peru, and learn about business in Russia and China.
focus on lifestyle

UMaine is recognized as one of the nation’s top 50 green colleges by The Princeton Review.
At the heart of our students’ work-life balance is the New Balance Student Recreation Center, recognized by Best College Reviews and *Men’s Health Magazine* as one of the nation’s top 10 campus fitness centers. The “green” building has more than 100 cardio and weight machines, a suspended indoor track, and a pool, hot tub and sauna.

Walk, run, bike and ski on the groomed trails in the University Forest on campus. Maine Bound, UMaine’s outdoor adventure center, has an indoor climbing wall and offers equipment rentals, courses and trips for those of all skill levels.

The Division of Student Life offers entertaining and educational activities, ranging from Kickin’ Flicks and bingo games to intramural and club sports, and events such as Stress Free Finals. Speaking of finals week — did we mention the therapy dogs at Fogler Library?
embrace
culture

Our student-led Campus Activities Board offers entertainment and social events for the Black Bear community.
30 years of world-class acts at the Collins Center for the Arts

The Collins Center for the Arts brings national and international touring artists to campus, and students receive two free tickets each semester for select shows. UMaine’s Museum of Art is home to one of Maine’s largest fine arts collections — think Warhol and Picasso. Hudson Museum’s collection includes one of the finest assemblages of pre-Columbian artifacts.

UMaine provides a variety of opportunities to get involved in the academic visual and performing arts. In campus galleries, faculty and students in the visual arts and new media exhibit their works. Try out for a musical or play. Join a School of Performing Arts music or dance group. Take a class in the Wyeth Family Studio Art Center with its state-of-the-art painting, printmaking, drawing and photography studios.

The School of Performing Arts offers more than 20 auditioned and nonauditioned instrument and vocal ensembles, open to all students.
connect with community
Students from 73 countries

Students and faculty from around the country and the world make the UMaine community one of the most diverse in the state.

The Office of Multicultural Student Life is home to student groups that include the Asian, African and Latin American student associations; Black Student Union; Sisters Supporting Sisters; and the LGBT Resource Center.

UMaine’s Office of International Programs offers global education opportunities and sponsors events such as Culturefest, the International Dance Festival and the International Students Association, which welcomes students from around the world, including the U.S.

UMaine is committed to developing and sustaining a multicultural and pluralistic educational community that encourages participation by all members.
join in

Partial list of clubs and organizations:

African Student Assoc.
All Maine Women
Alpha Delta
Alpha Kappa Psi
Alternative Breaks
American Marketing Assoc.
Amnesty International
Animal Conservation
Animation Club
Anthropology Club
Anthropomorphics Club
Art and Design Collective
Asian Student Assoc.
Biography Club
Black Bear Robotics
Campus Crusade for Christ
Capoeira Club
Cheerleading
Chemical Engineers
Chess Club
Christian Athletes
Club Canada
Collegiate FFA
Computing Machinery
Craft Club
Cult Cinema Appreciation
Cybersecurity Team
Dance Club
Dressage Club
Engineers Without Borders
Equestrian Team
Food Science
Forensics Team
Fraternities (17)
French Club
Geological Society
German Club
Golf Club
Green Team
Habitat Club
Health Professions Club
History Club
Horticulture Club
International Student Association
Intramural Sports Council
Iranian Social Hub
Jugglers Society
Latin American Student Org.
Maine Masque
Maine Outing Club
Maine Peace Action Committee
Maine Steiners
Mainely Voices
Marine Sciences Club
MEDLIFE
Muslim Students Assoc.
NAACP
National Society of Collegiate Scholars
Native People’s Alliance
Navigators
Navy ROTC Midshipmen
Nutrition Club
Odyssey of the Mind
Paintball Club
Paranormal Investigation Club
Pre-Veterinary Club
R/C Flying Airplane Club
Racquetball Club
Renaissance
Saudi Arabian Student Org.
Scuba Club
Senior Skull Society
Sisters Supporting Sisters
Ski and Snowboard Club
Society of Physics Students
Society of Women Engineers
Sociology Club
Sophomore Eagles
Sophomore Owls
Sororities (8)
Spanish Language
SPIFFY
Standardbred Drill Team
Student Social Work Org.
Sustainable Agriculture
Sustainability Education and Ecological Design
Swing Dance Club
Table Tennis Club
TAPPI/PIMA
Technical Theater
Trap and Skeet Club
Troop Greeters
UMaine for the Cure
University Flying Club
Up Til Dawn
Veterans Club
Wildlife Society
Woodsmen's Team
Working Inner Knowledge
Yoga Club
What are your interests and favorite pastimes? How would you like to get involved, experience new adventures and meet new people? We have many student clubs and organizations to choose from, including some tied to academic interests.

Can't find the group you're looking for? Start one.
feel at home
The First Year Experience (FYE) is designed to help students transition from high school to college. FYE residence halls include Living Learning Communities for first-year students with common interests. The First Year Center is the go-to place for questions and assistance.

Daily living includes such conveniences as an app to check your laundry, and the MaineCard to use for a room key, dining, gym membership, library card and more. Free transportation includes the Blue Bikes program, the Black Bear Orono Express bus and the Community Connector bus service.

And then there’s the food. Enjoy your favorite comfort foods at several on-campus locations or discover new dishes from around the world at a themed dinner. In the Bear’s Den, you’ll find a self-serve salad bar with greens grown by students; made-to-order personal pizzas, stir-fry and wraps; fruit and yogurt smoothies; freshly prepared sushi; and more. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options are always available.
get in the game
Maine's only NCAA Division I program

Women's
- Basketball
- Cross-country
- Field Hockey
- Ice Hockey
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming and Diving
- Track and Field
  (indoor and outdoor)

Men's
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross-country
- Football
- Ice Hockey
- Swimming and Diving
- Track and Field
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Club Sports
- Alpine Skiing
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Blade Society
- Crew
- Cricket
- Cycling
- Fast-Pitch
- Softball
- Field Hockey

- Figure Skating
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Nordic Skiing
- Ping Pong
- Rugby
- Shotokan
- Karate
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Ultimate
- Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

84 individual and team conference championships in the last 10 years

Sports are a big deal at UMaine. The Alfond Arena is one of the best places in the country to watch a hockey game with 5,000 other Black Bear fans. Join the student section and chant traditional cheers led by the Screamin' Black Bear Pep Band.
nearly 100 majors and academic programs

Accounting
Animal and Veterinary Sciences
Anthropology
Art Education
Art History
Athletic Training
Biochemistry
Biology
Botany
Business Administration
Chemistry
Child Development and Family Relations
Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Communication
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Computer Science
Early Childhood Education
Earth Sciences
Ecology and Environmental Sciences
Economics
Elec/Teleco Education
Engineering
- Bioengineering
- Chemical
- Civil
- Computer
- Electrical
- Engineering Physics
- Environmental
- Mechanical
- Pulp and Paper
Engineering Technology
- Construction Management
- Electrical Technology
- Mechanical Technology
- Surveying
English
Environmental Horticulture Explorations
- Pre-Business
- Pre-Engineering
- Undecided
Finance
Financial Economics
Food Science and Human Nutrition
Forest Operations, Bioproducts and Bioenergy
Forestry
Franco-American Studies
French
Health Professions
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
International Affairs
- Canadian Studies
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Physics
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Zoology
Choose Explorations
UMaine’s one-year program for students who want to explore their options before choosing a college and a major. For more information, go online (umaine.edu/exp).

Choose to be undecided in a college
You can be an undeclared major in the colleges of Engineering, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Development, and Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture while you work with an adviser to learn more about the programs offered.

Dual degree programs
• Liberal Arts and Engineering or Engineering Technology dual degree
• B.A./B.S. in Liberal Arts with an M.B.A.
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7 academic areas
• College of Education and Human Development
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• Honors College
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Think 30 credits per year
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We’ve done the math: The average student debt for typical UMaine graduates increases by 36 percent when they finish in five years instead of four. For those who graduate in six years, it’s 52 percent higher.

It’s not just about the direct, out-of-pocket costs of attending college. There are also the opportunity costs in missed wages or other benefits college students forego every year spent pursuing a degree.

To “finish in four,” UMaine academic advisers help students earn 30 credit hours a year. To help students complete 120 credit hours in four years, UMaine offers courses on campus and online during spring and fall semesters, and during winter and summer terms.
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Scholarships
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