

BACHELOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES



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WHY PURSUE UNIVERSITY STUDIES AT UMAINE?

The Bachelor of University Studies (B.U.S.) is UMaine's degree completion program for busy adults. Many adults who have some higher-education experience but no bachelor's degree find that life circumstances or interests make a traditional major and/or on-campus study difficult. Often family, job, and other responsibilities do not allow for full-time study. For these students, the B.U.S. program provides an excellent opportunity to develop a program of study that encompasses their interests and makes maximum use of existing transfer credits. This program is not only available on-campus, but also online. Students may create a part-time or full-time course schedule depending on their needs.

The B.U.S. curriculum can be totally self-designed, or students may select one of three existing tracks (24 credit hours). The B.U.S. program offers the following track options:

- Labor Studies Track
- Leadership Studies Track
- Maine Studies Track

With its multiple track options, the B.U.S. program provides an opportunity both for students who would benefit from an individually-designed multidisciplinary program of study, as well as for students who would prefer a more prescribed curriculum.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A UNIVERSITY STUDIES DEGREE?

The B.U.S. program prepares students for a number of opportunities and is intended to complement a student's interests and career goals. With the self-designed option, students are encouraged to develop their program around predetermined interests. Some students choose to complete independent studies (when appropriate) to further their knowledge in specific areas.

The Bachelor of University Studies offers career development and exploration through UST 100: Introduction to the Bachelor of University Studies. UST 100 is one of the first classes in which new students enroll. Not only do students complete a career aptitude survey, but they also use UMaine's Mentor Program, which is a group of UMaine alums who will discuss their jobs and work-related questions with individual students. Students in UST 100 interview a mentor from a selected field of interest to gain additional knowledge of their intended career choice.

Many students build their programs of study around their intended career, thus extending and creating skill sets that are useful in employment.

OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The B.U.S. program allows students to develop a program of study that encompasses their interests and makes maximum use of their existing transfer credits. The program is available both on-campus and 100% online.

- Students must complete a minimum of 120 credits
- A minimum of 30 credits must be completed at UMaine with at least 15 credits at the 300/400 level
- A GPA of a "C" (2.0) or better is required for graduation

Core Courses

In addition to the general education requirements, the following courses are required (7 credits):

- UST 100: Introduction to the Bachelor of University Studies (1 credit) *Offered in an online format in six-week sequences*
- UST 300: Core Course in University Studies (3 credits) *Meets upper level Writing Intensive requirement in the major*
- UST 499: Senior Capstone (3 credits) *Meets General Education Capstone requirement*

Program Tracks

Select one of four existing tracks (24 credit hours):

- Self-Designed Track (credit hours may vary)
- Labor Studies Track
- Leadership Studies Track
- Maine Studies Track

Requirements

- High School diploma or equivalent (e.g., GED)
- 18 credits of college-level courses from an accredited college or university*
- An undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of "C" (2.0) or higher

*Please contact a B.U.S. advisor at 207.581.3143 or dlladvising@maine.edu to discuss the transferability of credits not earned at the University of Maine.

OUR PROGRAM IS DIFFERENT

The Bachelor of University Studies degree differs in two major respects from traditional B.A. and B.S. degrees. Each student in consultation with a B.U.S. advisor will design a program leading to their specific educational goals. This degree is designed to be flexible and adaptable to the needs of the individual student.

PRIOR CREDITS MAY TRANSFER

Credits from other institutions may be transferred if they were earned at a regionally accredited institution or from educational programs recognized by the University of Maine System. A B.U.S. advisor can provide further details about transferability.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit umaine.edu for an application, as well as information about academics and life at UMaine.



ABOUT UMAINE

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's land grant, sea grant and space grant university. As Maine's flagship public university, UMaine has a state-wide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state's only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 70 countries. UMaine currently enrolls over 11,500 undergraduate and graduate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master's, doctoral or professional science master's degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.



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