



College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

UMaine's ADVANTAGE

The UMaine College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers the choices and resources you expect at a big university and the individual attention you find in a small college. There's no better option in Maine.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) specializes in the ideas and skills every educated person needs — communication, scientific and numerical literacy, global and social awareness. Students develop knowledge in these essential areas with the guidance of faculty drawn from our 18 departments and schools. The college offers 35 undergraduate majors and over 40 minors in visual and performing arts, humanities, physical and mathematical sciences, and social sciences. Programs in clinical psychology, computer science, and music are professionally accredited. CLAS also offers 30 graduate degrees (master's and doctoral) and several certificate programs.

With the range and depth of our academic programs, students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences can elect many double-major and major-minor combinations. Students have the option to combine a CLAS major with an Honors degree, a teacher-education program, or a second major from any of UMaine's other academic colleges. We encourage seniors to consider continuing their education in one of the college's many graduate programs.

CLAS students praise the accessibility and friendliness of professors and staff, and they enjoy a broad selection of programs taught by world-class faculty engaged in cutting-edge research. Many courses combine study, research, service-learning and community engagement.

Working together, CLAS students build lasting friendships as well as crucial skills. CLAS is a wonderful place to develop the talents, versatility and habits that have enabled generations of our graduates to succeed and make a difference in the world. The college is proud of its tradition of educating leaders in Maine and around the world for important roles in government,

science, technology, business, education, the arts and other professional fields.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Students in CLAS work alongside faculty and graduate students to conduct research in many academic fields. There are CLAS students participating in an archaeological dig in Croatia, choreographing original dance pieces, working in a physics lab to help develop a new type of imaging spectroscopy, and leading discussions between high school students and retirement community residents in a Philosophy Across the Ages program — to give just a few examples. As a UMaine student, you can intern in a U.S. senator's Washington office, develop after-school art curriculum for children, compete on UMaine's cyber defense team, or build a journalism portfolio working for the student newspaper, *The Maine Campus*. Many other opportunities are available for hands-on learning, internships, travel, competitions, and participation in scholarly and research associations.

STUDENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

CLAS has more than 90 scholarships and awards for undergraduate students. Every April, CLAS students participate in the undergraduate Research and Academic Showcase, displaying their original work. Students also have the opportunity to apply for research and creative activity fellowships, working with faculty mentors on research projects.

The college hosts a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest academic honor society. This is one of just four chapters in the state, and the only chapter at a public university in Maine. In addition, we have many discipline-specific honor societies in the college. Students who earn a 3.75 grade point average or higher at graduation are honored with the Senior Recognition Award CLAS pin.

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ABOUT UMAINE

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and 65 countries. It currently enrolls nearly 11,000 total undergraduate and graduate students. UMaine students directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. The University of Maine offers doctoral degrees in 35 fields, representing the humanities, sciences, engineering and education; master's degrees in nearly 70 disciplines; 90 undergraduate majors and academic programs; and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

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Departments/Schools

Anthropology

Art

Chemistry

Communication and Journalism

Computing and Information Science, School of English

History

Mathematics and Statistics

Modern Languages and Classics

Music (School of Performing Arts)

New Media

Philosophy

Physics and Astronomy

Political Science

Psychology

School of Policy and International Affairs (MA)

Sociology

Theatre/Dance (School of Performing Arts)

Interdisciplinary Studies

International Affairs

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies



ABOUT OUR GRADUATES

UMaine's liberal arts graduates are respected and prized by employers for their ability to analyze and address problems from multiple perspectives. Every year, CLAS graduates join businesses and nonprofit organizations in Maine and across the country, and are admitted to highly competitive graduate and professional schools. Nationally, studies have shown that liberal arts degrees enhance

graduates' earning power and provide long-term benefits, as changing situations require knowledgeable, creative employees with adaptable minds.

HOW DO I APPLY?

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



What inspires me in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at UMaine? Dedicated and accomplished faculty, great facilities, a rich curriculum — and most importantly, students with energy and talent.”

— Emily Haddad, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences



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