

University of Maine Guide to Emerita/Emeritus Status

As you prepare for retirement, something worth pursuing is emeritus status. It can be one way of maintaining a connection to the university community.

What is emeritus status?

Emerita/emeritus status is an honorary designation conferred upon retirees to recognize their contributions and accomplishments over their university careers. It is available to faculty and other professional staff. You are encouraged to consider seeking department or unit support for emeritus status while you investigate retirement options.

Do you meet these requirements?

- Have you worked at the University of Maine for 15 consecutive years with no break in service?
- Are you a faculty member or other professional staff?

What is the process?

- Faculty and other professionals who retire after at least fifteen years of service to the University in the immediate past may be recommended by their deans, directors, or vice presidents
- Professional administrative staff may be granted emeritus titles upon recommendation by one or more responsible administrators if they have served the University for fifteen years.
- When the responsible administrator feels that an individual with less than fifteen years of service deserves emeritus status, he or she may recommend that an exception be made.

What privileges accompany emerita/emeritus status?

- Participation in academic convocations including commencement;
- Possession of a Facilities and Events Pass (Gold Card) which offers a free parking decal for the University of Maine and included use of the Fogler Library, visits to the Planetarium, attendance at all public lectures on campus, and entitles the cardholder to attend athletic and performance events as stipulated by the Gold Card policy;
- Continuation of e-mail;
- Inclusion on mailing lists;
- Upon request, assignment of office or laboratory space for creative work, subject to administrative approval and availability; and
- Emerita/emeritus faculty may attend University and college faculty meetings as non-voting faculty.