Welcome to UMaine!!!

Upon your arrival student volunteers will help you find our office, store your luggage, get your student ID and get acquainted with campus. Be sure to return your Arrival Form if you want transportation from the Bangor airport.

International Club Room open 10 am – 3 pm in the Multicultural Programs Lounge, 2nd Floor, Memorial Union
Relax, hang out, enjoy some snacks and meet other new students and Orientation volunteers.

Maine Hello, Move In 3-pm meet in Estabrooke Hall Ballroom
Retrieve your luggage and get a ride to your residence hall.

New International Student Social 6:00 pm in Bookstore Atrium, Memorial Union
Join other new international students for some food and social activities. Meet current students who are ready and willing to answer questions and give advice.

Orientation Day 1 - Essential Information
Wednesday, August 23rd

Morning Sessions Location: Estabrooke Hall Ballroom/Classroom
8:00 - 8:30 Breakfast - provided by Office of International Programs (OIP)
8:30 - 9:00 Welcome from OIP and the International Student Association (ISA)
9:00 - 10:15 Adjusting to US Culture
10:15 - 10:30 Break
10:30 - 12:30 Immigration Regulations and Mandatory Check-in
Bring your passport, I-20 or DS-2019 and I-94 card (if you have one)

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch - Orientation volunteers will be in the Marketplace in the Memorial Union to show you how to choose and purchase food, and there will be a reserved space to sit together.

2:00 - 5:00 Shopping Trip to Target - meet in front of Estabrooke Hall (Ballroom if raining)
The big yellow school buses will take you to a local department store so that you can buy sheets, towels and other home essentials.

5:30 pm Dinner - on your own – be sure to check campus dining hours. On-campus residents can use funds on MaineCard to pay.

Graduate Students!
Some sessions of International Student Orientation conflict with the Graduate Student Orientation. Only the Immigration Regulation/Check-in session is MANDATORY for you. Please join us for any other events that work with your schedule.

Dining hours: check http://umaine.edu/dining/hours/ for information on exact locations and times.
Orientation Day 2 - Classroom Survival  
Thursday, August 24th

Morning Sessions Location: Estabrooke Hall Ballroom/Classroom
8:00 - 8:30   Breakfast provided by OIP

8:30 - 10:30  Student Academic Services  
Concerned about succeeding in an unfamiliar educational environment? Learn about essential campus resources designed to help you excel in your academic pursuits.

9:00  English Language & Conditionally Admitted Students Language Placement Testing  
EL and conditionally admitted students must report to the Intensive English Institute (location will be announced) for the MANDATORY English placement test. Feel free to rejoin Orientation events in the afternoon. Test results will be emailed to students by late afternoon.

10:30 - 11:30  Classroom Culture and Academic Advising  
For undergraduate and exchange students. Learn what to expect in an American classroom and how to use your academic advisor effectively.

11:30 - 1:30  Lunch on your own

2:00 - 3:15  Campus Tour - meet on Fogler Library front steps

3:30 - 4:30  Library Resources Tour - meet at front entrance of Fogler  
In the US, academic assignments and research projects are assigned early in the semester. You will be expected to be able to utilize Library research materials right away. This tour is highly recommended.

Orientation Day 3 - Campus Life  
Friday, August 25th

Breakfast on your own (dining plans are active)

All Sessions Location: Estabrooke Hall Ballroom/Classroom
9:30 - 11:30  Essential Campus Services and Other Important Information  
Find out what there is to do on campus, who to call in an emergency, and other important information to help you adjust to campus life.

11:30 - 12:00  J-1 Exchange Students meet with the Study Abroad advisor

12:00 - 1:00  Lunch on your own

Afternoon - Free Time  
• Go to your college or department to get help registering for courses.
• Buy your books at the University of Maine Bookstore.
• Check out Fall Welcome Weekend
• Explore downtown Orono- get a cup of coffee at Verve or a pizza at Pat's.
• Relax and recharge for your first week as a University of Maine Black Bear!

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