Welcome to UMaine!!!
Upon your arrival student volunteers will help you get your student ID and move into your on-campus housing. Be sure to return your Arrival Form if you want transportation from the Bangor airport.

New International Student Gathering: 6:00 pm in Estabrooke Hall Ballroom
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 28

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 - 10:30 Adjusting to US Culture
10:30 – 10:45 Break
10:45 - 12:30 Immigration Regulations and Check-in Instructions- MANDATORY SESSION
Bring your laptop, passport, I-20 or DS-2019 and I-94 card (if you have one)
12:30 - 1:30 Lunch- Memorial Union
OIP Orientation Hosts will accompany undergrads, exchange and visiting students in small groups to answer questions and get to know you better. Please meet your designated OIP Orientation Host in the Estabrooke Ballroom.
Graduate Student Orientation Leaders will be available to meet Grad Students during lunch at this time. Please meet in the Estabrooke Ballroom.
2:00 - 5:00  Shopping Trip to Target - meet in front of Estabrooke Hall (in the Ballroom if it’s 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 or meet Orientation Volunteers at Wells Commons. Please note that Wells Commons closes at 6:30.

Dining hours for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
Bear’s Den @ Union: 7:30am – 4pm
Wells Central: 6:30-9:00am, 11:00am to 1:30pm and 4:30 to 6:30pm.
Friday: Hilltop Dining: 7:00am – 2:00pm, President’s dinner on the Mall 4-6pm
Orientation Day 2 - Classroom Survival
Thursday, August 29

All Sessions will be held in: Estabrooke Hall Ballroom/Classroom

8:00-8:30  Breakfast provided by OIP

8:30-10:30  Student Academic Services
US universities offer a variety of academic support services that will help you to be successful in your academic pursuits. This fun, interactive activity will help you learn more about the academic support services offered at UMaine.

9:00  English Language & Conditionally Admitted Students Language Placement Testing
EL and conditionally admitted students must report to the Intensive English Institute (216 Estabrooke Hall) for light breakfast followed by MANDATORY English placement test in 114 Merrill Hall at 9:30.

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 be successful in the US higher educational system.

11:30-1:30  Lunch- on your own or with your OIP Orientation Host if you did not meet on Wednesday

1:30-2:45  Campus Safety and Sexual Assault Awareness Training
Congratulations! You picked one of the safest schools in the US. However college life anywhere presents circumstances that might put you or your friends at risk. Learn how to be safe and stay safe on campus and in our surrounding communities.

3:00-4:00  Essential Technology for Academic Success
You will be using various platforms to register for classes, track your grades and make appointments with your adviser. Find out more about these critical student success tools.

5:00  Join the Orono Paddlers for war canoe races on the Stillwater River
Registration is required for this event. Registration will be open during Day 1 & 2. Plan to eat dinner downtown after the race or arrange for takeout as dining halls close at 6:30.

5:30  Dinner-on your own or meet Orientation Volunteers at Wells Central. Please note Wells closes at 6:30.

Orientation Day 3 - Campus Life
Friday, August 30

Eat breakfast in the dining hall. Check Dining Hall hours and location online (dining plans are active).

All Sessions Location: Estabrooke Hall Ballroom/Classroom

9:00-11:00  Essential Campus Services and Other Important Information
Find out what there is to do on campus, how dining plans work, staying healthy, and other important information to help you adjust to campus life.

11:00-12:00  Campus Tour- Meet on the front steps of Fogler Library

12:00-1:00  Lunch- see Dining locations and hours on page 1 or check website

Afternoon  Take this time to explore Orono, rest and recharge, or visit your academic department

5:00  President’s Dinner on the Mall followed by UMaine vs. Sacred Heart Football Game
Meet Orientation Leaders/Volunteers on Fogler Library steps at 5:45 if you want to go with the group.