

- The University of Maine was established originally as the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts under the provisions of the Morrill Act, approved by President Lincoln in 1862. The next year, the State of Maine accepted the conditions of the Act and in 1865 created a corporation to administer the affairs of the college. The original name was changed to the University of Maine in 1897
- The University of Maine is the only Land Grant University in the nation located on an island, Marsh Island, formed by the Penobscot and Stillwater rivers. Because of this, no building is over four stories high.
- Corbett and Dunn halls were built to house Olympic athletes.
- The Lyle E. Littlefield ornamental gardens contain Maine wildflowers, a goldfish pond, a gazebo, and a variety of specimen trees. UMaine students perform all the planting and maintenance.
- The UMaine baseball team went to the college world series five times in the 1980's. Baseball was also the first organized sport at UMaine, starting in 1877.
- Phi Gamma Delta is the oldest fraternity on campus.
- The Darling Marine Center, Maine's marine and offshore research facility is located in Walpole, Maine.
- Three residence halls are reported to be haunted: Balentine, Colvin, and Somerset.
- The National Council for Teacher Education accredits all teacher preparation programs at the University of Maine.
- University of Maine students can complete some of their coursework at international institutions through study abroad.
- In 1913, University of Maine pioneered the first pulp and paper engineering program in the U.S.
- Working at the Grand Canyon, King's Landing in New Brunswick or a number of other monuments/museums can earn history credits.
- The Maine Stein Song is the only college song to make the top ten on the music charts. Former UMaine student Rudy Vallee is credited with the world wide success of our college song.
- The first Women's field hockey team was established in the 1920's
- The first applicants to the University of Maine in 1868 were tested in geography, arithmetic, grammar, and algebra. IN addition, they had to provide "satisfactory testimonials of good moral character and industrial habits." Of 6 applicants, 4 were accepted.
- Women were first admitted to UMaine in 1872. Only 59 women attended between 1872 and 1900.
- Horror writer and UMaine alumnus Stephen King wrote a novel partially set on campus, *Pet Cemetery*. The main character is a fictional doctor employed at the Cutler Health Center.
- Scenes from the film show *The Four Seasons* as well as scenes from *Creepshow II* were filmed on campus.
- Each room in Nutting Hall is built from a different species of Maine timber.
- UMaine's mascot is the fighting black bear, affectionately called, "Bananas." The University's original mascot was an elephant shaped advertising sign hung from an Old Town haberdashery, which the students named Bolivar. Bolivar's reign ended with the arrival of the bear cub. Bolivar was given a funeral and burial. He is interred today at the center point of the parking lot beside the Memorial Field House.
- The Maine Masque is the second oldest college theater performing group in the country. It began in the winter of 1906 and was first known as the Dramatic Club.
- University of Maine professors are often sought for quotes in such publications as *Time*, *LA Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Times*, *Science*, *Good Housekeeping*, and *Wall Street Journal*.
- Political science majors have participated in work experience positions with Maine congressional delegates to Washington, D.C. for over forty years.
- The National League of Nursing accredits the nursing program and graduates are qualified to sit for the Registered Nurse Licensing exam.
- Economics graduates have gone on to prestigious schools such as Harvard Law School and Stanford Business School.