



# Money Matters

# A Guide to Financial Information at UMaine and UMM

### **Communication - Student Information Privacy**

#### FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The University of Maine and the the University of Maine at Machias is limited in its ability to provide parents or others with certain personal information about students by both Federal law and University policy.

#### Student Consent to Release Information Form

Complete to authorize parents/guardians to speak with University staff about things like the bill and financial aid after August 15th.

Available online.

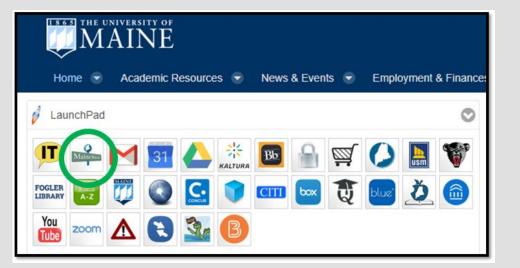
# Communications

- MyCampus Student Portal
  - Activate University of Maine System Account
- Activate email
  - <u>student@maine.edu</u>
- Update all mailing addresses in MaineStreet

Most common ways we communicate:

- Email (@maine.edu)
- MaineStreet: Message Center, To Do List
- Mailings

### **Communication - MyCampus Portal**



#### Access mycampus.maine.edu

- 1. Login with your UserID and password
- 2. Select MaineStreet from the LaunchPad
- 3. Select Student Self-Service
- 4. Select Student Center

### **Communication - MaineStreet Student Center**

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### Financial Aid - Apply for Financial Aid

Apply for Financial Aid via the FAFSA

 <u>fafsa.gov</u>

Log into MaineStreet to check To Do List
 a. <u>mainestreet.maine.edu</u>

#### Review your Financial Aid Award

- Accept/decline aid
- Report housing changes
- Report enrollment changes
- Report outside scholarships or other outside assistance
- Complete the Scholarship Donor Release

# Federal Direct Loan Requirements

- 1. Accept Loans on MaineStreet
- 2. Complete Loan Agreement/Master Promissory Note
  - a. <u>studentaid.gov</u>
- 3. Complete Entrance Counseling
  - a. <u>studentaid.gov</u>

Loans will not disburse until these requirements are complete.

### **Financial Aid - Additional Financing Options**

#### Loans

- Federal Parent PLUS Loans
  - Apply at <u>studentaid.gov</u> with FSA ID
  - Credit-based
- Alternative Educational Loans
  - Lender comparison tool via <u>elmselect.com</u>
  - Apply directly through lender school certifies

#### Scholarships

- Visit <u>umaine.edu/stuaid</u>
- Click:

*Types of Aid*  $\rightarrow$  *Scholarships* 

# Reporting Outside Aid and Scholarships

- Report to the Office of Student Financial Aid via MaineStreet
- All outside scholarship checks and correspondence should be sent to the Office of Student Financial Aid *\*Secure Document Upload\**
- Complete the *Scholarship Donor Release* via MaineStreet

# Reporting Enrollment

*Financial Aid is based on 15 credits per semester* 

- Report enrollment < 15 credits on MaineStreet
- Some types of aid will be reduced if fewer than 15 credits but can be used toward summer courses

Adding additional credits in order to retain your full award does not always result in a lower bill (or a greater refund) as you will need to take into account the cost of the credits being added versus the scholarship reduction amount

# Important Financial Aid Reminders

- Apply for Financial Aid Every Year -FAFSA available starting October 1st, 2020
   Watch for filing deadline usually March 1st
- Watch MaineStreet To Do List and @maine.edu email account
- Submit all required documentation
  - Final High School Transcript
  - Immunizations
- Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid if your situation changes

### **Financial Education and Wellness**

#### Financial Literacy Peer Education Program

Student peer educators are trained to work with fellow students to deliver financial education across a number of different platforms and mediums and counsel students one-on-one about managing their money.

<u>umaine.edu/stuaid/financialwellness</u>

#### iGrad

Online resource that helps with all aspects of money management: managing your student loans, budgeting, creating money goals, and searching for scholarships

<u>umaine.igrad.com</u>

#### **ECMC** Solutions

UMaine's campus debt management partner helps students learn about loan programs even before they agree to borrow.

ecmc.org/students

# Federal Work-Study

- Financial aid award that does not apply directly to the bill
- Students secure a job and earn a biweekly paycheck
- Students can earn up to the amount of the award
- Some positions do require that students have Federal Work-Study
- Unearned portions of the award cannot be carried over to the next academic year

# Student Employment

- Contact Student Employment
  - Assistance with finding on-campus, off-campus, Federal Work-Study and non-Federal Work-Study jobs
- Searching for Jobs
  - Start Now!
  - CareerLink, Academic Departments, Areas of Interest

Students who plan to work must come to campus in the fall with one of the following:

*Option 1:* A valid (unexpired) passport *OR Option 2:* <u>Original birth certificate</u> AND a photo ID *OR Option 3:* <u>Original social security card</u> AND a photo ID

# **Important Bill Reminders**

- Fall: 1st bill mailed mid-July, due <u>September 15th</u> (*Course and room/board changes may result in changes to the initial amount due*)
- Spring: 1st bill mailed mid-Dec, due January 15th
- Bills are provided <u>online only</u> after the 1st billing statement each semester
- Tuition based on total credit hours. Check your total enrollment against tuition charged.
- umaine.edu/bursar/tuition-and-fees

# **Payment Options**

University of Maine

#### Cash/Check

Bursar's Office 5703 Alumni Hall, Room 100 Orono, Maine 04469

#### Credit Card or Electronic Check/ACH

Online through MaineStreet <u>umaine.edu/bursar/payment-options</u>

**Payment Plan** 

Online through MaineStreet <u>umaine.edu/bursar/payment-options</u>

# **Payment Options**

University of Maine at Machias

#### Cash/Check

Billing Office 116 O'Brien Avenue Machias, Maine 04654

#### Credit Card or Electronic Check/ACH

Online through MaineStreet <u>umaine.edu/bursar/payment-options</u>

**Payment Plan** 

Contact Billing Office at *207.255.1203* for more information on payment plan options.

### **Payment Plans - UMaine**

Two Payment Plans will be offered on a per term basis:

- Plans are established to help spread the payments due for tuition, enrollment fees, and room and board fees over the duration of the term
- Enrollment via MaineStreet or through Authorized User TouchNet Access
- No interest charges
- \$30 per semester setup fee due at plan enrollment
- Payments can be automatically scheduled or initiated monthly by the payer

### **Payment Plans - UMaine**

- Electronic Check/ACH or credit card payments are accepted
- Payments by credit card incur a 2.85% convenience fee
- A \$25 late fee will be assessed for each late payment
- Students can assign authorized users to their account. Authorized users can have the ability to enroll the student in a payment plan, initiate payments, and monitor the plan on the student's behalf.
- <u>umaine.edu/bursar/user</u>

### **Payment Plan Options - UMaine**

#### Calculated Plan:

- Payments are based on the student's account balance less any accepted financial aid for that semester
- Installment amounts will automatically increase or decrease throughout the duration of the payment plan based on changes in charges (add/drop of classes, etc.), changes in financial aid, and other payment
- Choose either a 5 payment or 4 payment option:
  - 5 installment-enroll by 8/15 with a 20% down payment and 4 more installments due on 9/15, 10/15, 11/15 and 12/15
  - 4 installment-enroll by 9/15 with a 25% down payment and 3 more installments due on 10/15, 11/15 and 12/15

### **Payment Plan Options - UMaine**

#### Estimated Plan:

- Student uses plan worksheet to enter their charges and anticipated aid to establish the monthly installment payment amounts. Once established, these amounts remain static and changes to the plan amount need to be requested through the Office of the Bursar.
- Students who anticipate payments later in the semester from outside sources not reported as anticipated aid will want to use this payment plan type to prevent larger initial monthly payments as would occur under the calculated plan
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# Anticipated Resources

Report anticipated resources to the Bursar's Office to avoid a \$100 late fee

- For resources not shown on 1st bill
- College Savings Plans, Alternative Loans, etc.
- Complete on MaineStreet before due date
- Anticipated resources does not impact the calculated payment plan.
- <u>umaine.edu/bursar/resources</u>

# Student Authorization and Account Management

- Authorize the Bursar's Office to apply financial aid to all charges
- Request credit balances be held for future charges
- <u>umaine.edu/bursar/authorization</u>

### Authorize a User to View or Pay a Bill

- Authorize another person to view your account information and/or make online payment(s) on your behalf
- Receive billing statements with email notification
- Complete on MaineStreet / TouchNet Bill+Payment Suite
- Separate from Student Consent to Release Information
- umaine.edu/bursar/user

### **Direct Deposit**

- Deposit any refund directly into a U.S. bank account
- Fastest, most convenient, and most secure method
- Avoid waiting for refund check to be mailed
- Complete on MaineStreet
- <u>umaine.edu/bursar/directdeposit</u>

### Student Health Insurance Plan

- Annual Cost of **\$2,248**
- Billed once on fall semester bill
- Coverage effective **8/1/20 7/31/21**
- Complete online waiver to opt out if you already have comparable health insurance (by Oct 1st)
- Enroll online to take advantage of the insurance and receive card
- <u>umaine.edu/bursar/insurance</u>

### Financial Responsibility Statement

- Must be completed every semester / each year
- Student may not register for classes until complete
- Registration hold lifted immediately upon completion
- Access via the MaineStreet Student Center - To Do List

### **MaineStreet Student Center**

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# Check MaineStreet Often

- Be aware of <u>Financial Deadlines</u>. Click the **B** on the class schedule.
- Registration or refund <u>Holds</u>
- The <u>To Do List</u> will have any required information that the student must submit
- Monitor account in <u>Finances Section</u>
  - My Account (View/Pay My Bill, Account Activity, Item Summary)
- Enroll in <u>Direct Deposit</u> for refunds
- Access <u>1098T</u>. Grant consent for electronic version

### **Contact Information - UMM**

Office of Student Financial Aid and Billing Office

116 O'Brien Ave Machias, ME 04654 Phone: 207.255.1203

Email: ummfinancialaid@maine.edu

machias.edu/scholarships-aid

### **Contact Information - UMaine**

#### Office of Student Financial Aid

5781 Wingate Hall Orono, ME 04469 Phone: 207.581.1324 Email: <u>umfinaid@maine.edu</u>

#### <u>umaine.edu/stuaid</u>

#### Office of Student Employment 5781 Wingate Hall Orono, ME 04469 Phone: 207.581.1349 Email: student.employ@maine.edu

umaine.edu/studemp

Bursar's Office 5703 Alumni Hall Orono, ME 04469 Phone: 207.581.1521 Email: <u>umbursar@maine.edu</u>

<u>umaine.edu/bursar</u>