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Degree Programs

- B.S. Business Administration—Maine Business School
- B.A. Economics—School of Economics
- B.A. Financial Economics—School of Economics
- B.A. Public Management—Department of Public Administration
- B.A. Social Work—School of Social Work

General Information

The College of Business, Public Policy and Health houses the Maine Business School, the School of Social Work, the Department of Public Administration, & the School of Economics. Each program provides students with an education based on a strong liberal arts foundation. This broad education is designed to prepare students for successful careers in a rapidly changing global environment while providing them with the skills needed for life-long learning. (For more complete information on each program, refer to the undergraduate catalog (www.catalog.umaine.edu) and the web sites for each individual school or department.)

The Maine Business School serves as the primary source of management education, research and service in the state of Maine. Through the integration of research, teaching and extensive interactions with the business community the MBS develops and communicates knowledge, prepares students for successful careers in a global economy, and contributes to the economic development of the region.

The Bachelor of Arts in Economics prepares students for a variety of career options. Students may design their programs of study: 1) for immediate entry upon graduation into business, government or other employment; 2) for graduate education leading to a business administration, law or other professional degree; or, 3) for graduate work in Economics or related disciplines. The Bachelor of Arts in Financial Economics also prepares students for these general career options but with more of an emphasis on finance, financial markets, and financial management.

The Department of Public Administration prepares students to manage the processes, practices and policies of public organizations through classroom instruction and practical experience through participation in internships. Graduates traditionally have entered careers in town and city management, state and national government, health care administration, non-profit organizations, business, and public relations.

The mission of the School of Social Work is to improve the quality of life for all people by promoting excellence in social work practice. This includes the promotion of social justice, celebration of diversity, elimination of oppression, and promotion of human achievement.

Accreditation

All of the professional programs are accredited at the highest level.

The Maine Business School is accredited by the AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business).

The Department of Public Administration is the oldest in the nation. It complies with the recommendations of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs & Administration and is accredited at the Masters level.

The School of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Admission Requirements

A high school diploma including 17 high school units, which includes 4 years of English, is required for all programs. In addition, each program requires the following specific courses:

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| Mathematics: | 3 years of mathematics (algebra I & II and geometry) for Public Management and Social Work, 4 years of mathematics for Business Administration and Economics |
| Science: | 2 years of lab science for Business Administration and Economics 1 year of a lab science for Public Management and Social Work |
| Language: | 2 years of a single language for Public Management, Business Administration and Economics 2 years of American Sign Language (ASL) may be used |
| History/Social Studies: | 2 years for all programs |
| Computer Science: | 1 year is recommended for all programs |
| Fine Arts: | 1 year is recommended for all programs |

Degree Requirements

All students must complete 120 credit hours. Each program requires a liberal arts foundation and complies with the University's General Education Requirements. Each program has course requirements beyond those required in the home department.

Business Administration (B.S.): Students complete at least 45 hours in business courses. Students select a concentration in accounting, finance, management, or marketing. An additional concentration in International Business may be elected. The school offers minors in business and accounting.

Economics (B.A.): Students elect either general economics or financial economics. 33 credit hours of economics courses are required. The department offers a minor.

Public Administration (B.A.): 36 credit hours in the major are required. Optional course concentrations exist in local government administration and criminal justice administration. The department offers a minor.

Social Work (B.A.): 37 credit hours of social work courses and a two-semester practicum are required.

Declaring the Major

Students interested in the programs of the College of Business, Public Policy and Health must select the college and also indicate the specific program of their choice on their application for undergraduate admission to the University of Maine or directly contact the program official listed above if transferring.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

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