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Academ-e

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To Apply

Aspirations & Non-degree:

Send paper application and academic transcripts directly to:

Attn: Bill Munsey
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Early Admission:

Electronic application (preferred):
Web site: www.go.umaine.edu

All paper applications, academic transcripts, & recommendations should be mailed to:

UMS Application Processing
PO Box 412
Bangor, ME 04402-0412

Accreditation

The University of Maine enjoys overall institutional accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., the oldest regional accrediting association in the United States. Many professional societies also confer accreditation or approval on specific UMaine programs.

Enrollment for High School Students

The University of Maine, Orono

The Hutchinson Center, Belfast

The University of Maine has several programs designed to allow academically able high school students to pursue college level course work and earn college credit while they are still in high school. All registration information and grades earned will become a part of the student's permanent academic record and will be included in the cumulative grade point average earned at the University of Maine.

Aspirations Program *(a non-degree program)*

1. Eligibility: Student must:

- Be a full-time high school junior or senior;
- Have permission from the high school;
- Have the consent of his/her parent (guardian) to register for coursework;
- Have a "B"-or-better academic average; and
- Meet the academic course prerequisites.

2. Restrictions:

- Registration for any course is subject to space availability.
- The tuition waiver, based on available funding, pertains to one 3 or 4 credit hour course, taken in each semester. Courses taken during the summer session are not generally covered under the Aspirations Program, and students will be charged at the full per-credit tuition rate in effect at the time of registration. Students are responsible for the expenses of course fees and textbooks.
- Aspirations students are NOT eligible to be considered for federal financial aid.
- Aspirations students wishing to take more classes than those approved through the Aspirations Program can do so as a non-degree student (see below).
- All registration information and grades earned will become a part of the student's permanent academic record and will be included in the cumulative grade point average earned at the University of Maine.

3. Records Required:

- Completed *Aspirations* Application (*sent directly to the Admissions Office*);
- High school *transcript* (*sent directly to the Admissions Office by high school*); and
- Guidance Counselor / Principal letter of recommendation (*sent directly to the Admissions Office by high school*).

Non-degree Student Application

1. Eligibility:

- High school students interested in taking college courses while completing high school.
- Student must meet the academic course prerequisites.

2. Records Required:

- A completed **Non-Degree Student Application** (*sent directly to the Admissions Office by applicant*).
- Student's high school transcript (*sent directly to the Admissions Office by high school*), and
- Guidance Counselor / Principal letter of recommendation (*sent directly to the Admissions Office by high school*).

3. Restrictions:

- Registration for any course is subject to space availability.
- Student is not eligible for financial aid.
- All registration information and grades earned will become a part of the student's permanent academic record and will be included in the cumulative grade point average earned at the University of Maine.

- There are no tuition waiver programs available for non-degree students who are not in the Aspirations or Academ-e programs.

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Early Admission *(For high school students at the end of their junior year who wish to enter the University of Maine as a matriculating degree candidate before they graduate from high school.)*

1. **Eligibility:** Student must

- a) Have completed three years of college preparatory work, but not graduated from high school.
- b) Demonstrate outstanding academic achievement.
- c) Demonstrate the maturity and motivation to pursue university degree work.
- d) Be recommended by the high school guidance counselor or principal.

2. **Restrictions:**

- a) High school students who enter the University of Maine as degree candidates prior to graduating from high school are not eligible for federal financial aid.
- b) Students entering the Early Admission program at the University of Maine must arrange to complete high school graduation requirements in either the first or second semester of enrollment.
- c) Upon completion of the first year in the Early Admission program, students are required to have their high school submit the official high school transcript showing the date of graduation.
- d) All registration information and grades earned will become a part of the student's permanent academic record and will be included in the cumulative grade point average earned at the University of Maine.

3. **Records Required:**

- a) A completed University of Maine Application for Admission (*sent directly to the UMS Application Processing Center by student*);
- b) To be *sent directly to the UMS Application Processing Center by high school*, student's:
 - (i) High School transcript detailing curriculum, grades and graduation date,
 - (ii) SAT or ACT scores, and
 - (iii) Guidance Counselor / Principal letter of recommendation; and
- c) A completed **Early Admission** application (*sent directly to the UMS Application Processing Center by applicant or high school*).
- d) An interview with an Admissions Counselor.

4. **Please Note:** Early Admission is distinct from Early Action. Early Admission is for students entering at the end of their junior year in high school who plan to use course work at the University of Maine to complete their high school graduation requirements. Early Admission students are conceivably enrolled at **both** their high school and the University of Maine until they graduate from high school. Students graduating from high school in three years would apply as a regular admission applicant. Early Action refers to applicants who complete the application process before December 15th prior to the fall in which they plan to enroll.

Academ-e *(Early college, Distance Education Program)*

Academ-e is an early college distance education program designed to offer qualified high school seniors University of Maine courses, using state-of-the-art teaching and learning technologies combined with on-campus experiences. All registration information and grades earned will become a part of the student's permanent academic record and will be included in the cumulative grade point average earned at the University of Maine.

Student Nominations

Students will be nominated by high school principals, teachers, and guidance counselors. Schools are encouraged to nominate not only students whose records demonstrate that they are college-bound and ready for university level work, but also students in whom schools see potential for success despite underperformance in high school. The academic record for a student interested in the Academ-e program should be a "B" or better GPA.

Costs/Scholarships

The undergraduate Maine resident tuition rate for 2009-2010 will be \$253 per credit hour or \$759 for each 3-credit course or \$1,012 for each 4-credit course. However, University of Maine Academ-e Scholarships will be provided to all students who enroll. The scholarships are will discount tuition by 50 percent for three credit courses and will absorb all University-wide fees. We expect the Maine Legislature's Aspirations Program through the Maine Department of Education to cover the remaining 50 percent tuition of the three credit courses for students enrolled in the Academ-e. However, the University does not cover the entire cost of the fourth credit for four credit courses.

For further information, contact Academ-e directly at the address given on the front page.

Academic Programs 2009-2010

Please refer to the web site (<http://factsheets.umaine.edu/>) for the most updated version of the fact sheets.

This fact sheet is intended for informational purposes only and is subject to change.