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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*biology & chemistry or physics*)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (*same language or two years of American Sign Language-ASL*)
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students are encouraged to take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

University-Wide Programs

Program Description

Foundations provides students who do not meet the admissions standards for their chosen major an opportunity to matriculate at the University of Maine on an academic contract with a restricted class schedule. This one-year program is designed to allow students to adjust to the college environment and the academic rigors required at the University of Maine. To be eligible to enroll in this program, students must sign an admission contract agreeing to the terms of the program. Students enroll in a first-year seminar taught by their academic advisor as well as a select set of regular college level courses that fulfill the general education requirements. Students will not be allowed to take math or lab science courses during the first semester unless the student earned exceptional high school grades in those areas.

To ensure a successful transition from high school to college, students in the Foundations program will be required to attend (5) one-on-one meetings with their academic advisor during the first semester, attend every class in all courses in the program, successfully complete the Foundations FND 100 class with a passing grade, use the Tutor Program for at least one course, and meet one-on-one with a career counselor from the UMaine Career Center during the first semester.

To remain in the program, students must earn specific grade point averages at the end of each semester. At the end of the first semester, a student must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. If their GPA is below that, they will be placed on academic probation with a specific academic contract that includes the requirement to participate in the academic recovery program. If their GPA is below 1.0, they will be suspended.

At the end of their second semester, a student must maintain a GPA of 2.0. If their GPA is below 2.0 and above a 1.5, they will be allowed to remain in the Foundations Program for a third semester on probation with a specific academic contract. If their GPA is below a 1.5, they will be suspended.

By successfully completing their first semester with a GPA of 2.5 or higher, or by completing their second semester with a GPA of 2.0 or higher, the student will be eligible to transfer to a major within one of the University of Maine's five colleges. Students should realize that they are not guaranteed the ability to transfer to a specific UMaine program, as some programs may require a 2.5 GPA or better in order to transfer and some programs may have a space limit.

Program Contract

Students accepted into the Foundations Program must submit a signed copy of the Foundations contract in order to confirm their plans to attend UMaine.

Foundations Contract

I have read the enclosed Foundations Program Fact Sheet and understand that, as stated in the fact sheet, to participate in the Foundations Program, I will be required to:

- Attend (5) one-on-one meetings with my academic advisor during the first semester.
- Attend every class in all courses in the program.
- Successfully complete my Foundations FND 100 class with a passing grade.
- Use the Tutor Program for at least one course.
- Meet one-on-one with a career counselor from the UMaine Career Center during my first semester.

Program Contract (continued)

- At the end of my first semester, maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. If my GPA is below that, I will be placed on academic probation with a specific academic contract that includes the requirement to participate in the academic recovery program. If my GPA is below 1.0, I will be suspended.
- At the end of my second semester, maintain a GPA of 2.0. If my GPA is below 2.0 and above a 1.5, I will be allowed to remain in the Foundations Program for a third semester on probation with a specific academic contract. If my GPA is below a 1.5, I will be suspended.

By successfully completing my first semester with a GPA of 2.5 or higher, or by completing my second semester with a GPA of 2.0 or higher, I will be eligible to request to transfer to a major within one of the University of Maine's five colleges. I realize that I am not guaranteed the ability to transfer to a specific UMaine program, as some programs may require a 2.5 GPA or higher in order to transfer and some programs may have a space limit.

Specialized Information

Why was I referred to the Foundations Program?

Students referred to the Foundations Program during the admissions process did not meet the admission standards for their chosen programs at the University of Maine. However, based on the student's academic profile, the Admissions Committee believed the student could be successful in general education courses at UMaine and thus, the student is given the opportunity to meet the admissions standard of their chosen program after a semester or two of successful college level work in the Foundations Program.

Who serves as advisors to Foundations students?

Foundations advisors are selected because they have demonstrated a strong commitment to first-year students and are knowledgeable about all of UMaine's academic programs.

When do I select a major? Can I select a major in any of the colleges?

As a Foundations student, you may request to transfer to an academic major if you have a 2.5 GPA after your first semester or a 2.0 GPA after your second semester. All programs have eligibility standards (e.g., minimum GPA, specific coursework) you must meet before you declare your major. Provided you meet the eligibility standards of the program and there is space available, you may choose to major in any of the undergraduate programs at UMaine.

What courses will I take as a Foundations student?

Foundations students select from the same college courses taken by other degree students at the university. These courses will be used to complete general education requirements that are required of all UMaine students and are intended to provide a strong foundation when students select their major. Courses are selected to help students explore their interests and to prepare them for further collegiate level academic work.

Will the courses I take in Foundations count when I declare my major and transfer to a college?

Provided you pass them with an acceptable grade, the courses you take while in Foundations will transfer to any UMaine college or program in fulfillment of general education requirements, as electives or in fulfillment of major requirements.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

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.