Maine Studies
An academic minor and interdisciplinary program

Division of Lifelong Learning

Program Description
The Maine studies minor allows students to examine the state through courses in anthropology, history, literature, women’s studies, Franco American studies, Native American studies, political science, geology and geography. The program recognizes the value of an interdisciplinary approach to understanding historical and contemporary issues involving the state’s people, institutions and environments, and reflects the realities of our state and world, where increasingly complex problems demand interdisciplinary solutions.

A few examples of undergraduate research projects include a computer program to help support the Passamaquoddy Living Language Project, a study of identity among Maine’s homeless population and a study of Maine’s folk revival and storytelling.

Students interested in the Maine studies minor must take a minimum of 18 credits in Maine-related courses (see sidebar), including MES 101 and MES 201.

Associated Honor Societies and Student Organizations
The Maine Studies Program offers a research and creativity award to recognize excellent undergraduate student work in a Maine-related topic. Thanks to the generosity of the University of Maine Foundation, the award includes a $250 prize.

Career and Graduate Opportunities
Students planning to find a job in Maine in such fields as business, government or social services will benefit from an interdisciplinary understanding of Maine. Education majors who expect to teach in Maine’s public schools will find the Maine studies minor invaluable in preparing to teach Maine studies, usually in the sixth through eighth grades. The state of Maine, through LD 291, mandates the teaching of Maine studies in all schools, both public and private. Students interested in Maine generally will enjoy a greater appreciation for the state’s land and people, history and cultures, flora and fauna.

UMaine Graduate Programs
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Maine Studies

How do I apply?
Visit go.umaine.edu for an application as well as information about academics and life at UMaine. Equal opportunity information also is available online (umaine.edu/co).

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