

## Maine Studies

An academic minor and interdisciplinary program

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### Representative Courses

MES 101 Introduction to Maine Studies  
 MES 201 The Maine Coast  
 MES 301 Rachel Carson, Maine and the Environment  
 ANT 425 Oral History and Folklore  
 ANT 426 Native American Folklore  
 ENG 244 Writers of Maine  
 ENG 429 Maine Women Writers  
 ERS 109 Geology of Maine  
 ERS 110 Coastal Geology of New England and Canadian Maritimes  
 FAS 101 Intro to Franco American Studies  
 GEO 425 Maine Historical Geography  
 HTY210 Maine History  
 HTY 211 Maine and the Sea  
 NAS 102 Intro to Wabanaki Culture, History & Contemporary Issues  
 POS 203 American State and Local Government  
 INT 491 A Midwife's Tale and the Social Web

## 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](http://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/eo](http://umaine.edu/eo)).

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