

## Enrollment for High School Students

### Contact

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### To Apply

Aspirations and Nondegree  
Send paper application and academic  
transcripts directly to:  
Attn: Bill Munsey  
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Early Admission  
Electronic application (preferred):  
go.umaine.edu

Applications, academic transcripts  
and recommendations should be  
mailed to:  
UMS Application Processing  
P.O. Box 412  
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### University of Maine, Orono

### Hutchinson Center, Belfast

The University of Maine has several programs designed to allow academically capable high school students to pursue and earn credit for college-level coursework. 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 nondegree program)*

Program change: Beginning with summer and fall 2010, the Maine Department of Education has been advised by the Office of the Attorney General that this program can no longer serve students enrolled in sectarian or nonpublic school (e.g. religious, private or home-schooled). The only exception to this rule can be made when a home-schooled junior or senior also is enrolled in a class offered by their local public high school.

Eligibility: Student must:

- Be a full-time high school junior or senior
- Have permission from the high school
- Have the consent of their parent or guardian to register for coursework
- Have a B or better academic average
- Meet the academic course prerequisites

Restrictions:

- Registration for any course is subject to space availability.
- The tuition waiver, based on available funding, pertains to one three- or four-credit hour course taken each semester. Courses taken during the summer session are not generally covered under the Aspirations program, and students will be charged the full per-credit tuition rate in effect at the time of registration. Students are responsible for course fee and textbook expenses.
- Aspirations students are not eligible to be considered for federal financial aid.
- Students who want 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 GPA earned at UMaine.

Records Required to be sent directly to the Admissions Office:

- Completed Aspirations application
- High school transcript (sent by high school)
- Letter of recommendation from guidance counselor or principal (sent by high school)

### Nondegree Student Application

Eligibility:

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

Records required to be sent directly to Admissions Office:

- Completed nondegree student application (sent by applicant)
- High school transcript (sent by high school)
- Letter of recommendation from guidance counselor or principal (sent by high school)

Restrictions:

- Registration for any course is subject to space availability
- Student is not eligible for financial aid
- All registration information and grades earned become a part of the student's permanent academic record and will be included in the cumulative GPA earned at UMaine
- Tuition waiver programs are not available for nondegree students who are not in Aspirations or Academ-e.

## **Early First-Year Applicants** *(for high school students finishing their junior year who wish to enter the University of Maine as a matriculating degree candidate before they graduate from high school)*

Student must:

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

Restrictions:

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

Records required:

- A completed University of Maine Application for Admission (sent directly to the UMS Application Processing Center by student)
- To be sent directly to the UMS Application Processing Center by high school:
  - High school transcript detailing curriculum, grades and graduation date
  - SAT or ACT scores
  - Letter of recommendation from guidance counselor or principal

A completed Early Admission application (sent directly to the UMS Application Processing Center by applicant or high school)

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 coursework at the University of Maine to complete their high school graduation requirements. Early Admission students are therefore 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 15 before the fall in which they plan to enroll.

## **Academ-e** *(early college, distance education)*

Academ-e is an early college distance education program designed to offer qualified high school juniors and 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.

Students must 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 they see potential for success, despite underperformance in high school. A student interested in the Academ-e program should have a B or better GPA. Legislative changes for student eligibility became effective fall 2010. Please refer to the front page under "Aspirations" for details.

A University of Maine Academ-e scholarships will be provided to all students who enroll. The scholarships will discount tuition by 50 percent for three-credit courses and will absorb all university 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 program. 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 2011–12**

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