ABOUT THE COLLEGE

It’s one thing to learn about the natural world in a classroom. It’s another thing entirely to learn about it in this classroom. At the University of Maine, woods, lakes, rivers and streams surround our campus. The Atlantic Ocean and the Appalachian Trail are in our backyard. Our students learn about bear behavior by actually visiting a den and tagging cubs. They study sustainable agriculture by participating in a student-run organic farm. They immerse themselves in the marine sciences on Maine’s rocky shores and in tidal coves. But the great outdoors is only part of the appeal. At UMaine, the great indoors is equally impressive.

The College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture offers a wide variety of lab-intensive majors and state-of-the-art teaching facilities. Comprehensive academic offerings, close advising, outstanding research opportunities, high placement rates and strong relationships with leading research institutes and top medical schools make UMaine a destination for health and biomedical studies. The region’s largest hospital and leading biomedical research institutes are also nearby.

The college offers a wide range of programs — from animal and veterinary sciences to zoology — and all the benefits of a comprehensive university, but our classes are small and you’ll have the chance to really get to know your classmates, graduate students and faculty members within your major. If there were a perfect classroom, a perfect college experience, it would look like this.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOAN PROGRAMS

The College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture offers more than $500,000 annually in undergraduate scholarships to academically outstanding students. Thanks to a multimillion-dollar bequest by alumnus Charles E. Gilbert, UMaine graduates interested in pursuing medical, dental or veterinary careers are able to take out low-interest loans to help further their education. In recent years, students in our college have received prestigious and competitive national awards, including the Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Morris K. Udall Scholarship.

About our students

As a result of its strong academics, research opportunities and location, UMaine’s College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture
attracts a diverse student body from all over the United States — and the world. Our students tend to be science-oriented, academically focused, close-knit and interested in helping others. We have more than 20 student chapters of national professional organizations, which provide undergraduates with key networking opportunities both on campus and off.

ABOUT OUR GRADUATES

Fieldwork and research experience are significant resume-builders, and our alumni will tell you that this often makes the difference when applying for a job or graduate school. Not surprisingly, the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture has an excellent placement rate in professional settings and graduate programs.

4+ UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE COMBINED PROGRAMS

Highly motivated and talented students can take advantage of one of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry and Agriculture's 4+ programs. These programs allow students to get a jump start on a graduate degree while still enrolled in an undergraduate program, and to pay the less expensive undergraduate tuition and fees rates for three graduate courses. Considerable time in graduate school can also be saved. Students in 4+ programs typically save a year or more, when compared to the average time needed to complete a master's degree.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit umaine.edu for an application, as well as information about academics and life at UMaine.

"I wanted to go to school on the East Coast, and UMaine was the last campus I visited — before that, I considered it my backup school. But when I got here, I loved campus. It was gorgeous — definitely New England with the brick buildings and climbing ivy. But I also loved the people. Everyone was so real."

— Caitlyn Ahlberg, Biochemistry major, Los Angeles, Calif.

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