

## Exchange Partner Info Sheet 2024-2025

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| Office website               | <a href="https://umaine.edu/studyabroad/">https://umaine.edu/studyabroad/</a>  |
| Incoming exchange website    | <a href="https://umaine.edu/studyabroad/incoming-exchanges/">https://umaine.edu/studyabroad/incoming-exchanges/</a>  |
| For exchange advisors        | <a href="https://umaine.edu/studyabroad/study-abroad-advisors/">https://umaine.edu/studyabroad/study-abroad-advisors/</a>  |
| For accepted students        | <a href="https://umaine.edu/international/admitted/">https://umaine.edu/international/admitted/</a>  |
| Nominations due              | Please email Erika Clement and CC <a href="mailto:studyabroad@maine.edu">studyabroad@maine.edu</a> with student nominations preferably by:<br><b>Fall semester and Year programs - March 15</b><br><b>Spring semester - October 15</b>   |
| Applications due             | Applications are submitted through our online application form and processed by the Study Abroad Advisors.<br>Fall and Year programs – April 1<br>Spring programs - November 1<br>Late applications will be considered on a space-available basis.   |
| Semester dates               | <a href="http://umaine.edu/international/incoming-exchange/calendar/">http://umaine.edu/international/incoming-exchange/calendar/</a><br><u>Fall 2024</u><br>Arrival Day – August 27<br>Mandatory Orientation - August 28-30<br>Semester dates (including exams) – September 3 - December 20<br><br><u>Spring 2025</u><br>Arrival Day – January 14<br>Mandatory Orientation – January 15-17<br>Semester dates (including exams) – January 21 – May 9 |

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| Eligibility                               | Students must have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.75 out of 4.0 GPA and be in good disciplinary standing.  |
| English Proficiency                       | <p>All non-native English speakers must have sufficient English language proficiency for successfully completing academic work at UMaine. English language proficiency is considered sufficient at a minimum Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL) score of 550 iBT (paper) or 79 iBT (internet) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) 6.5 composite score.</p> <p>Students who fall below these levels will be enrolled at the UMaine Intensive English Institute for ESL courses or a combination of ESL and academic courses based on the student's proficiency level.</p> <p>Students who do not submit an exam score at the time of application will be required to take an English language placement test upon arrival at UMaine.</p> |
| ESL Information                           | The Intensive English Institute (IEI) at UMaine can accept students from exchange partners for summer and semester programs. Students who do not meet the TOEFL requirements for a full time academic program can enroll at the IEI. Students can take only ESL courses, or a combination of both ESL and academic courses based on their proficiency level. IEI tuition is waived for exchange partners.  |
| Intensive English Institute (IEI) website | <a href="https://umaine.edu/iei/">https://umaine.edu/iei/</a>  |
| Application Materials                     | <a href="http://umaine.edu/international/incoming-exchange/application/">http://umaine.edu/international/incoming-exchange/application/</a>  |
| Academic fields                           | All departments are open to exchange applications except Nursing. Exchange students can register for any course that has available spaces and the student meets the prerequisites.   |
| Courses and grades                        | <p><a href="http://umaine.edu/studyabroad/academics/">http://umaine.edu/studyabroad/academics/</a></p> <p>Course Numbers:<br/>100-199 are first year level<br/>200-299 are sophomore level<br/>300-399 are junior level 400-499 are senior level<br/>500-699 are graduate (master's and doctoral level)</p> <p>Grading Scale: A (4.0), A- (3.67), B+ (3.33), B (3.0), B- (2.67), C+</p>  |

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|                            | (2.33), C (2.0), C- (1.67), D+ (1.33), D (1.0), F (0.00). UMaine requires an average grade of C (2.0) as a passing grade and for graduation.  |
| Course Registration        | Undergraduate Level: Students must be enrolled full-time in <i>at least</i> 12 credit hours and a maximum of 15 credits which is 4-5 courses.<br><br>Graduate Level: Students must be enrolled in <i>at least</i> 6 credit hours and a maximum of 9 credits which is 2-3 courses.   |
| Academic advisor           | The Education Abroad Advisor liaises with academic departments.   |
| Proof of Financial ability | One semester: \$9,078; Academic year: \$18,667<br><br>*American University of Bulgaria and George Mitchell Peace Scholar exchange students: One semester: \$2,320; Academic year: \$5,157   |
| Housing                    | Campus housing fills quickly. Exchange students are strongly encouraged to apply for housing by May 1 for the fall semester and by January 1 <sup>st</sup> for the spring or as soon as they are able.<br><br>Available housing: standard double room with shared bathroom facilities or self-catered housing in campus apartments is available.<br><a href="http://www.umaine.edu/housing/">http://www.umaine.edu/housing/</a> |
| Accommodation cost         | \$3,385/semester for a standard double room. For a single room, students pay an extra fee of \$1000 per semester. Housing costs vary by type.<br><br>Meal plan: \$3,370/semester. Meal plan is not required in self- catered apartments. Options to purchase meal blocks available.<br><br><a href="https://umaine.edu/housing/housing-policies/">https://umaine.edu/housing/housing-policies/</a>                              |
| Additional Costs           | Books, Supplies, and Personal: \$1000/semester<br>Health Insurance: \$3,157 (year), \$1,323 (semester), home country insurance may be accepted.   |
| Full Budget                | <a href="http://umaine.edu/international/incoming-exchange/budget/">http://umaine.edu/international/incoming-exchange/budget/</a>   |
| Airport pick-up            | Pick up from bus station, airport or hotel only in Bangor, Maine on official arrival day (day before orientation starts) each semester. Taxis available if arriving on a different day.   |
| Orientation                | Mandatory for incoming exchange students  |