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Mainframe

Its days are numbered.

Everyone who is or has been a mainframe* user should know that mainframe services are coming to an end.

All users should be off the mainframe by November 1 (except Financial Aid offices, which have additional time).

On October 19, messages about the impending end of mainframe services appeared at logon to CMS, CICS, and WebDSIS, so any users of those programs should now be informed. Tasks which formerly used these mainframe programs are now accomplished in MaineStreet (<https://mainstreet.maine.edu>).

If you or colleagues have used the mainframe to maintain data sets or statistical programs for research purposes, all data, programs, tapes, or disks should have been removed from the mainframe and converted



into a usable format by November 1 (as encouraged in *the MaineStreet News* in April and July). If you have questions, please send email to support@maine.edu.

On December 31, 2009 the mainframe will be turned off and all mainframe services will cease.

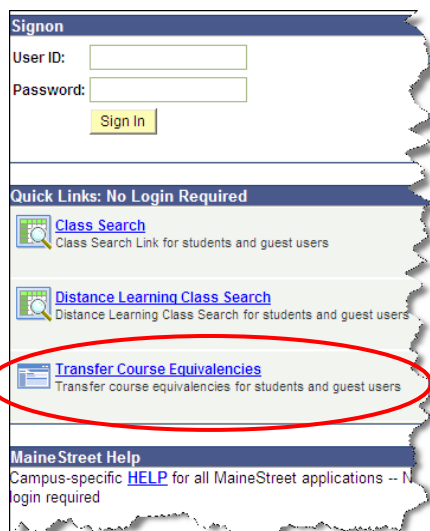
* You are or have been a mainframe user if you've ever used ISIS, CICS, HRIS, Financier, or Natural, or if you have connected to the mainframe using Hummingbird software or tn3270.

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Now on MaineStreet:



Transfer Equivalency Option

As we continue to move on down MaineStreet, new features and options will pop up from time to time.

One often-requested addition to the signon page was easy access to transfer information. That link, shown at left, is now available. No login is required to get to the Quick Links, which also include the Class Search and the Distance Learning Class Search features.

Electronic Transcript Requests

Also new on MaineStreet: as of mid-October students at all UMS universities can request copies of their transcripts online by using Student Self-Service. The official transcript is then printed by the Registrar/Student Records office and sent either to the student, or to whatever other address the student has requested. There is no charge for this service.

Top 13 Priorities

At the conclusion of the spring 2009 semester, faculty, advising staff, and students identified 13 top priority issues for improvement in the Student and Faculty Centers in MaineStreet's Campus Solutions (*the MaineStreet News, July 2009*). During the summer, all 13 of those issues were addressed and improvements to MaineStreet were in place at the beginning of the fall 2009 semester.

Among the improvements implemented are: displaying the Student ID prominently in the Student Center; adding a link to Quick Enroll from the Faculty Center and from the Advisement screen; allowing the Wish List to display all courses by default; and adding the Enrollment PIN to the Academic Information drop-down menu.

For complete descriptions of all 13 priorities and where to find them in MaineStreet, visit <http://www.maine.edu/pdf/13Priorities.pdf>.

Beyond the 13 Priorities

More improvements to the Student and Faculty Centers are now in the works, including elimination of unnecessary mouse clicks on some screens, adding print functionality to some screens, and creating reports to display classes and calculate GPA by subject matter.



The Biggest Load Ever

The beginning of a semester is always the busiest time of the year in MaineStreet, as it was in ISIS/WebDSIS (grading periods are nearly as busy). Students, faculty, and staff are all accessing the student information system for all kinds of semester start items, and use on those few days is generally two to three times heavier than at any other time of the academic year.

This year's semester start-up was especially heavy for several reasons.

- Classes began at all seven institutions over a span of only two days, so the Add-Drop period was pretty much the same System-wide.
- More student and faculty self-service options were available in MaineStreet than ever before.
- Financial Aid was live on MaineStreet for the first time.

Despite the increased demand on the system, MaineStreet experienced no load-related problems. A great deal of load-balancing work has been done in the past (*News from MaineStreet, Mid-March 2008; News from MaineStreet, November 2008*) and load is constantly monitored to ensure optimal performance of MaineStreet as we move forward.

HR benefits open enrollment begins

November is annual benefits open enrollment month using Employee Self-Service in MaineStreet. Open enrollment runs from November 2, 2009 to November 30, 2009.

If you cannot use the MaineStreet Self-Service feature, please contact the Human Resources/ Benefits Office at your

university to obtain a Personal Enrollment Form to complete.

If you have any questions about the open enrollment process, please contact the Human Resources/Benefits Office at your campus or visit

www.maine.edu/system/hr/bene.php for more information.



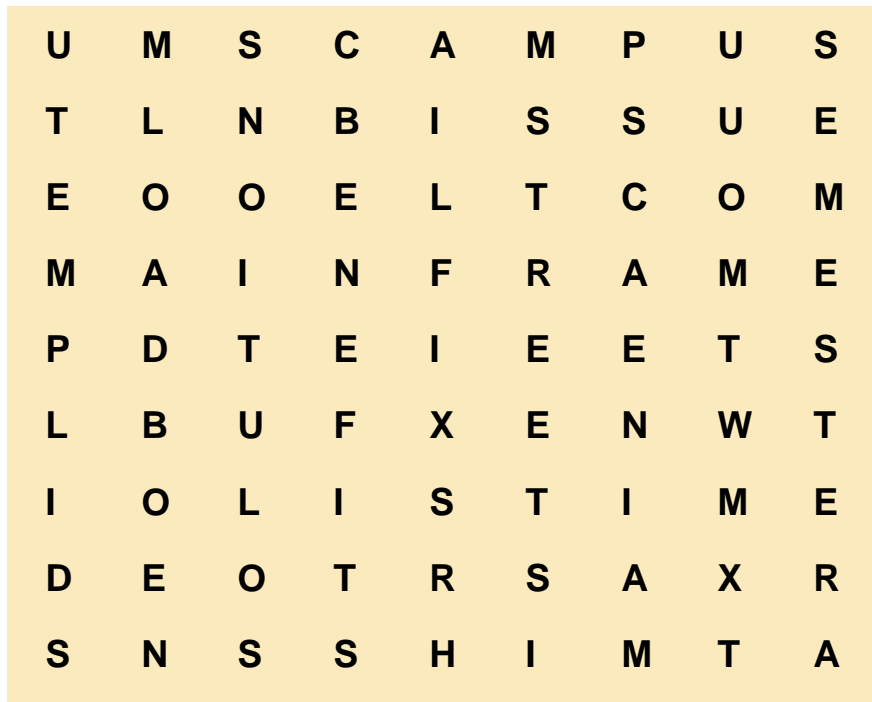
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**Reminder: Maintenance schedule in
 MaineStreet Campus Solutions**

Campus Solutions will be down for patch and fix maintenance from **6:00 p.m. Friday, December 4 through Saturday, December 5.**

For more information about maintenance in MaineStreet, visit <http://www.maine.edu/system/mainstreet/CSmaintenanceFAQ.php>



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