



Funding Your Education

Approximately 76% of Maine students receive some form of financial assistance. UMS Financial Aid offices administer federal, state and institution aid programs.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step in receiving federal aid, including Pell Grant, Perkins Loan, Stafford Loan and work study. To complete the FAFSA, visit www.fafsa.gov.

To learn more about applying to a UMS campus, transferring college credits and funding your education, find a concierge near you:

maine.edu/future-students/adult-students/concierge.

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receive need-based
financial aid**



Adult Degree Completion



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The Chancellor's Office/Systemwide Services of the University of Maine System is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

Adult Baccalaureate Completion/Distance Education (ABCDE) Initiative

The University of Maine System (UMS), in partnership with numerous Maine organizations, has created a plan to enhance baccalaureate degree attainment and completion by Maine's adult citizens.

60% of all jobs in Maine will require a bachelor's degree by 2018.

As part of this initiative, the ABCDE Steering Committee was charged with developing strategies for innovative programming, strengthening access, removing barriers to success, and identifying academic and support services.

An estimated 230,000 adults in Maine have some college education, but no degree.

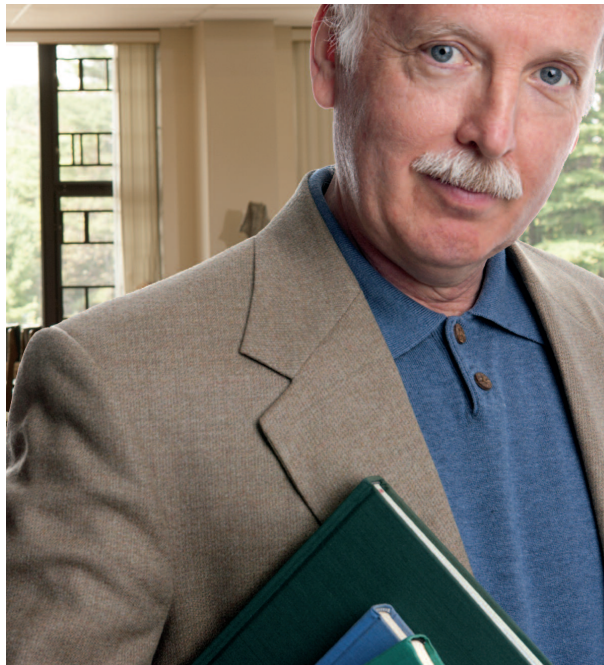


Help Is Available

UMS adopted a concierge model of service in 15 communities across Maine. A concierge may be found on each university campus and at University College centers. UMS concierges help guide adult students through various activities, such as applying to the institution, choosing a major, finding financial assistance, explaining options for prior learning credit and registering for courses. The concierge serves as the single point of contact to support adult students achieving their educational goals.

For more information and to contact a concierge near you, visit:
maine.edu/future-students/adult-students/concierge.

Nearly 40% of the UMS student population is over the age of 24.



Adult Degree Completion Scholarship

The purpose of the Adult Degree Completion Scholarship is to help Maine people complete their academic studies. Many adults started their education years ago, but did not complete a degree program, often due to family or work obligations. Maine adults who want to return to college may qualify for as much as \$4,000 per year for up to eight consecutive semesters.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a Maine resident.
- Must be a matriculated student at a UMS institution seeking a first baccalaureate degree.
- Must be a returning undergraduate student who has experienced an education gap of at least three years and is enrolling at a UMS institution no more than one semester prior to applying for this scholarship.
- Must have a minimum of 30 credits earned from any institution toward a degree.
- Must demonstrate financial need as determined by a completed FAFSA.
- Must be registered at least part time: 6–8 credits per semester.

Find more information online:
maine.edu/future-students/adult-students/scholarships.