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Transcript

00:01

I think I originally chose the

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University of Maine for the same reason

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a lot of people do it was close to home

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but not too close and it fit within my

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budget but the reason that I stayed at

00:24

you mean is because I really feel like

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it fit for me the school is not too big

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but it's big enough that I can get

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different perspectives which is really

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important to me and I've always just

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felt safe and comfortable and welcome

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here I was undecided when I came here

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originally the amount of opportunity

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that's here was was huge I didn't have

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much of a plan before I came to the

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University once I came to the University

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I discovered all the tools that are

00:53

available to me to sort of help me

00:55

develop a plan for moving forward along

00:58

my future I've always been interested in

01:00

space and aerospace I took a tour here
01:03
at the composite Center and I sort of
01:06
got to see all the projects and I
01:07
realized that there was a NASA project
01:09
right here in the composite center and I
01:11
was like wow I really want to get
01:13
involved with this I would say that you
01:15
definitely don't have to have your plan
01:16
set in stone but you just kind of have
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to keep your mind open and be aware of
01:20
the resources around you I think you
01:22
made has given me a lot more than I
01:24
actually hoped for I came in kind of not
01:26
knowing a whole lot and I got great
01:28
experiences and great people that I
01:30
won't kind of have for the rest of my
01:32
life
01:32
and it has definitely helped me get
01:34
where I want to go which is a ph.d
01:36
program
01:40
think 30 is the idea that you can take
01:42
30 credits over the whole school year
01:45

and because the minimum number of
01:46
credits to graduate is 120 credits if
01:49
you take 30 credits every year then you
01:51
graduate in four years I've taken a few
01:53
summer classes so far this summer of
01:55
taking 8 credits in total it's been
01:57
helping me with the fall and spring
01:59
semester so that I don't need to load
02:00
myself up with so many credits I can
02:02
kind of ease up on the amount of credits
02:04
I take during the fall and spring that
02:06
way I can really like enjoy my college
02:07
experience and get involved with a whole
02:09
bunch of different organizations on
02:11
campus is if you graduate in four years
02:13
then you'll have less debt just pretty
02:15
much the biggest thing an extra year or
02:18
two is an extra year or two of student
02:19
loans which no one really wants to pay
02:21
off learning leadership skills in any
02:24
major there are always classes that are
02:26
geared towards leadership and teamwork
02:29

so not only just classes that have to do
02:32
with your major but classes that have to
02:35
do with being a better person and
02:37
working conducive ly with other people
02:43
people think that at large universities
02:45
that nobody knows your name and that
02:47
it's going to be hard to really stand
02:49
out and get the attention that you need
02:51
but here is completely different we have
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the large-scale University with the
02:55
small scale feel we have a Writing
02:56
Center the math tends econ labs
02:59
accounting labs we have Counseling
03:02
Center so I mean just with that alone
03:04
there are a lot of different resources a
03:07
lot of the advisors and professors are
03:09
really great too
03:14
I would say the opportunity to get
03:15
involved is one of the most important
03:17
things about the University of Maine you
03:19
can expand your horizons in ways way
03:21
beyond your area of study that you
03:22

wouldn't think that you'd be interested
03:24
in outside of academics we have all
03:26
kinds of musical ensembles sports groups
03:28
clubs sports teams getting involved into
03:30
student organizations and making friends
03:31
and sort of expanding my social circle
03:33
maybe more comfortable here and actually
03:34
really made me fall in love with the
03:36
University what I didn't realize is that
03:41
you made what affected me so greatly and
03:43
that I would have so many opportunities
03:45
here you know just to expand and do
03:48
research and learn from great professors
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I feel like I've been so prepared to not
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give up like it's midnight I have an
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assignment - I have to wake up early for
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practice I still have to finish the
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assignment like it doesn't it doesn't
03:59
matter so I feel like in that sense I've
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also been really prepared and I think
04:03
medical school will be a good test for
04:05
what I've learned so far in the past
04:07

four years the great place to be with
04:09
great people that really care about you