



Return to Campus

Student-related topics

- UMaine and UMM community public health alert system
- Accessibility accommodations and Student Accessibility Services
- Student veterans
- CARES Act required postings

UMS community guidance

- Guidance for students
- Guidance for travelers

Plans and resources

- UMS Return to Campus Guide for Faculty, Staff, and Student Employees (PDF)
- Black Bears Care Plan (PDF)
- The Framework for Reopening Maine's Colleges and Universities in Fall 2020 (PDF)

Friday Futurecasts and Provost Messages

Friday Futurecast – July 17

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Friday Futurecast – July 10

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Message for our UMaine community and international colleagues – July 10

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Provost Message – July 8

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Friday Futurecast – June 26

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Guidance for students

When will we know residence hall room assignments? NEW

Room assignments are expected to be posted in mid-July.

I missed the virtual town hall for incoming students and their parents on July 1. Is a recording available?

A recording of the virtual town hall is online, as are answers to some of the most-asked questions.

When do classes start this fall on campus?

UMaine classes start Aug. 31. A University of Maine System news release announcing the return to campus is [online](#).

What will the 2020–21 academic calendar look like?

The updated 2020–21 academic calendar is online.

What are the current plans for course delivery in the fall semester? Will we have in-person classes? What is your advice to faculty planning classes and students who are wondering if they should sign off-campus housing leases now to get lower rates?

The University of Maine System has formed a [Fall 2020 Safe Return Planning Committee](#) to develop operational plans and protocols to safely welcome students, employees, and the public back to campus. Continuing to comply with state health guidance, Maine's public universities will be ready to return to face-to-face instruction if group gatherings and interaction are permissible and advisable by the end of August.

Will out-of-state residential students have to quarantine when they return to campus?

Currently, the state requires anyone traveling to Maine to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival or to obtain through a health care provider a PCR Test for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to arrival. If the test is negative, travelers to the state can complete the [Maine certificate of compliance](#) to waive the 14-day quarantine period. Members of the UMaine and UMM communities should arrive on campus within 72 hours of the test date with a state of Maine certificate of compliance to present to the designated university official. (States exempt from this civil guidance are New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.)

What's available on the Navigate app?

On the Navigate app, you can receive updates on courses, schedules and announcements from colleges. Some colleges, with permission, also are texting students with helpful reminders and links.

In addition to Summer University courses, are there any offered specifically for incoming students?

The new [Summer Start](#) classes provide 16 options to make progress on Gen Ed requirements and offer six one semester-hour courses for college success, innovation engineering, biology, chemistry, mathematics and physics to hone skills.

Has Athletics brought student-athletes back?

Following health and safety guidelines, and the NCAA's authorized two-week Resocialization Phase, Athletics started a voluntary workout program June 18. It is only available to student-athletes who have been residing in 30 miles of Orono for the past 14 days. The workouts led by essential staff are by appointment only and held outdoors. All Athletics facilities remain closed at this time. Plans for any restart of intercollegiate athletics competition at UMaine will be announced as soon as possible.

Have the Division of Student Life offices made any changes in response to the pandemic?

Student Life offices are among those on campus that have begun to restructure work spaces, including PPE placement, to meet health and safety protocols.

Will fraternities and sororities be able to recruit members this fall?

Fraternity and Sorority Life is working with the National Panhellenic Council for safe membership recruitment plan for fall.

Where do we find UMaine diversity and inclusion resources?

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion has [launched a new website](#), bringing all three centers — Rainbow Resource Center, Multicultural Student Center and Intersectional Feminist Resource Center — under one virtual umbrella.

