



Welcome to the First Year Residential Experience

The University of Maine fully recognizes the challenges facing first-year students transitioning from high school to college and will support students in dealing with these challenges by placing them together in a supportive, enriched, and vibrant community. By doing so, students will be better equipped and prepared to deal with the academic rigors, social pressures, and new opportunities available at the flagship institution in the University of Maine System. FYRE will proactively and intentionally provide first-year students with programs, resources, and services so they may be academically successful, experience personal and social growth, be equipped to become responsible global citizens, and be well prepared for their future here at UM and beyond. Visit our website at: <http://www.umaine.edu/studentaffairs/fyre>



Through the Department of Residence Life, we also offer a variety of living learning opportunities within our FYRE residence halls. These include:

Community Engagement Hall

University of Maine's Residence Life Office is proud to support the birth of a new residential program for Community Engagement. Residence Life will partner with Community Service and Leadership Development staff to: help students develop leadership skills through active involvement in student organizations across campus; foster leadership, personal development, service learning and community service within the residential community; help students explore their potential and role as leaders on campus and in the community for the global environment; develop socially conscious students who can lead effective service programs and inspire their peers to participate in engaged scholarship; provide opportunities which will expand current leadership and service skills; foster a relationship between the residence halls, the university community as well as the local towns; and enhance the quality of residence hall service programs with an emphasis on social justice.

Quieter Living Experience

Some students are looking for a residence hall area where there are extensive quiet hours. Students find that this is the best environment for them to study, relax, and excel academically. Quiet Living is just that type of environment. Students have quiet hours beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday nights and ending at 7:00 a.m. the following morning. Weekend Quiet Hours are from 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights ending at 7:00 a.m. the following morning.

Honors

The Honors College at the University of Maine provides a unique opportunity for a community of over 700 motivated students to investigate diverse academic areas of the University, to be challenged in a supportive intellectual environment, and to critically engage fellow students as well as enthusiastic, distinguished faculty in thoughtful, provocative discussion. The residential component of the Honors College is composed of Balentine, Colvin and Penobscot Halls; Colvin and Balentine are dedicated Honors housing and Penobscot is predominantly Honors. While not all Honors students reside in Honors housing, many students do find the community atmosphere conducive to their academic pursuits. Space is limited, but the Honors College works with the Housing Office to accommodate as many students as possible.

Innovations Living Learning Community (LLC)

Want to blaze new trails, start a business or community service someday, or create and innovate? As a member of the Innovation LLC, you'll live with other students who share your passion for making things happen, and meet people who can help you be a successful student and innovator! The kinds of activities available for Innovation LLC students include networking with faculty, staff and alumni innovators and entrepreneurs; field trips; and fun events for socializing. Students in this LLC are also required to participate in our exclusive Innovation Boot Camp class, (INV 101), on the coast of Maine the week before school starts, where you'll get to bond with your classmates and jump start your life as an innovator. The Boot Camp class wraps up with six weekly meetings at the beginning of the fall semester. In Innovation LLC, you'll learn how to take your great ideas for new inventions, services or creative projects and turn them into real life opportunities!

The Well (Wellness and Substance Free). The Well has been designed with students looking for an environment which supports six areas of personal wellness we call the SPICES: Socially active, Physical dimension, Intellectual curiosity, Career development, Emotional well-being, and Spiritual purpose & philosophy. In the Well a group of students, staff and faculty meet monthly to work on programs and activities for the community. The group outreaches to the community to assist in the planning of these events. You will find a student run yoga class, collaborative programs with student organizations like the Nutrition Club, and a wide variety of other programs to support student development. The substance free living component makes this a truly healthy living environment.

Support for Science Students (S³) Living Learning Community

The Support for Science Students (S³) Living Learning Community is a program designed to promote a sense of community and cooperation amongst first-year students majoring in the sciences. Students from a wide variety of science majors live together and are provided the opportunity to interact with one another both inside and outside of the classroom. The S³ LLC offers a variety of social and academic activities including movie nights, faculty lectures and volunteer opportunities. Students involved with S³ have access to tutors in a variety of subject areas, and also have the opportunity to participate in a research experience with faculty members in their field for credit. The ultimate goal of S³ is to help science students to form support systems that will last throughout their careers here at UMaine. For more information, check out the S³ website at: www.nsfa.umaine.edu/scubed/index.php

Outdoor Adventure Communities

The Outdoor Adventure theme housing is designed for students who enjoy participating in a wide range of outdoor activities. The Residence Life staff promotes outdoor activities on campus and throughout the State of Maine by working closely with Maine Bound. Students can participate in hiking trips to Acadia or other regional state parks, go cross country skiing, white water rafting or many other fun trips. The best part is all of your neighbors are interested in the same outdoor activities that you are so you can plan your own adventures!