

# The University

The University of Southern Maine, the most cosmopolitan of Maine's institutions of higher education, is rich in possibilities. It is a major educational force in the overall growth and improvement of the economic, civic, social, and cultural fabric of southern Maine and, as a result, provides students with rich formal and informal learning opportunities inside and outside the classroom.

USM comprises eight academic units: College of Arts and Sciences; School of Applied Science, Engineering, and Technology; School of Business; College of Education and Human Development; College of Nursing and Health Professions; Lewiston-Auburn College; the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service; and the University of Maine School of Law. The women and men of the USM faculty have a passion for communicating the excitement of learning and the joy of discovery. USM's faculty members represent a wide range of knowledge and expertise; among them are Fulbright and Guggenheim Fellows and authors of national note in a range of academic disciplines.

USM's location in southern Maine, a region cited as one of the most livable in the country, offers a range of educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities. The student body is the most diverse in Maine—approximately half are full-time students, 59 percent are women, and the average age of an undergraduate is 28 years. This diversity of age, background, and purpose provides a lively, challenging environment for learning—a context in which scholarship and experience gained from living complement one another.

As a member of the University of Maine System, USM offers its 10,000 plus students a host of undergraduate and graduate study options. USM offers over 50 baccalaureate degree programs as well as numerous minors and concentrations that allow students valuable opportunities to shape their undergraduate careers in ways most meaningful to them. In addition, USM offers 27 graduate programs, in which students work side by side with distinguished scholars and researchers who are pushing the boundaries of new knowledge and contributing to the growth and vibrancy of the region, the state, and the nation. USM offers courses at the University Colleges in Saco and Bath, as well as on the Web, over instructional television, and at work sites. The Center for Continuing Education and some of the USM schools and colleges offer a variety of noncredit programs. USM's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute provides intellectually stimulating opportunities and special activities for students 55 years of age or older. USM further addresses the broad range of student interests with its Weekend College, Winter Session, Summer Session, National Student Exchange Program, and Early Studies program for high school juniors and seniors.

The University of Southern Maine is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The nursing programs of the College of Nursing and Health Professions are accredited by the National League for Nursing, and the athletic training program within the College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The College of Education and Human Development is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The School of Business is accredited by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Several departments within the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and Human Development, the School of Applied Science, Engineering, and Technology, and the Muskie School of Public Service are accredited through specialized agencies. The University of Maine School of Law is approved by the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools.

USM is a growing, rigorous, and responsive university that reflects the needs and hopes of the southern Maine community. With its proud tradition of working collaboratively with the citizens it serves, the University of Southern Maine will continue to develop as a valued learning-centered academic community.

This University also offers the first year of the four-year program common to other engineering majors and the first and second years in civil engineering and mechanical engineering. These offerings meet the general requirements of the corresponding programs at the University of Maine in Orono. The University of Maine extends preferred transfer consideration to Maine residents.

#### *College of Nursing and Health Professions*

Nursing (B.S.)  
Recreation and Leisure Studies (B.S.)  
Health Sciences (B.S.)  
Radiation Therapy (B.S.)  
Athletic Training (B.S.)  
Exercise Science (B.S.)

#### *School of Business*

Accounting (B.S.)  
Business Administration (B.S.)  
Finance (B.S.)  
General Management (B.S.)  
Marketing (B.S.)  
Sport Management (B.S.)

For further information regarding these programs, please refer to the appropriate school or college section of this catalog.

### ***Minors***

Several colleges and schools offer minors. Many of these minors can be taken by students outside the college or school in which their major is declared. Students should consult with their advisors before electing a minor program. In some cases, students need specific permission of both the college or school in which they are majoring and the department through which the minor is offered. Consult the department sections in this catalog for information.

#### *College of Arts and Sciences*

Anthropology  
Archaeology  
Art History  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Classical Languages  
Communication  
Criminology  
Deaf Studies  
Economics  
English  
French  
Geography  
Geography (Planning)  
Geosciences  
German  
The Greek World  
History  
Labor Studies  
Latin  
Linguistics  
Mathematics  
Music  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Political Science  
Religious Studies  
The Roman World  
Russian  
Sociology