

The College Search Process: Visiting Colleges

Visiting colleges to check if a college “feels right” and for a chance to ask questions is an important part of the college search process. In the spring, many colleges host Open House Events designed for juniors and their families to explore colleges. Underclassmen students are often welcome, as well. However, if a student is unable to attend the scheduled Open House, it is possible to visit a college at another time. On a college’s website, usually on the “Admissions” page, colleges explain their visit policies. Please note: Some of these institutions offer on-campus housing for students and some do not. Programs and majors offered at each institution will vary. Check it out!

Spring 2018 – Public Colleges and Universities in Maine visit information

These are colleges at which Maine residents receive an In-State Tuition rate (the tuition Maine residents pay is lower than the tuition out-of-state students pay to attend the same institution).

University of Southern Maine – Junior Preview Days (but all guests are welcome to register): April: 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th* at 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Beginning at the Abromson Center on the Portland Campus, and continuing with a tour of the Gorham campus. *April 20th event begins on the Gorham Campus. FMI and to register: <https://usm.maine.edu/office-of-admissions/tours>

University of Maine (Orono) – Open House: Monday, April 16, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 1:15 PM. FMI and to register: <https://go.umaine.edu/visit/openhouse/>

University of Maine at Farmington – Junior Open House: April 13th and 20th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. FMI and to register: <https://www.umf.maine.edu/admission/events/junior-open-house/>

Summer Open House BBQ: Monday, July 23, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. FMI and to register: <https://www.umf.maine.edu/admission/events/summer-open-house-bbq/>

University of Maine at Machias – Open House: April 20th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. FMI and to register: <https://machias.edu/admissions/visit-us/>

Maine Maritime Academy (Castine) – Open House: Saturday, April 7th from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. FMI about this opportunity and others: <https://mainemaritime.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/visit-mma/>

University of Maine at Fort Kent, University of Maine at Presque Isle, University of Maine at Augusta (Augusta/Bangor) invite you to schedule individual visit dates from their admission websites.

Southern Maine Community College, South Portland Campus Open House: Saturday, April 7th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, and **Brunswick Campus Open House:** Thursday, May 3rd from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. FMI and to register for the Open House of your choice: <https://www.smccme.edu/admissions-aid/open-house/>

York County Community College (Wells) – Open House: Wednesday, April 4th from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. FMI: <http://www.yccc.edu/support-services/public/open-house/>

Eastern Maine Community College (Bangor), **Central Maine Community College** (Auburn), **Kennebec Valley Community College** (Fairfield), **Northern Maine Community College** (Presque Isle), **Washington County Community College** (Calais) invite you to visit their websites for visit information.

Spring 2018 – Private Colleges and Universities in Maine visit information

(At these institutions, all students, regardless of residency, pay the same tuition rate.)

St. Joseph's College of Maine (Standish) – **Junior Information Day**: April 20th and
Summer Visit Day: August 3rd. FMI: <https://www.sjcme.edu/admissions/visit/oncampus/>

University of New England (Biddeford/Portland) – **Junior Preview Event**: May 4th, May 25th.
Program Specific Events, Walking Tours, and Personalized Visits are offered on other dates.
FMI and to register: <http://www.une.edu/admissions/undergrad/visit>

Unity College (Unity) – **Spring Open House**: Saturday, April 7th. Other visit options are also available.
FMI <https://www.unity.edu/admissions/visit-unity/>

Husson University (Bangor) – **Open House**: Saturday, April 7th. FMI and to register for the Bangor Campus
Open House (Husson University's main campus): <http://www.husson.edu/about/visit-husson/open-house/>.
FMI on the **Westbrook Campus** location: <http://www.husson.edu/southern-maine/> and on the **Presque
Isle Campus** location: <http://www.husson.edu/admissions/campus-locations/presque-isle/>

Thomas College (Waterville), **Bates College** (Lewiston), **Bowdoin College** (Brunswick), **Maine College of
Art** (Portland), **Colby College** (Waterville), **College of the Atlantic** (Bar Harbor), **Beal College** (Bangor),
Maine College of Health Professions (Lewiston) invite you to their websites for visit information.

On-line Resources on How to Make the Most of Your College Visit:

6 Steps to Get the Most Out of a Campus Visit -- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/know-yourself/6-steps-to-get-the-most-out-of-a-campus-visit>

Find Colleges – When to Plan a Campus Visit -- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide/when-to-visit>

Campus Visits: Before You Go -- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide/campus-visits-before-you-go-college-visit>

Campus Visit Checklist -- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide/campus-visit-checklist>

Campus Visit Score Card -- <https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/CollegePlanning/media/pdf/BF-campus-visit-score-card.pdf>

Why Visit College -- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide/why-visit-colleges>

Get the Most Out of Your College Visits -- <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/college-visits>

How to Make the Most of a College Visit -- <https://thechoice.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/06/11/college-visit/>