



Your Maine Destination for Event Excellence

Full-service planning and hospitality for
meetings and events of all types.

Unparalleled Support

The Events and Hospitality team at the University of Maine knows a thing or two about event planning. Our staff work with meeting planners every day to plan meetings on campus, across Maine, or around the United States. We have executed events for groups as small as 10 people and as large as 4,000, in single-day, multi-day, and recurring formats. We are dedicated to providing each attendee with a memorable experience, and each planner with full-service support that starts with the initial proposal and ends with the final evaluation.

With years of extensive planning experience, each member of the team is your event consultant, leveraging knowledge of the campus, the local community, and unique Maine attractions to help craft the perfect event. Our venues offer a variety of flexible options, state-of-the-art technology, built-in recreational components, outstanding food service, and clean accommodations, all surrounded by the natural beauty of central Maine. We take care of all the small details, leaving you to focus on showcasing your event with as little stress as possible.

Let our team of experts assist you with your next meeting or event with our full-service planning support.

Full-service Planning support



On-site Accommodations & Dining

For groups requiring overnight accommodations, the University of Maine offers many options for groups from traditional residence halls to suite-style apartments with full kitchens. All on-campus accommodations are available from late May to early August and include free guest Wi-Fi access, in-building lounges, meeting and networking spaces, free on-site parking, and optional linen for attendees.

In Spring, 2024, the university welcomes Hotel Ursa, a new, year-round, boutique hotel experience for guests to campus. Using three architectural landmark buildings, it offers a combination of unique sleeping rooms and food & beverage in proximity to everything campus has to offer.

[Hotel Ursa](#)

[About the Hotel](#)

When it comes to food for your event, everything you need is right on-site. The food service team on campus includes dedicated chefs, nutritionists, culinary artists, and professional waitstaff aligned to support all your food and beverage needs, from traditional dining options to full-service catering across the entire campus.

Whether you're looking for a local menu or a global cuisine, you can count on us to use the freshest ingredients, including locally sourced produce, proteins and beverages whenever possible. We even have our own food truck, and multiple retail dining locations. If you can imagine it, our experienced team can execute it!

[Food and Beverage](#)

[Full-service Catering](#)

[Locally Sourced](#)



Traditional Meeting Spaces

The University of Maine campus has a wide variety of attractive multi-purpose spaces, as well as classrooms, auditoriums, and conference rooms, that are ideal for professional conferences, educational trainings, symposiums, workshops, and informational gatherings. All our traditional meeting spaces include standard, built-in technology for video projection and sound, computer access, laptop connections, a central control station, and on-site technological support. The university has a dedicated, free guest Wi-Fi network with easy authentication for all visitors and guests. There is ample free parking available near many of the traditional meeting spaces, with the added ability to reserve specific parking for your group for a small cost.

Our two primary conference facilities include:

Wells Conference Center

For a full-service conference experience under one roof, Wells Conference Center is the ideal location. With more than 10,000 square feet of dedicated, intentional space, the Wells Conference Center provides a one-stop-shop venue for groups of up to 425 theater-style and 350 banquet-style. Wells also features a welcoming space for checking in people as well as a bright, modern atrium perfect for cocktail hours.

Wells Conference Center

Buchanan Alumni House

If your event requires a unique, high-end experience, the Buchanan Alumni House offers Georgian-style architecture and a historical perspective on the University of Maine. Its four well-appointed spaces are perfect for conferences, meetings, receptions, special events, and more.

Buchanan Alumni House



Flexible Meeting Options

We also offer several specialty venues and outdoor fields designed to meet the unique needs of a concert, performance, large keynote address or panel discussion, sports competition, youth camp, trade show, expo, or special event:

Collins Center for the Arts

With accommodations for up to 1,435 attendees in Hutchins Concert Hall, your event has a backdrop built for the best in the performing arts. Our outstanding and experienced in-house technology team supports your event with on-site audio-visual management. Free parking is included.

Wells Conference Center

The Innovative Media Research and Commercialization Center

The Innovative Media Research and Commercialization (IMRC) Center is a 15,000 sq. ft. interdisciplinary research and experiential learning facility that provides multifunction rooms, performance spaces, classrooms, research and prototyping laboratories, and maker spaces, each designed and staffed to welcome, support, and engage all learners.

Innovative Media Research and Commercialization Center

Alfond Arena

This 5,000 seat arena is home to UMaine's Division I sports programs and can be configured for use with a variety of sports programs, as well as large banquets or special events, large-scale presentations and gatherings, or even a flexible exhibit space.

Alfond Arena



A Scenic Wonderland

Located along the Stillwater and Penobscot Rivers, the University's hometown of Orono is named in honor of Chief Joseph Orono of the indigenous Penobscot tribe. Orono is 9 miles from the city of Bangor, the core business and commercial hub of central and northern Maine.

A short drive to the east, guests can travel to the town of Bar Harbor and spend a day in Acadia National Park. Head north to the terminus of the Appalachian Trail at Mt. Katahdin, Maine's highest mountain. To the south is the vibrant city of Portland, the largest city in the state and home to a bustling Old Port neighborhood great for exploring unique shops and restaurants. Finally, to the west is Quebec, the Francophile province of Canada.

Groups have plenty of options to experience the best that Maine has to offer on-campus, locally, or regionally:

Things To Do

On Campus

- [Lyle Littlefield Ornamental Gardens](#)
- [Hudson Museum](#)
- [Versant Power Astronomy Center](#)
- [New Balance Student Recreation Center](#)

Local

- [Orono Bog Boardwalk](#)
- [Paul Bunyan Statue, Bangor](#)
- [Zillman Art Museum University of Maine](#)
- [Stephen King Tour](#)

Regional

- [Acadia National Park](#)
- [Bar Harbor](#)
- [Moosehead Lake](#)



Worth the Trip

One of the reasons planners choose the University of Maine above other destinations is for its unique geography and the ability to get away from the high-paced, urban environment. Tranquility and connection to nature is as important an offering to our guests as are our world-class facilities and outstanding services. Come visit us – you'll agree, it is worth the trip! There are several ways to access the campus, including:

By Car

The Town of Orono is easily accessed via I-95 through central Maine. Take exit 193 to Stillwater and head east. Continue on Stillwater for 0.8 miles until you reach the fourth traffic light, then turn right onto College Avenue. After 1 mile, turn left on to Long Road. Parking is on your left. Parking at the University requires a parking pass. You will be provided with information on parking at the time your event is arranged. Details on where parking is available is found by clicking below. There are dedicated e-chargers on campus for visitors with electric vehicles.

[Parking Details](#)

Typical driving times regionally include:

Portland, Maine – 2 hours
Boston, Massachusetts – 3.5 hours
Manchester, New Hampshire – 3.5 hours
Providence, Rhode Island – 4.5 hours
Montreal, Canada – 5.5 hours
Albany, New York – 6 hours

By Air

Bangor International Airport is 20 minutes from the University of Maine and services many major airlines.

Portland International Jetport serviced by all major US airlines. From the airport, it is approximately a 2-hour drive to Orono.

Events and Hospitality can assist with airport transfers for your group.

[Bangor International Airport](#)

[Portland International Jetport](#)



Plan Your Maine Event Today!

Our team of meeting experts is ready to assist you with planning the perfect event.
For availability, pricing, and options:

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