

## MAINE ASPIRATIONS PROGRAM

### Why begin college early?

- Jumpstart the college transition process
- Earn college credits
- Enhance high school learning
- Become familiar with the college learning environment



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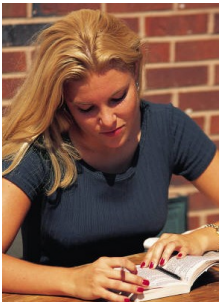
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## What is Aspirations?

Aspirations prepares high school students for college and encourages students to enroll in higher education. The Maine Department of Higher Education and the University of Maine System have created this opportunity for students to take college classes.



With help from their guidance counselor and a university advisor, the student enrolls in a University of Southern Maine or University of Maine at Augusta **course taught in Bath** at University College.

The Maine DOE will pay 50% of the tuition for one three-credit hour course per semester. The university will waive the other 50% of tuition. The student is responsible for course fees and books.

## Who should enroll?

The program is designed for academically qualified high school juniors and seniors. Students are recommended by their guidance counselor and typically have a B average. The Aspirations program enhances high school learning.



Aspirations students usually enroll in liberal arts courses that transfer to most higher education institutions. Preferred courses include introduction to writing, communications, psychology, sociology, anthropology, fine arts, history and philosophy.

To begin the process, students should contact their high school guidance counselor or Lisa Whitney at University College.

## Enrollment for Spring '10

By early November 2009, a list of Spring '10 courses will be available at the center and will be shared with guidance counselors.

The student completes an Aspirations application with a guidance counselor or with University College Student Services Coordinator, **Lisa Whitney** (lwhitney@maine.edu).

The student meets with Lisa Whitney to submit the completed Aspiration application and to complete the registration process.



- **Course registration opens on November 12 for UMA; November 23 for USM**
- **New Student Orientation is January 7 at 4 p.m.**
- **UMA classes begin January 11; USM classes begin January 19**
- **Classes end by May 8**