

## General Information

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### Vision Statement

The University of Maine at Fort Kent will become a model "rural university" in New England, creating pathways to educational opportunity and professional success for rural communities and people.

### Mission Statement

UMFK will nurture and engage a diversity of learners and aspiring professionals in Maine's rural communities and beyond through affordable, technologically-enhanced, and professionally-focused educational programs.

### Purpose

Building upon its historical roots and distinguishing characteristics, the *University of Maine at Fort Kent*:

- **Was founded as the Madawaska Training School in 1878** to prepare bilingual teachers to serve the French-speaking people of Northern Aroostook County
- **Is a small public institution** offering quality baccalaureate and associate degree programs with a legacy of quality teaching
- **Is where education meets the great outdoor environment** - situated in historic Fort Kent and nestled in the Saint John River Valley, at the northern extent of the Appalachian Mountains and forests of New England, providing abundant resources for learning and research opportunities, and the joys of outdoor sports activities
- **Serves the educational needs of the Saint John Valley, Aroostook County, State of Maine** and responds to global trends
- **Prepares well-educated, independent thinkers** to live in a diverse and global society
- **Talented and dedicated faculty and staff** promote discovery and exploration of knowledge, life-long learning, and global citizenship through effective teaching, service, and scholarship
- **Offers a curriculum that emphasizes unique challenges of rural communities in America**
- **Fosters an appreciation and stewardship of Northern Maine's pristine natural environment** through the Environmental Studies, Forestry, and Biology degree programs
- **Preserves, cultivates, and celebrates the Franco-American/Acadian culture** in the St. John Valley and houses one of two Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes in the nation
- **Is the only institution in the United States located at the center of French culture of northern Maine, northern New Brunswick, and Québec**, offering opportunities for students of all ethnic and racial heritages to study and live in a bilingual community
- **Is a strong social, cultural, and economic driving force in the region and promotes rural sustainable development**

### Location

Fort Kent, one of Maine's northernmost towns, is the beginning of two highways: U.S. Route 1 and Route 11. The famous U.S. Route 1, a scenic route, starts in Fort Kent and passes through the easternmost towns of Maine bordering Canada and ends up in Key West, Florida. The town also serves as a gateway to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway. From the Allagash Waterway through a forested wilderness, an adventurous canoe trip will take one down to the St. John River. Excellent alpine and cross-country skiing are additional attractions of the community. Of special note is the five-minute walk from the UMFK campus to the beautiful Fish River which flows into the St. John River that serves as the international boundary between Maine and New Brunswick, Canada.

### About the Campus

The University of Maine at Fort Kent is a fifty-three acre, sixteen building campus located in the heart of Fort Kent. The University is situated on a bend of the Fish River, just before it joins the St. John River. This unique setting provides a friendly, relaxed environment in which each individual is challenged by an exciting and worthwhile educational experience.

Campus buildings include Cyr Hall, which houses administrative and business offices, classrooms, a computer lab and science labs, as well as Fox Auditorium. Three resident halls, Crocker Hall, Powell Hall, and "The Lodge" have the capacity to house 300

students. Blake Library contains the university collection, computing facilities, quiet and group study spaces, and an exhibit area. Dining facilities are located in Nowland Hall. Neighboring the Ray Fournier Biological Park is the University's Sports Center, which is equipped with racquetball courts, a weight room, a cardio room, as well as space for a variety of specialized activities. The Old Model School houses a computing lab and classrooms. Nadeau Hall houses the Nursing program, faculty offices, and a conference center. The Acadian Archives building includes a collection of materials relating to the French-Acadian heritage of the area. The Physical Plant building houses the equipment used to keep the campus attractive and well groomed. The Armory houses the Forestry Program – classrooms and a computer lab as well as the new biomass heating system. The new heating system provides heat and hot water to nine buildings on the main campus.

## Accreditation

The University of Maine at Fort Kent is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., a non-governmental, nationally-recognized organization whose affiliated institutions include elementary school systems through collegiate institutions offering post-graduate instruction.

Accreditation of an institution by the New England Association indicates that it meets or exceeds criteria for the assessment of instructional quality periodically applied through a peer group review process. An accredited school or college is one which has available the necessary resources to achieve its stated purposes through appropriate educational programs, is substantially doing so, and gives reasonable evidence that it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. While institutional accreditation does not guarantee individual competence of students, it does provide reasonable assurance about the quality of opportunity available.

The baccalaureate nursing program is separately accredited by the Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education and also has been approved by the Maine State Board of Nursing. The teacher preparation program has been approved by the Maine Department of Education. The associate program in forestry is accredited by the Society of American Foresters. The Business Management and Rural Public Safety majors are accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education.

Inquiries regarding the status of any of the institution's accreditation should be directed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

## Degree and Certificate Programs

The University of Maine at Fort Kent is chartered by the University of Maine Board of Trustees to offer the following degree programs at the bachelors and associates levels, and the following certificates:

### Bachelor of Arts

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) is a liberal arts program that enables students to choose among several major and minor areas of concentrated study leading to careers in the humanities. The program also is designed to prepare students for advanced studies.

English with concentrations in:

- Literature
- Creative Writing

French

### Bachelor of Science

The Bachelor of Science (BS) provides students with a background in arts and sciences for entry into a variety of professions. The B.S. degree is also recommended for students seeking elementary and secondary school teacher certification.

Behavioral Science

Biology with concentrations in:

- Bio-Medical Science
- Zoology
- Ecology
- Botany

Business Management with concentrations in:

- Accounting
- E-Business
- Entrepreneurship & Marketing
- Finance
  
- Financial Services
- Healthcare Administration
- Human Resources
- Forest Management
- Sports Management & Representation

Computer Applications with concentrations in:

- Information Security
- Web Development
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
  
- Business
- Self-designed

Conservation Law Enforcement

- Conservation Law Enforcement Professional
- Wildlife Conservation Professional

Cybersecurity

Education

- Elementary (K-8)
- Secondary Education – Mathematics

Environmental Studies with concentrations in:

- Field Studies: Ecology of Land and Water
- Game Warden/Park Ranger
- Sustainability
- Wildlife

Nursing with tracks in:

- Traditional BSN
- Accelerated BSN
- RN to BSN

Rural Public Safety Administration with concentrations in:

- Game Warden
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections
  
- Forensics
- Criminal Justice
- Homeland Security/Emergency Management

Social Science with concentrations in:

- Pre-Law
- Community Health Services (MHRT-C)

## **Bachelor of Arts and Sciences**

The Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (BAS) permits students to assume the responsibility for designing individualized programs to meet their particular academic needs as they prepare for future careers.

- Allied Health Concentration

### **Associate of Arts in General Studies**

The Associate of Arts in General Studies (AA) is a two-year program emphasizing the development of general knowledge for students preparing for a variety of careers. The Associate of Arts degree program also provides career-oriented concentrations in:

- Accounting
- Behavioral Science
- Business Management
- Computer Science
  - Academic Advancement Option
  - Career Option
- Conservation Law Enforcement
- Criminal Justice
- Emergency Management / Homeland Security
- Human Services

### **Associate of Science**

The Associate of Science (AS) is a two-year degree providing career options in:

- Allied Health with concentrations in:
  - Healthcare Technician
  - Health Information Technology
- Applied Forest Management with concentrations in:
  - Forest Management
- Information Security

### **Certificate Programs**

- GIS
- Healthcare Management
- Information Security

### **Distance Education DEGREE Options**

Associate of Arts in General Studies

Associate of Arts in Conservation Law Enforcement

Associate of Arts with a Concentration in:

- Accounting
- Conservation Law Enforcement
- Criminal Justice
- Emergency Management/Homeland Security

Associate of Science in Information Security

Associate of Science in Allied Health with concentrations in:

- Healthcare Technician
- Health Information Technology (HIT)

Bachelor of Science in Business Management with concentrations in:

- Accounting
- Healthcare Administration

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)

Bachelor of Science in Rural Public Safety Administration

Bachelor of Arts and Sciences

- Allied Health Concentration

### **Distance Education CERTIFICATE Options**

- GIS
- Healthcare Management
- Information Security