



## Student Financial Services Information for Early College Students

### *Which program is the student in?*

#### **A) Aspirations**

Student is enrolled in a course at a UMA campus, site or center or online. The course is taught by UMA Faculty.

#### **B) Dual Enrollment**

Student is enrolled in a UMA sanctioned course at their high school. The course is taught by a vetted high school instructor.

#### **C) Bridge Academy**

Student is involved in a specialized curriculum through their CTE and high school, and take their Early College courses at the high school. The course is taught by a vetted high school instructor.

### *What funds each program?*

#### **A) Aspirations**

Through the High School Aspirations Tuition Waiver, the State of Maine Department of Education (D.O.E.) waives \$131.50 per credit hour of tuition for up to 6 credit hours per semester (Maximum \$789.00). The State of Maine also limits the number of credits it will waive to 12 per academic year per student combined across all University of Maine System campuses as well as the Maine Community College System. UMA waives the remaining cost of tuition for up to 8 credit hours per semester (Maximum \$812.00). Not all schools qualify for the D.O.E. tuition waiver. Check with the Office of Early College if you have questions about your school's eligibility.

- Students are responsible for the cost of course fees (as applicable) and the cost of textbooks and/or required course materials.
- Course fees for Aspirations students are not waived. Additional information on tuition and fees can be found at: [www.uma.edu/financial/costs/fees/](http://www.uma.edu/financial/costs/fees/)
- High schools may cover some or all costs associated for program participation. Students can check with their individual high schools to see if there is a financial assistance program available.

### *What Will Early College Cost?*

Credits Taken	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 +
*Regular Tuition Cost	\$233	\$466	\$699	\$932	\$1,165	\$1,398	\$1,631	\$1,864	\$2,097 +
DOE Aspirations Waiver	\$131.50	\$263	\$394.50	\$526	\$657.50	\$789	NA	NA	NA
UMA Early College Waiver	\$101.50	\$203	\$304.50	\$406	\$507.50	\$609	\$710.50	\$812	NA
<b>**Tuition Charged to Early College Student</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$131.50</b>	<b>\$263</b>	<b>\$394.50 +</b>

\*Regular tuition cost based on the Maine resident tuition rate for UMA (as of 3/21/19)

\*\*Tuition calculations for eligible students in this chart do not include some nominal course fees (if applicable) or cost of textbooks that are not covered by the tuition waiver program.

## **B) Dual Enrollment**

Dual Enrollment students are usually eligible for the High School Aspirations Tuition Waiver through the D.O.E. as long as their school qualifies for the program. Same funding limitations apply as those listed in section A.

- High schools cover the cost of textbooks for their dual enrollment students. Check with your individual high school to ensure this is the case. There may be some exceptions where students are expected to purchase their texts.
- Course fees are waived for dual enrollment courses as they are being taught at the high school and are utilizing the high school's resources. There may be exceptions to this if UMA has provided the school with materials, infrastructure, etc. to run the course. In that case, the students are responsible for the fee(s).

## **C) Bridge Academy**

Bridge students are eligible for the reduced tuition rate of \$40 per credit hour. Eligible students may qualify for financial assistance through the Department of Labor Competitive Skills Scholarship Program or Bridge Academy Services.

- High schools cover the cost of textbooks.
- Course fees are waived for Bridge Academy courses as they are being taught at the high school and are utilizing the high school's resources.

### ***Billing & Payment Options***

All charges that a student incurs for participation in Early College, (if any) including course fees when applicable, are expected to be paid by October 1 (for Fall), March 1 (for Spring), and July 1 (for Summer). Failure to pay may result in account holds that can prevent you from continued Early College enrollment in a subsequent semester, and may impede your ability to acquire your college transcripts and potential admissions decisions from University of Maine System schools.

- Cash and check payments may be in person at Student Financial Services located in the Richard Randall Student Center, Room 223. Staff is available to assist Monday through Friday, 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Checks made payable to UMA may be mailed to 46 University Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330.
- Credit or debit card payments can be made over the phone by calling Student Financial Services or online through your Maine Street Student Center. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover are accepted.
- ACH payments are only available through your Student Center on Maine Street. An ACH payment must be from a U.S. bank checking or savings account.
- Payment plans are also available. Please note that enrollment in a payment plan will obligate you to follow a specific payment schedule. Call Student Financial Services for more information and help enrolling in a plan.

***For further assistance, please contact:***

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