



Tips for a Smooth Transition to College

May 2017

Transitioning to College

- Why this topic?
 - There is a lot that needs to happen over the summer
 - Help prevent *Summer Melt*

- By mid-May, students have ideally:
 - Attended an admitted student day, if possible
 - Sent in admission deposit
 - Applied for on campus housing, if appropriate
 - Registered for orientation
 - Set up email and confirmed access to online portal
 - Completed financial aid verification process, if required
 - Received official award letter

Key Next Steps to Complete

- Attend orientation
- Submit final grade information
- Register for classes
- Complete financial aid requirements
- Pay the bill
- Submit remaining forms
- Purchase books
- Coordinate living space

Attend Orientation

- Attend Orientation:
 - Usually over the summer
 - One to three days
 - Scheduled by major?
- Supplemented by:
 - Accepted student days
 - Welcome weekend

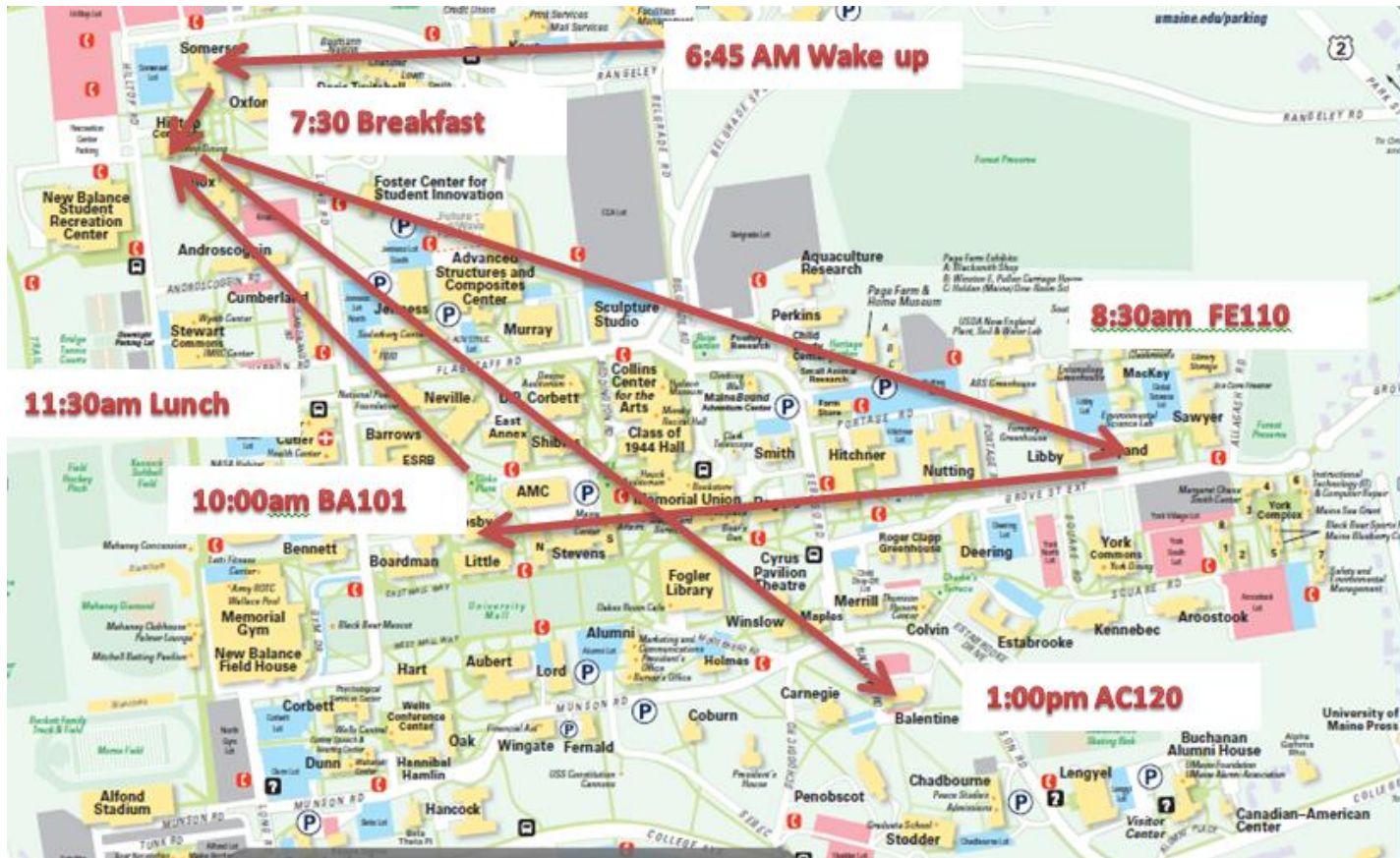


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Attend Orientation

- Become familiar with the campus
- Meet with academic departments
- Register for classes
- Finalize housing
- Meet with Financial Aid and/or Business Office
- Get student ID
- Finalize paperwork (be sure to check what you need to bring)
- Make connections and have fun!

Attend Orientation



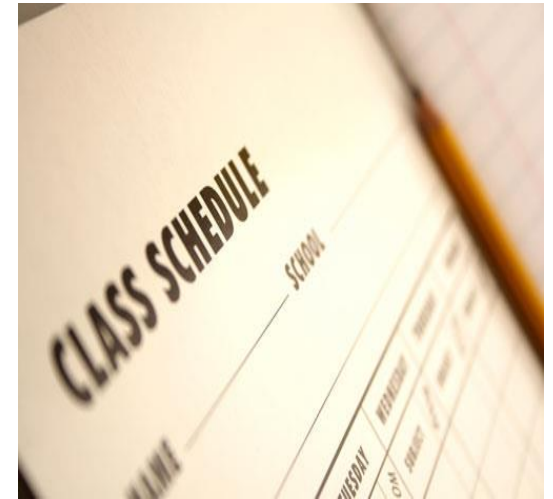
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Send in final grades

- High school students - send in final high school transcript
- Make sure college received AP scores, if applicable
- Transfer students - send in final college transcripts

Register for Classes

- Register for classes
 - How does registration work?
 - Are first semester classes assigned?
 - When does registration start?
 - Are placement tests required?
 - Impact of dual enrollment, transfer or AP classes?



Register for Classes

- Register for classes (continued)
 - Have any of these classes already been taken or has the requirement been met?
 - Does this schedule work?

Complete Financial Aid Process

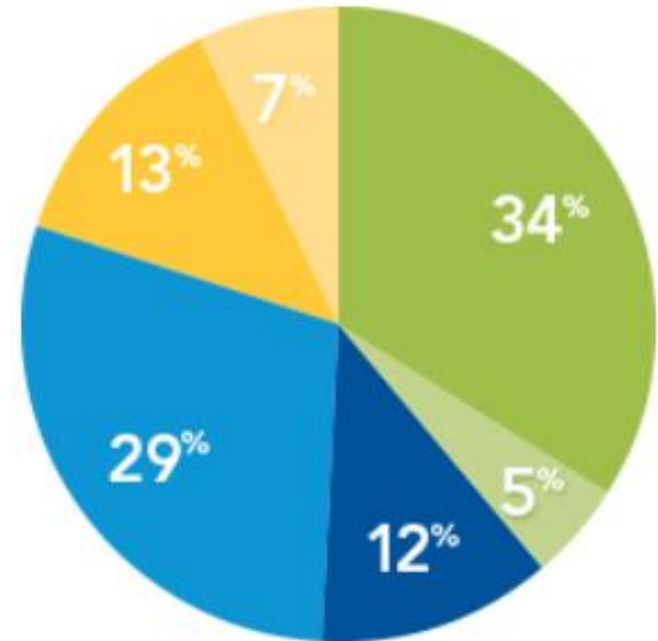
- Notify Financial Aid of outside scholarships
- Complete Student Loan Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN), if taking out federal direct loans
- If apply for other loans, start process (June's Wed Webinar is *Tips for Paying the Tuition Bill*)
- If awarded Work-Study, understand next steps
- Fill out necessary FERPA Forms

Paying the Bill

- When will the bill be sent?
- How will the bill be sent (paper or electronic)?
- What is the bill due date?
- Access to the student portal (student and parents) provides most up to date information.

Paying the Bill

- Is there a balance?
- Has all financial aid been applied?
- What options exist for paying the balance?
- Explore options to find what works best



34% scholarships and grants
5% relatives and friends
12% student income and savings
29% parent income and savings
13% student borrowing
7% parent borrowing

Sallie Mae, 2016 - Average % of total costs paid by each source

- Options to pay the remaining balance:
 - Savings (students and parents)
 - Outside scholarships
 - One-time payment
 - Tuition payment plan
 - Additional loans (visit [TheLoanforME.com](https://www.theloanforme.com))

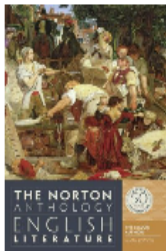
Submit Remaining Forms and/or Complete Processes

- Room and Board Forms
- Housing Deposit
- Health requirements – immunization forms
- Health Insurance - Waivers
- Parking permits
- Follow up to make sure everything has been received!

- How do students know which books are needed?

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Purchasing Books

- Options to consider:
 - Purchase (USED! or new)
 - Popular Online Textbook Sites:
 - www.amazon.com
 - www.barnesandnoble.com
 - www.chegg.com
 - www.half.com
 - www.textbooks.com
 - Rent
 - Download Digital Books
 - Utilize free resources – google books, school library, and classmates
- What other supplies are needed?



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Coordinate Living Space



- What items come standard in the dorm room?
- What items aren't allowed?
- What is needed for the dorm room?
- What will each roommate bring?

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Transition to College Checklist

- Log-in to Portal and become familiar with information
- Check "to-do list" on Portal
- Complete any remaining financial aid or verification paperwork
- Determine if FERPA release is needed and complete, if needed
- Master Promissory Note – www.studentloans.gov (need SS# and FSA ID)
- Review paper bill and/or view bill on Portal
- When is first bill due? _____
- What is the plan to cover the bill balance (gap)? _____
- Report outside scholarships to financial aid office – discuss impact on aid, if any.
- Attend orientation
- Complete placement testing, if required
- Submit room and board related form and deposit
- Submit final high school transcript to school
- Submit dual enrollment transcripts (if applicable)
- Submit AP scores (if applicable)
- Register for classes and/or connect with academic advisor
- Plan to purchase books (allot at least \$500 per semester)
- Get any needed immunizations and submit documentation
- Follow up on health insurance – waive insurance, if appropriate
- Connect with roommate and coordinate living space needs
- Obtain parking permit (if applicable)
- Plan for additional expenses – incidentals, travel, etc.
- Make a transportation plan to get to college. First day _____

- College Transition checklist
- Sent to all attendees
- Email mtappan@famemaine.com for copy
- Feel free to edit and customize

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- Maine Community College System postcard (thank you to Mercedes Pour!)

Stop Summer Melt.
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- June's Wednesday Webinar:

Tips to Pay the Tuition Bill

[Click here to register](#)

Wednesday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m.

- Wednesday Webinars are recorded and can be found at FAMEmaine.com on the [K-12 and Higher Ed Professionals page](#)

Read everything, stay organized
and ask questions!





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