Mission Statement

The University of Maine at Presque Isle a publicly supported, baccalaureate institution located in northern Maine, provides broad educational opportunities for a diverse student body, with particular reference to the people of its region and state. The University emphasizes professional programs and a balanced curriculum that promotes a strong foundation in the arts and sciences. The University affirms as central to its mission, commitment to the following ideals: **close student, faculty, and staff interaction** in support of intellectual growth and personal development; **diversities of culture, age, and nationality** among both students and staff; **public service** which promotes the well-being of the state's citizenry; and, **a global consciousness.**

In-State Tuition	**Out-of-State Tuition**	**1st Year Retention Rate**
$6,600	$16,560	70%
Enrollment	**Year Established**	
1,455	1903 (Normal School)	

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UMPI OpenU

The University of Maine at Presque Isle has taken a bold, new step into the world of online learning with its UMPI OpenU project.

UMPI OpenU is a unique effort to allow learners of all ages, and from all over the world, to participate in specific UMPI online courses for free, as long as they aren't seeking college credit. Unlike other online courses around the country being offered for free, each participant in UMPI OpenU gets full access to the designated online courses and all of the materials related to them, including direct interaction with the instructors responsible for designing and delivering the courses as well as the UMPI students who are taking the courses for credit. Unlike other online courses around the country being offered for free, each participant in UMPI OpenU gets full access to the designated online courses and all of the materials related to them, including direct interaction with the instructors and the UMPI students in the classes.

Click here for more info on How It Works.

The bottom line:

- You don't pay
- You don't need to worry about a grade, and
- You don't get academic credit, but

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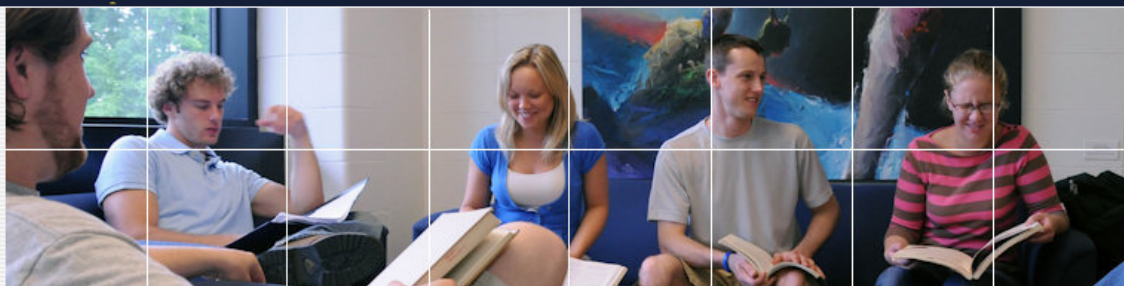
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UMPI OpenU Course Offerings

The following courses are available for the Fall 2012 semester:

	Course	Instructor
X	English 211 Introduction to Creative Writing (6 week course, starts Monday, October 15)	Dr. Melissa Crowe
X	English 300 Major Authors: The Brontes	Kasey Grieco McNeally
	English 309 Studies in the Novel: The English Novel	Dr. Raymond Rice
	English 311 Poetry Workshop	Dr. Melissa Crowe

For course descriptions, please view them in the Course Descriptions section of our downloadable Course Catalogue. Descriptions are listed alphabetically.

X = course is closed/filled

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What is UMPI OpenU?

Is this really 100% free?

What kind of courses can I take?

What rules do I need to follow while participating in a course?

Why is UMPI offering this opportunity?

Can I earn academic credit for an UMPI OpenU course?

Tell me more about earning prior learning experience credit.

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- **University of Maine at Presque Isle: OpenU Project**

- **Purpose**: To provide college course experiences at absolutely no cost to all interested learners. This provides all community members, state- and nation-wide, with full access to live and online courses and all of their materials, including direct interaction with the instructors responsible for designing and delivering the courses.

- **Programs Involved:** English (Fall 2012), History (Spring 2013), Political Science (Spring 2013)

- **Policies**:

- 1. All materials necessary for the course are public domain works, copyright free, or created and delivered by the instructor through Blackboard. Public domain works are available either as pdf files through Blackboard or may be downloaded as digital copies (i.e. Kindle, Nook, etc.).

- 2. OpenU learners (defined as individuals not matriculated at UMPI) may "audit" the course free of charge and have full access to all course materials and activities.

- 3. OpenU learners may engage in all discussion board, email, and other asynchronous or synchronous activities with enrolled learners and the instructor.

- 4. All written or recorded lectures provided by the instructor are available to OpenU learners.

- 5. OpenU learners may choose to complete any written assignments or examinations, but faculty are under no obligation to evaluate work. Each faculty member will provide specific expectations and guidelines for individual courses.

- 6. A minimum of 5 such learners shall be allowed per course, with greater numbers permitted at the discretion of the instructor. OpenU learners shall not displace any matriculated students enrolled in courses at any time.

- 7. OpenU learners will not count toward official enrollment for a course, faculty compensation, or be a determining factor in whether a course is allowed to run.

- 8. A total of 6 credit hours from OpenU courses may be considered for prior learning credit upon application as a matriculated student at UMPI. All UMPI requirements for prior learning credit must be completed for an OpenU course to be considered for prior learning credit. Completion of an OpenU course and application for prior learning credit DO NOT guarantee credit will be granted for OpenU courses. Prior learning credit for OpenU courses may not transfer to other universities, including those of the University of Maine System.

- 9. Learners do not receive a formal grade for an OpenU course.

- Procedures:

- 1. All OpenU Courses will be advertised on the UMPI web site and other social networking and public venues.

- 2. Prospective OpenU learners will be directed to visit Blackboard at www.courses.maine.edu and sign on as a "guest." They will then "search" for their specific course of interest (e.g., ENG 360 "Literature of the Sea") and may view all course documents and materials.

- 3. Individuals interested in "auditing" will then forward the following information to Registrar, including the course title and/or number: Name, date of birth, etc. Interested learners may also email instructors this information directly (who will then forward the information to Registrar).

- 4. Registrar will set up minimal demographic information in the UMPI database and inform both the instructor of the course and IT Help Desk of the auditor. IT Help Desk will "enroll" the student in the desired course.

- 5. During the add/drop period, OpenU learners may choose to enroll in the course for credit by informing either the instructor or Registrar.

- 6. The course may NOT be added for college credit following the add/drop period.

- 7. All OpenU learners are expected to follow individual course policies and protocols and may be summarily removed from the course at the request of the instructor at any time.

- 8. This OpenU agreement pertains only to non-matriculated (non-UMPI) learners.