



A Community Atmosphere – A Global Perspective

The University of Maine at Fort Kent, a fifty-two acre campus, situated at the center of Acadian history and culture in rural Northern Maine, is a regional baccalaureate university within the University of Maine System serving 1339 students. The University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. and has the great distinction of being named a Best College in the Northeastern Region by the Princeton Review for three consecutive years.

Our three part mission emphasizes the needs of rural communities, the Acadian French history and culture of the region and appreciation and stewardship of our natural environment. Academic programs at UMFK are grounded firmly in the liberal arts and sciences, emphasizing excellence in teaching and individual attention to students while preparing them for lifelong learning, for graduate and professional schools, and for present and future occupations, especially in the areas of teaching, nursing, environmental studies, forestry, business, and human services. Our business and related programs recently gained international accreditation and our newest programs include E-Commerce, Rural Public Safety Administration, Winter Sports Management and a Bilingual Education concentration.

Our classrooms and campus buildings are equipped with the latest wireless access and teaching technologies for the traditional lecture, group discussion and on-line learning environments. Faculty enjoy our small campus size, collegial interactions with students, colleagues, and other campus staff as well as the opportunity to develop and teach courses in their area of study. Many are drawn here by the exceptionally strong community atmosphere and genuine warmth of the people and they appreciate the relative safety and security of our rural environment. The region offers moderate living costs and excellent public schools and Fort Kent is perhaps the only community in the nation where one can receive an education from pre-kindergarten through baccalaureate degrees from institutions just a short walk from one another on adjoining properties. Our location on the border with New Brunswick, Canada provides opportunities for international educational experiences and French is commonly spoken on both sides of the border.



UMFK is in the heart of the Northern Maine Woods' St. John River Valley and surrounded by a vast wilderness of abundant forests, lakes and rivers. The greater Fort Kent area offers some of the largest snowmobile trail networks in the United States, a community operated alpine ski facility and a world-class cross-country skiing and biathlon competition and training facility during the winter and fishing, biking, hiking, kayaking, various recreational programs and an annual Muskie Tournament in the summer. Each winter, the town of Fort Kent also hosts the annual CanAm Crown 250 mile Sled Dog Race, a qualifier for the world famous Iditarod. Fort Kent was also the proud sponsor of the 2004 Biathlon World Cup, an event combining Nordic skiing and marksmanship, and our success in hosting over 18,000 spectators from around the world has led to a return of this event in 2009 in addition to numerous smaller events including U.S. and Canadian Olympic biathlon qualifying events.

