

MAINE WORD ABOUT COLLEGE

The Maine Word About College

Questions about college from young Maine students, answered by old Maine students.

Today's writers

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Offered by Maine College Circle and the Mitchell Institute to great young students throughout Maine.

Q. What is college like?

A. College is a whirlwind. It can be difficult at first, especially if you are far from home, but it becomes easier as you get older. You will have many, many opportunities to do things you like to do (basketball, volunteering, etc.). Classes will require more of your time. You will be expected to be more independent and responsible. All in all, it is fun and it is a chance to further your life goals!

— Trevor

Q. What is the best college to go to if I want to be a doctor?

A. All undergraduate colleges can send students to medical school. It is important to know that you must first attend a four-year college to be considered for medical school. Quite honestly, it usually doesn't matter where you go to school for your first four years as long as you do really well academically and stay involved in extracurricular activities. All medical schools are very competitive so it is important that you find a college where you feel most comfortable so you can excel.



— Trevor



Q. With the college dorm rooms, will a girl share a room with a girl and a boy share a room with a boy?

A. Yes, in most cases dorm rooms are separated by gender. Some schools do allow girls and boys to live in dorm rooms together, though. And often times, girls and boys live on the same floor in their dormitories so they might be room neighbors!

— Julianna

Q. Can you go to different colleges each year?

A. To get a graduate degree, you will have to complete a certain number of years of study at one school. This means that students do not typically switch colleges each year. If you are not happy at your college, however,



you can apply to transfer to a different college.

— Julianna

Q. What are the best colleges if you want to play basketball?

A. Speaking as someone who played basketball in high school and wanted to play in college, most schools have very good basketball programs. Many schools offer open tryouts that you can attend to try and earn a spot on the team. If you are interested in playing after high school, I would encourage you to reach out to coaches from different colleges. To do this, you can go to their school athletics website and find the “recruit me” button that most all websites have. This will get your name into their system and allow them to have a better idea of who you are. Keep an open mind. Historically, it is very difficult to play at the Division I level, but there are many Division 3 schools in Maine and New England that are competitive.

— Trevor

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