

# 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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### Q. Is college any fun?

**A.** College is certainly fun! Some of my classes have taken trips to museums, and we do fun projects. Beyond classes, there are lots of clubs that have all sorts of events that are open to everybody. I've made bath bombs, learned self-defense, decorated tote bags, gone to a bunch of coloring events, and more — all from different clubs! Living in dorms with your new friends make other kinds of fun easy; my friends and I became known as the group that had tea parties in the lounge a lot, where somebody brings a kettle and we all have tea or hot cocoa and play games. It's easy to find fun things to do at school!

— Teresa

### Q. Do you think your college education will be a good investment of your time and money?

**A.** Yes, my college education will be a great investment of my time and money. In May, I will be able to work as a paramedic and make a decent salary. For the money that I have invested and two years worth of time, I will be



**Q. In college, do papers have to be typed or can they be in cursive?**

**A.** No matter how nice your handwriting may or may not be, professors typically request work be typed and printed. Sometimes the professors will also require you to submit the document digitally to an online classroom. The professors and teacher assistants have many papers to grade, so having the papers typed saves them a lot of strain. On the other hand, your tests will be answered handwritten, so you will have an opportunity to use cursive at that time. — Bentley

**Q. Is there a bathroom in your dorm?**

**A.** There is a bathroom in my dorm, right down the hall from my room. I have to share the bathroom with the other people who live on my floor, so every night we have a toothbrushing party! But sometimes dorm rooms have their own private bathroom so that only you and your roommate can use it. It just depends on the dorm. Either way, you will definitely have access to a nearby bathroom in your dorm. — Julianna

able to work in a professional position and make a living wage.

— Caleb

**Q. Can you do more than one college? How many can you do at once?**

**A.** It would be pretty hard to enroll as a student at two colleges at once because of rules that are in place, as well as the heavy workload that you would face. But I have heard of students taking classes through an online schooling program, while also taking classes at their university. Colleges also sometimes offer students the chance to take classes at a nearby school. Students at UMass Amherst, for example, can take a class at Hampshire College. You could also enroll in classes during summer break at a nearby college, even if it is not the college you attend during the school year. All of these options can be helpful in exposing you to opportunities and resources that your school may not be able to offer fully.

— Julianna

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