

*Campus Ministry Profile:*  
**University of Southern Maine**  
**Portland, Maine**

**Summary:** The University of Southern Maine is a multi-campus public university whose principal location, Portland, is the largest city in the state of Maine and located on the Atlantic Ocean in the southern part of the state. The other principal campuses are in Gorham (11 miles west) and Lewiston (35 miles north). Portland was named the #1 most livable city in the United States by Forbes in 2009. Seventy-eight percent of USM students are from Maine.



*The University of Southern Maine*

source: [www.usm.maine.edu](http://www.usm.maine.edu)

**Basic Facts**

**Founding:** 1878

**Control:** public

**Location:** suburban

**Enrollment:**

Undergraduate: 8133

Graduate: 2320

**Selectivity:**

Applications, 2008: 4041

Acceptances, 2008: 3213

Enrolled, 2008: 973

**Tuition & Financial Aid:**

In-state tuition: \$6540

Out-of-state tuition: \$18,060

Students receiving financial aid: 86%

Average award: \$9273

**Academics:**

Median SAT: 1010

Students in top 10% of HS class: 9%

Total Majors: 60

Graduate programs: 27

**Introduction to Portland**

**Population:** 62,825 (2007)

**Median Household Income:** \$44,739 (2007)

**Median House/Condo Value:** \$242,684 (2007)

**Cost of Living, (US average = 100):** 100.9 (2008)

**Unemployment Rate:** 7.4% (April, 2009)

**Racial Breakdown**

*White, non-Hispanic* 90.6%

*Black* 2.6%

*Hispanic* 1.5%

*Asian* 1.2%

**Largest Employers**

*Maine Medical Center* 5500

*Unum Provident Insurance* 3250

*Banknorth NA* 2750

**Local Attractions:**

*Downtown Arts District; Portland Sea Dogs (baseball)*

**Nearest Major Cities:**

*Boston (104 miles SW)*

**Nearest Hospital:** Maine Medical Center (Portland)

**Local Newspaper:** *Portland Press Herald*

**Campus Newspaper:** *Free Press*

**Average January Low Temperature:** 12.5°

**Average July High Temperature:** 78.8°

**Average Annual Precipitation:** 45.8 inches

**Average Annual Snowfall:** 65 inches

**Introduction to Campus Life**

**Students living on campus:** 15%

**Racial Composition of Student Body:**

*White, non-Hispanic* 92%

*American Indian* 2%

*Black* 2%

*Asian* 2%

**Male/Female student ratio:** 41:59

**Student/faculty ratio:** 17:1

**Most Popular Majors:**

*Social Sciences* 18%

*Business/Marketing* 17%

*Health Professions* 17%

**Sports:** 20 NCAA Division III (Huskies)

**Christian Campus Ministries:**

Reformed University Fellowship? *NO*

Campus Crusade for Christ? *YES*

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship? *YES*

Other: *none*

**Local Churches:**

*State Street Church (UCC)*

*First Baptist Church (independent)*

*St. Patrick/St. Pius X Catholic Parish*

**Nearest PCA/OPC Churches:**

*Second Parish OPC, Portland*

*Christ the Redeemer Pres. (PCA), Portland*