

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. Do they have colleges for special things?

A. Yes, there are colleges all over that have programs for all sorts of different subjects like art, film, music, dance, and much more. There are several schools in Maine where you can study alternative subjects and I'd encourage you to do so if you're interested. What you do for fun now, could be something you can work at in the future, so practice and respect what you are passionate about.

—Karli

Q. Can you study film?

A. Yes! It's amazing that your job could be making a movie! Not only can you study it, but you have the ability to start making your own films now. If you have any story you want to share, you can make it into a video. If you have a smartphone or if your parent does you could make a mini-movie just on that! If you don't, you could write the story you want to tell. That story is called a script and you can use it to make movies in the future! Whatever you create, whether it's a drawing or a movie, is valuable and crucial to learning so remember even if you don't love the product try to love the process!

—Karli





Q. Can you study photography?

A. You can take photography classes at almost any college! And the great thing is you don't have to know anything about photography to get started. At Bowdoin I decided to take a photography class because I wanted to do something more creative. I took photographs of friends, strangers, buildings, trees, and anything that looked interesting. It was a great way to make new friends and learn a new skill that was different from reading and writing. Photography classes in college are really fun, and there are many other art classes that are great too!



—Helen

Q. What college would you recommend if I want to become a singer? A musician? A dancer?

A. To become a musical performer, I would recommend a school such as Berklee College of Music. This would allow an aspiring performer to receive a quality musical education, but, almost as importantly, it would provide strong creative and professional networks. **Connections** are key to pursuing any creative field, music or otherwise.



—Moses

Lots of schools have programs in music and dance, so you don't necessarily need a specialized school. But it depends on the type! Like for classical music, Juilliard, Yale and Oberlin are all good choices. For dance, The Tisch school at New York University and The Ailey School at Fordham University are the top of the top. For singing, look into Berklee College of Music and University of Cincinnati!



—Anna

Q. If I would like to be an artist, where could I go? What do I need to study?

A. To become an artist, I would recommend finding a school such as Emerson College that offers highly specialized training. This allows you to find an artistic community and grow your skills alongside talented peers. It's impossible to overstate the importance of meeting professionals in your field and gaining **connections**! If you are entering a creative or specialized field, you may want to steer clear of liberal arts programs (schools where you study *all* kinds of subjects).

—Moses

STUDENT STORIES ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Every month we will feature profiles of Maine students, sharing their experiences with paying for college, in order to show that affordability is possible!

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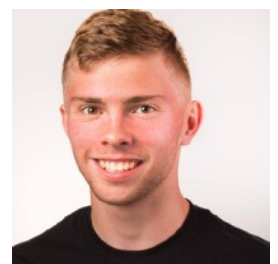
These are all things you’ve heard growing up from friends, relatives, teachers, etc... But it doesn’t have to be that way. I always thought college would be expensive and I was really conscious of that from a young age. Growing up with just one parent you realize that money doesn’t grow on trees, and college will be a struggle to pay for. But my mother pushed me to do my best in everything I did, and thank goodness she did.

I was incredibly busy in high school; I ran cross country and track & field, I was in jazz band and show choir, National Honor Society, a class officer, an honors student, etc... so I worked hard to say the least. I was in school from 7 am to 9 pm almost every day for four years. At times, all that was overwhelming and I felt like I wasn't going to make it. At times I felt that it wasn't worth it, what was the point of doing all this? Then I started to see the scholarships rolling in. I was beginning to see that hard work pay off, but the cost of college was still enormous. “Every dollar counts” as my mother would always say, but these little scholarships of \$50 and \$100 weren't going to pay off my student debt. Then I was awarded the **Mitchell Scholarship**, which turned out to be one of the biggest blessings of my life. It took care of so much money, allowing me to not worry about how I would pay for college. It opened up my world to networks and some amazing people I wouldn't have met otherwise. This foundation does a lot of good for a lot of people, and they make it possible for people to achieve higher learning.

Getting involved is the biggest thing I could implore you to do. Play a sport; colleges like to see that you can balance athletics and academics. Join a music/arts group; colleges like to see that you are a well-rounded student. And do as well in your classes as you possibly can. I can promise that one day you will regret not trying your best in school, because you never know how big it could pay off.

“College is expensive. There’s no way around that. If you go to college, you will be in debt for as long as you can imagine.” You’re going to hear this a lot, but if you **work hard** it doesn’t have to be your reality.

— Adam Hitchcock, senior at Husson University, from Ellsworth, ME



CKB CHALLENGE #4

Every month we will provide a crossword & challenge question to help you start prepping for the College Knowledge Bowl in the spring!

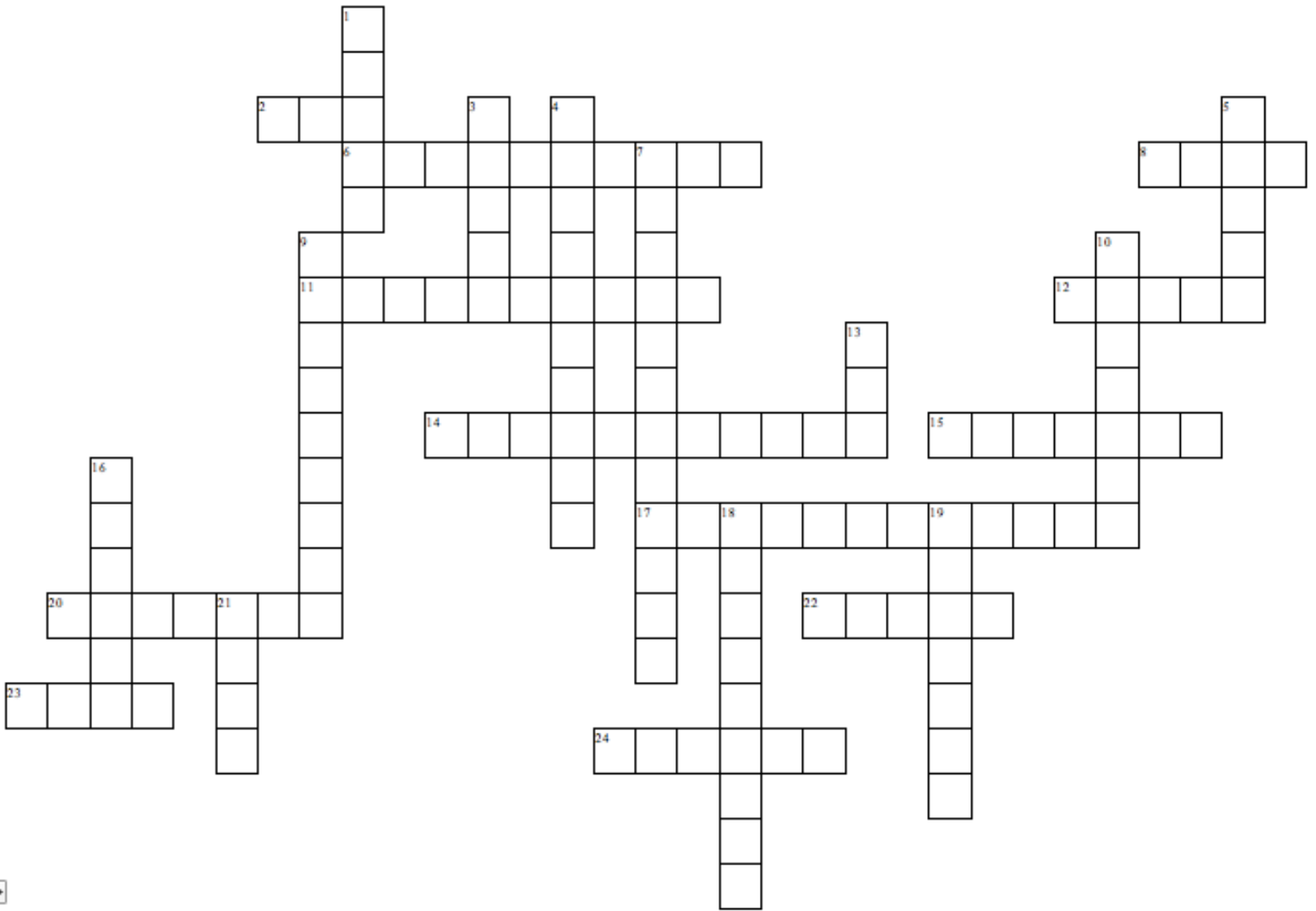
The College Knowledge Bowl is only a few months away, so it's time to start getting competitive!

Your goal is to **list as many college majors ending in “-ology” as you can in five minutes** (hint: a few are answers to crossword clues). Feel free to work in teams and compete against each other to see who can come up with the most (no making up fake words). If you send your lists to us, we will put them up on our website, and the team that submits the longest list will get a shoutout in our next YouTube video!

Ready, set, GO!

Email lists to a member of Maine College Circle (or our group email: mainecollegecircle@gmail.com).

January Newsletter



Across

2. Top NY college to study fashion (abbrv.)
6. College major to study insects
8. Devils Duke mascot
11. Where Barack Obama began college
12. Top culinary arts college in RI, Johnson & __
14. College of John Cena
15. Small Vermont university where many prepare for a career in the military
17. A college major to design buildings
20. What students receive upon graduating
22. Home state of Rice University
23. Federal low-income grant for college
24. Third-year college student

Down

1. First Maine college in the alphabet
3. Bill for food at college
4. A good major to learn to write for newspapers
5. Vet school closest to Maine
7. College major to study the ocean
9. Home state of Tulane University
10. Town of Maine Maritime Academy
13. Test to substitute for a high school diploma
16. Popular Montreal university
18. City of Harvard University
19. River by Boston University
21. UMPI mascot