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

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Q: What do college students do during spring break?

A: While I can't speak for all college students when I say this, I think that going home to get some much needed rest over break is the best part for me. This is especially true if you are going to college far away from home, since homesickness is sometimes really difficult to deal with for long periods of time. Even if it's just for a week or so, having some time to spend with family provides the necessary boost to finish the year strong! - Mark

Lots of college students go home to see their families. Some students, myself included, have to cut our vacations short to come back for sports. - Tom

Q: How do I visit colleges that I want to go to?

A: Colleges love it when you visit to tour the school as a potential student! Most often, schools that offer tours will have the dates for them posted online on their website, or they will reach out directly with timeframes for when there are tours available. Usually, on these tours, you will be shown the basics of what the school has to offer, such as the dining hall, dorm rooms, classes, and other aspects of student life. - Mark

If you are interested in a specific college, reach out to an adult in your life and tell them! Guidance counselors are a wonderful resource at school, so make sure you talk to them if you have questions about a certain college. Your parents and/or guardians are also great resources. When I was in high school, my mom took me to the colleges I wanted to visit. - Natalie



Q: What's your favorite class at college?

A: My favorite class so far has been general psychology, because it has so much interesting subject matter. - Tom

I have so many favorite classes! One of the most enjoyable classes I took was my creative writing course. I learned how to write poems, short stories, and autobiographies. - Natalie

Personally, my favorite class that I've taken so far is my Theoretical Perspectives on the Natural World class. I've always had a really strong connection to nature, and in the class we talk a lot about various conservation efforts, and how we can protect nature around us through government policy. We are allowed to choose any topics that are important to us for all of our projects, as long as they relate to protecting nature in some way. This makes finding motivation to get the assignments done really easy. Our professor is also kind enough to take us on birdwatching trips once a month, to break up the workload a little, and it cements this class as my personal favorite. - Mark

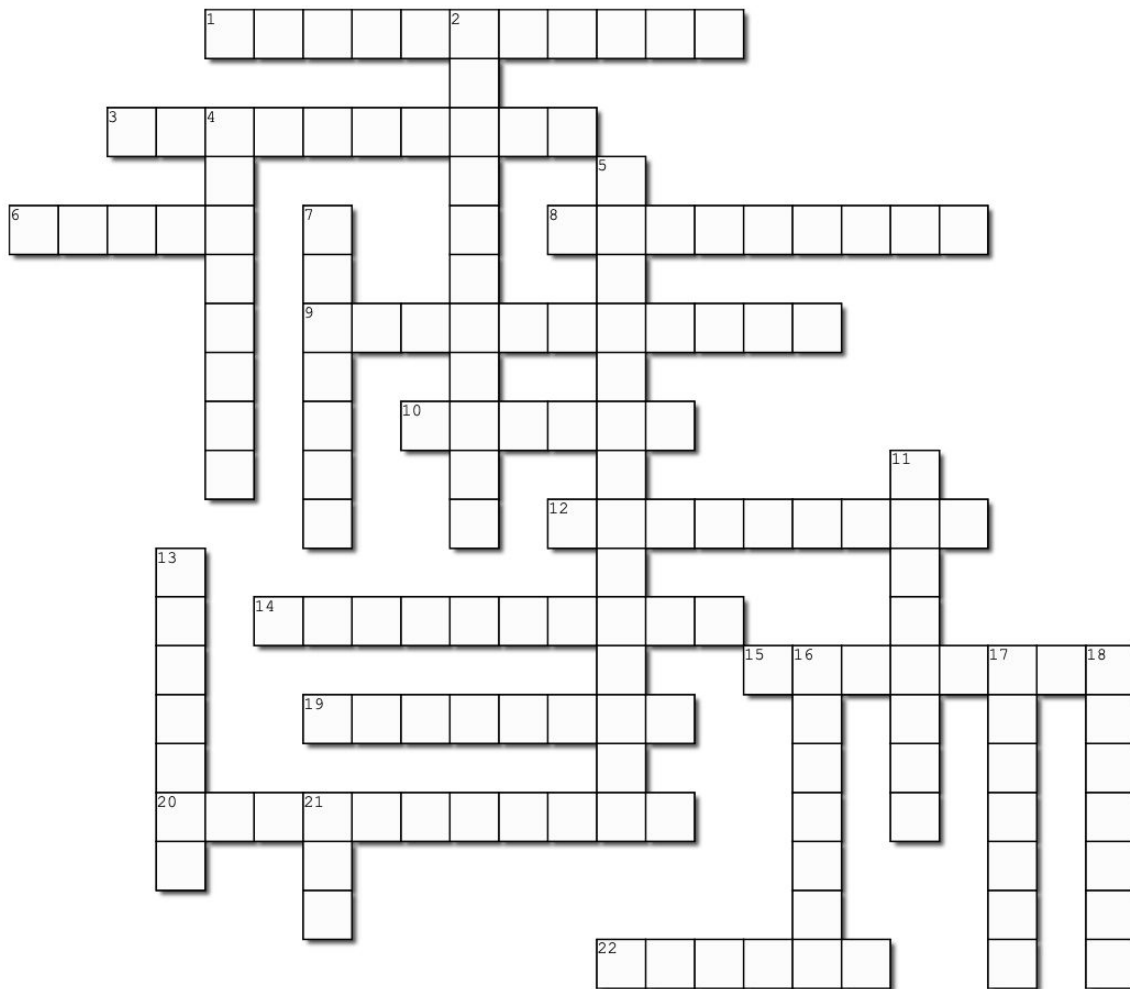
Q: What clubs can I do in college?

A: From my experience, most colleges offer an extremely wide range of clubs to take part in, so it's really easy to find like-minded people with the same hobbies as you! Currently, I am a part of our school's Hiking Club, Climbing Club, Dodgeball Club, and (probably the most unique of all) Ghost Hunting Club. Even if your campus doesn't have a club that you want, typically it is really easy to find people who want the same club, and make it yourself! - Mark

Clubs vary by college, but there are so many to choose from. If there isn't a club that you were looking for, you can always try to create your own. - Tom

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March 2023 Crossword



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Across

1. the study of the weather
3. college major to study insects
6. focus of study in college
8. New Hampshire Ivy League college
9. town where UMPI is
10. University of Florida Mascot
12. mascot of UMO
14. Home state of the University of San Diego
15. college where Steph Curry went
19. home state of the University of Richmond
20. college major in the study of hair design
22. country of the University of Oslo

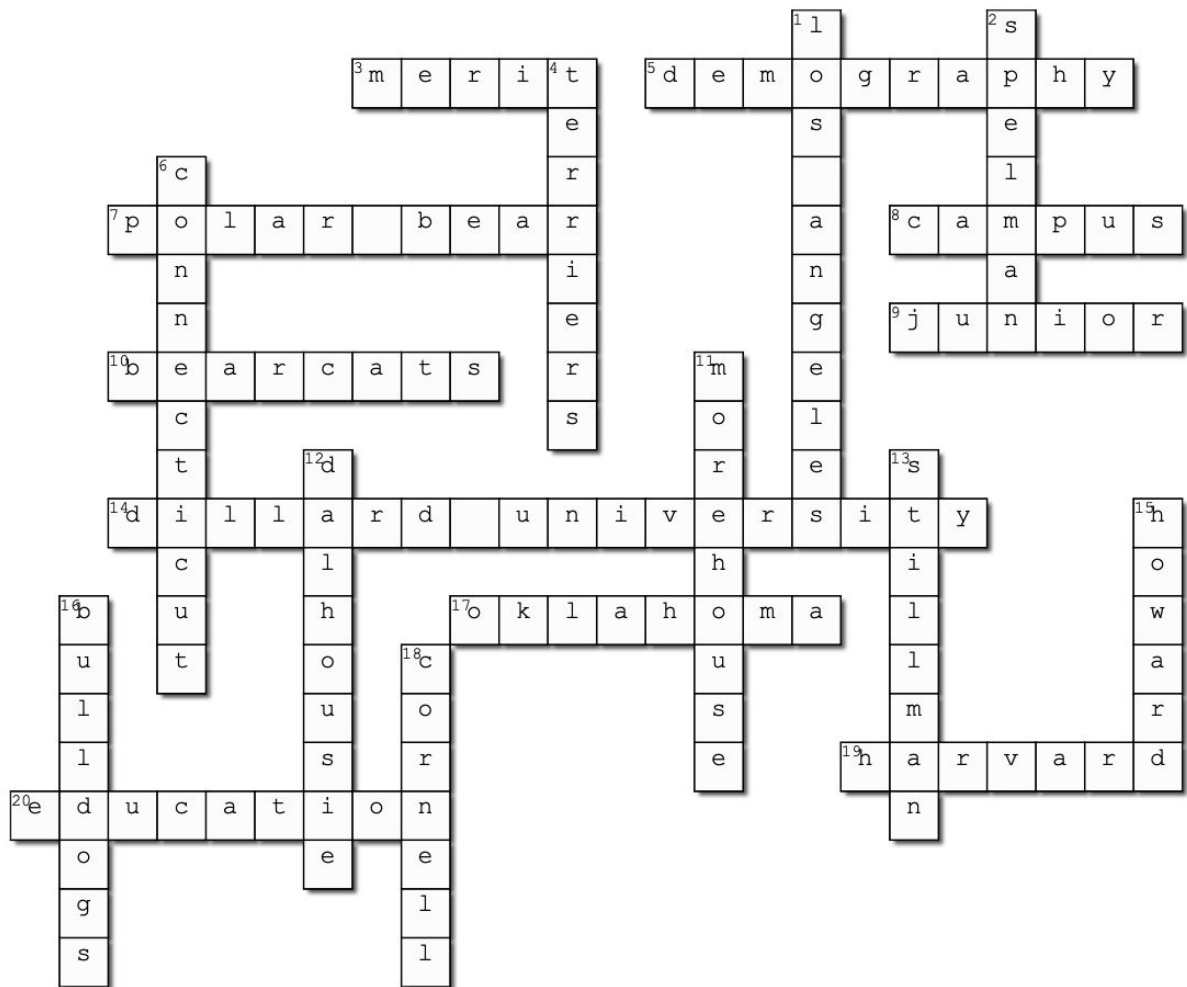
Down

2. home state of URI
4. mascot of Thomas College
5. division of college that helps students find future jobs
7. what students receive upon graduating
11. city where you would find UCSD?
13. small Vermont University where many prepare for military careers
16. City where you would find UMA
17. a small, discussion-based college class
18. home state of Ithaca College
21. advanced business degree

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February 2023 Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below!



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Across

3. Scholarships based on talent (**merit**)
5. College major to study the changes and movements of populations (**demography**)
7. Mascot of Bowdoin College (**polar bear**)
8. College yard (**campus**)
9. Third year college student (**junior**)
10. Mascot of Rust College (**bearcats**)
14. Historically black college located in New Orleans, LA (**dillard university**)
17. University where Jalen Hurts graduated from (**oklahoma**)
19. Where Barack Obama went to Law School (**harvard**)
20. Best known major at UMF (**education**)

Down

1. City where you would find UCLA (**los angeles**)
2. Historically black women's college located in Atlanta, Georgia (**spelman**)
4. Thomas College Mascot (**terriers**)
6. Home State of US Coast Guard academy (**connecticut**)
11. College that Martin Luther King attended (**morehouse**)
12. Halifax University (**dalhousie**)
13. Historically black college located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama (**stillman**)
15. Historically black university located in Washington DC (**howard**)
16. Mascot of Bowie State University (**bulldogs**)
18. Ithaca NY Ivy League university (**cornell**)