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

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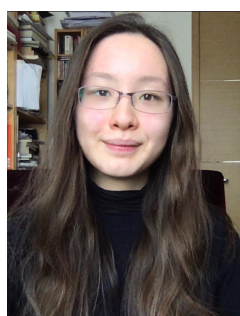
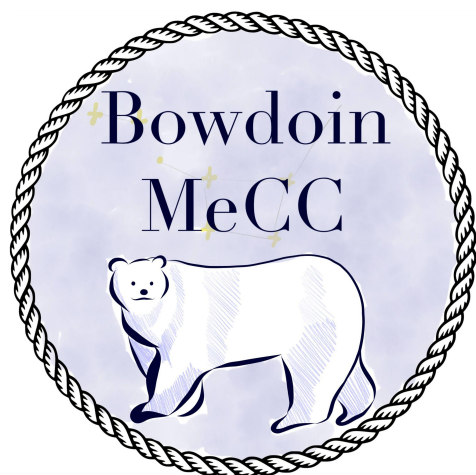
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Q: How do I make friends in a new place?

A: I was worried about making friends when I went to college. I was fortunate enough to have a roommate who I grew incredibly close with (and remains my roommate). I also lived on a floor my first year that I became good friends with, and we spent a lot of time together. I made the majority of my friends, however, in the different clubs and activities I involved myself in. These people had similar interests as me and have become some of my closest friends. If you make an effort to put yourself in new spaces and talk to strangers, you will make friends!

— Ayanna



Q: What do I do if I don't like one of my classes?

A: If you don't like one of your classes, you can almost always drop it! Some classes you need to take for your major or to complete your degree, so you kinda just gotta power through those (like you might do with math now!) but otherwise you can stop taking it! There's a "Add/Drop" period, usually in the first two weeks of classes, during which you can add new classes or drop ones you've started in but don't like.

— Jordyn

Q: What should I bring for school supplies?

A: Your school supplies likely depend on the classes you take or your major. I like to have at least one notebook and a couple pens or pencils to write with. I have lots of reading assignments so carry a highlighter/post-its for annotations. Art students may need much different materials like a sketchpad, erasers, painting supplies, etc., but having a few things to write with and write on is usually a safe bet! The school bookstore also sells whatever school materials you may need!

— Saul

Q: What types of classes can I take in college?

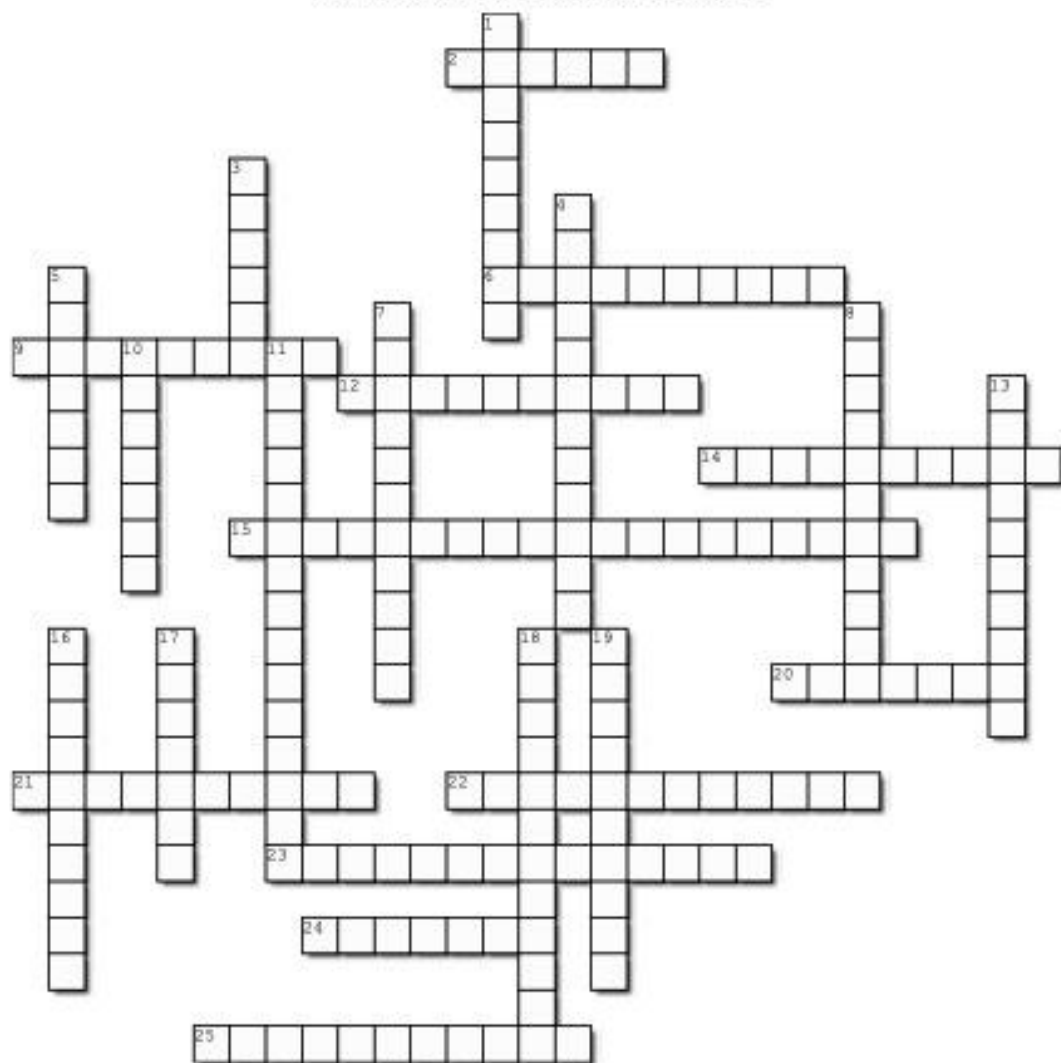
A: College is exciting because you can study basically any subject that you're interested in, and in many different formats. The lecture is the style of college class most people tend to think of, where you sit in a pretty big group and the professor stands at the front of the room and talks for most of class. But there's also labs, where you get to work hands-on with the concepts you're learning in class, and seminars, which are smaller classes where you'll get to talk in-depth with your peers and professors about the concepts you're studying. If there's something you really want to study, but your college doesn't already offer a class on it, you can do an independent study, where you basically design a one-person course for yourself. The possibilities are endless!

—Yaerin

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September 2022 Crossword

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Across

2. Graduates of a college
6. Mascot is the Fighting Irish
9. Room where students live in college
12. The study of contemplating knowledge, reality, and existence
14. Sports teams or clubs that are organized within one college
15. Event hosted at a college for prospective students to learn about it
20. The study of matter, energy, and the universe
21. College of Patrick Mahomes
22. The study of the chemistry of biological organisms
23. Liberal arts college in St. Petersburg, Florida
24. An educational talk given to students by a professor
25. Bowdoin College Dormitory once the tallest building in Maine

Down

1. The city where Case Western Reserve University is located
3. Lake next to St. Joseph's College in Maine
4. The scientific study of human culture and society
5. The study of living organisms
7. Grant (free money) given to students with financial need, academic or athletic merit
8. Study of ancient ruins and artifacts
10. A large exam taken in the middle of the semester
11. Mr. Rogers graduated from this college in Florida
13. The unethical practice of copying another person's work and submitting it as your own
16. Major university in Nashville, Tennessee
17. A professor that helps guide an individual student's course of study
18. The study of neurons, the nervous system, and the brain
19. The scientific study of the human mind