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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Curious to know all the important dates during the course of the academic year? MMA's 2026-2027 academic calendar can be found on our website by searching "Academic Calendar" - [or by clicking this link](#). The academic calendar includes dates such as the last day to add/drop a class or withdraw from a course, long weekends and break weeks, and class registration for the following semester.

Curtis Hall Renovation

As you may already know, Curtis Hall is currently undergoing a major renovation. This project includes upgrades to the heating and plumbing systems, enhancements to the air handling system, a redesigned front lobby, and improvements to life safety features throughout the building.

The renovation will be completed in four phases. During each phase, one-quarter of the building will be offline. These phases have been carefully planned to ensure that students can remain in the same room for the duration of a semester, avoiding mid-semester room changes. However, in some cases, students will need to relocate rooms before heading out for winter break in December due to one phase wrapping up and the next beginning.

To maintain the same number of beds in Curtis Hall throughout the renovation, we have had to triple up some rooms. For example, if Phase 1 removes 100 beds from use, we must redistribute those 100 beds among the remaining areas (Phases 2, 3, and 4) by tripling up 100 rooms. We understand that having three students in a room is not ideal and recognize the potential stress this may cause.

While the renovation presents certain challenges, it is long overdue and will ultimately enhance the residential experience in Curtis Hall. With patience, understanding, and flexibility, we will successfully navigate this transition together.

During the academic year, Residence Life will communicate pertinent information and updates to students via email, as well as post information to the Curtis Hall Renovation section of our website, [which you can visit here](#).

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Did You Know?

CURTIS & LEAVITT HALLS CLOSINGS FOR BREAKS

During break periods, Curtis & Leavitt Halls close to all students, except those who are participating in in-season sports, or standing paid watch on TSSOM. Below are some Q&As about break closings.

Q: To help me plan ahead now, when will Curtis & Leavitt Halls be closed during the upcoming academic year?

A: Thanksgiving Break: Closes Friday, November 20, 2026 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, November 29, 2026 @ 1PM.

Winter Break: Closes Monday, December 14, 2024 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, January 10, 2027 @ 1PM.

Spring Break: Closes Friday, February 26, 2027 @ 5PM & reopens Sunday, March 7, 2027 @ 1PM.

End Of The Year: Closes Friday, April 30, 2027 @ 5PM.

Q: How am I notified about break closings and any expectations before I depart Curtis or Leavitt?

A: Beginning about three weeks ahead of each closing, Res Life will send out a weekly email about the upcoming break and any related expectations. In addition to the emails, notices are posted around Curtis & Leavitt and are also put up on the Yodeck TVs in Curtis & Alford.

Q: What if I'm not able to leave until the day following the official closing of the residence halls due to a ride/flight?

A: You can fill out a Late Departure Request to spend an extra night on campus. You will be on your own for dinner though, as the last meal served in the Mess Deck on a closing day is lunch.

Q: For the break closings, what if I need a ride to, and or from, Bangor for my flight/bus?

A: You'll need to fill out a Transportation Request, and Res Life coordinates transportation with a local taxi company. There is a cost for the taxi ride, which is divided among students in each taxi. Res Life tries to group as many students together for each taxi trip to keep the per-person cost as low as possible. As a result of this, sometimes students will arrive in Bangor a few hours before they need to be there and will have to wait around until their departure time. Res Life only coordinates taxi rides for official Academy break periods.

Res Life has a calendar of important dates which you can find on the MMA website by navigating to: Student Life > Residential Life > Residential Life Calendar - [or by clicking this link](#).



CASTINE HIGHLIGHTS

Churches

Within the town of Castine, there are four churches; and each is within walking distance of the MMA campus.

[Our Lady of Holy Hope](#)
[Trinitarian Congregational Parish](#)
[Trinity Episcopal Church](#)
[Unitarian Universalist Church](#)



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES provides students with a wide array of opportunities and experiences through its campus programming efforts and oversight of student clubs and organizations. The Student Activities team is comprised of Emily Berry, Assistant Director of Student Activities; and students who work as Campus Activities Board (CAB) members.

Some of the on-campus events CAB sponsored this past year included: jackpot BINGO, paint nights, stuff-a-bear, and Duck Day (an annual event where rubber duckies are hidden around campus - if you find a duck, you win a prize). Off-campus events included: outdoor rock climbing, an evening bioluminescence kayak trip, a Portland Sea Dogs baseball game, and ice skating.

At MMA there are a number of student-run clubs & organizations you can get involved with. These range from Woodsmen Club to Pep Band, from Sexuality And Gender Alliance to Yacht Club, and from the Maple Syrup Club to Marksmanship Club. A list of active student clubs or organizations [can be found here on MMA's website](#).

Each year, Student Activities hosts the annual Community Involvement Fair, at which active clubs & organizations will have tables set up so students who are interested in getting involved can see these groups, talk with current members, learn more about the group, and sign up to join them. This year's Community Involvement Fair will be held on Thursday, September 3.

Student clubs & organizations come and go as students' interests change. If you're interested in an activity that's not currently represented or active, with a little work, you can start or restart a club or organization.

Getting involved on campus is a great way to: meet new people, put your talents to use, learn new skills or improve existing ones, gain new experiences or perspectives, give yourself a break from your academics, and best of all, have some fun with your peers.

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UPCOMING DATES

New Student Orientation (NSO): In person NSO sessions will be held on Saturday, June 27 & Saturday, July 11. A virtual NSO will be held on Tuesday, July 14. While not required, MMA encourages students, and families, to attend one of the sessions if able. Registration for an NSO is required, and sign-up is embedded in your housing application.

On-Campus Housing Applications Due: Wednesday, July 15

Off-Campus Appeals Due: Wednesday, July 15

Roommate Selection (Optional):

Independent Students: If you find someone you want to room with this year, you can make a roommate group in the on-campus housing application. Roommate groups need to be created by Wednesday, July 15. If you don't have someone in mind, no worries, the answers to the personality questions you provide on your housing app will help us pair you with a roommate.

Regimental Students: The Regiment does not allow you to choose your roommate during your first year.

You can complete all of the above by navigating to mystudentlife.mma.edu, and then clicking on Housing Applications 2026-2027.

Did You Know:

MMA'S INAUGURAL INCOMING CLASS IN 1941 WAS COMPRISED OF 29 STUDENTS. THERE WERE NO RESIDENCE HALLS ON CAMPUS AT THE TIME, SO STUDENTS LIVED AT THE PENTAGOET INN.

MMA'S INCOMING CLASS OF 2026 WILL HAVE AROUND 290 STUDENTS.

Coming Up In The Next Issue:

- JUNE 27 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION HIGHLIGHTS
- CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT: THE BUOY HOUSE
- FERPA



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