WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ADMISSIONS ALUMNI PROGRAM!
2015-2016

Let the fun begin! Everyone in the Admissions Office is thrilled to have you participate as a volunteer in the Admissions Alumni Program, and we want you to know how much we appreciate your significant contributions to UNH’s Admissions operations. You provide a critical UNH presence where admissions professionals may not otherwise be visible: at college fairs, responding to prospective applicant/parent inquiries, contacting admitted students, and in your communities. The higher education market continues to become more competitive each year, making your assistance in identifying and helping recruit strong students to UNH a very important element in our recruiting efforts.

This Handbook is designed to provide you with some important information about the University, tips on college fairs, and an overview of what we believe are the general concerns and interests that prospective students might have. In addition to information provided here, and the information available on our website, the UNH view book contains an overview of our academic programs and options as well as our general expectations for students. It is important to take time to review these materials to be prepared to answer the questions you will encounter as you meet people who are interested in the University of New Hampshire.

Again, thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment to UNH and this program. I hope you find your experience rewarding and fun. Enjoy yourselves as you remember, reconnect, and recruit for the University of New Hampshire! Should you need additional materials, information, or on-campus perspectives, or if you have questions or just want to introduce yourself, please feel free to contact me!

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NATIONAL RECRUITMENT GUIDELINES FOR UNH REPRESENTATIVES
As a member of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC), the University of New Hampshire admissions office, and anyone representing us, must comply with NACAC's "Statement of Principles of Good Practice". As a representative of the admissions office, you will be asked to participate in a variety of recruitment activities. It is important while participating in these activities that you keep these guidelines in mind. Some of the following are provisions of the statement:

As a representative of the University of New Hampshire you should:
Know the admissions requirements and application deadlines.
Treat all information from applicants, prospective students, and parents as strictly confidential.
Answer all questions about UNH, its programs, environment, fees openly and honestly. If you don't know the answer, offer to look it up, call Admissions, and get back to the inquirer.
Make no negative or disparaging comments about or comparisons with other colleges, universities, or high schools.
Not actively pursue students who have made a commitment to enroll at another institution, unless the student initiates the contact.
Not promise admission, either to the University of New Hampshire or to a specific academic program.

It is important for you to remember that although you are a valued member of the Admissions efforts, you are not a professional counselor and therefore cannot discuss or comment on individual admissions decisions. Please have the student call the main admissions number (603.862.1360) to speak with an admissions officer.

Admissions Mission Statement
The UNH Admissions Office commits itself to supporting students and their family members as they examine the issues involved in a successful college selection process.
We support and promote access to post-secondary experiences that appropriately encourage educational attainment and diversity in its broadest interpretation.
We will achieve institutional success through collaboration with the University community and in accordance with University objectives.
Annual Admissions Cycle
Below is a general look at our month-by-month activities as we move students through the admissions cycle from prospective to enrolled UNH students.

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER:
September marks the beginning of “Travel Season”. During these months directors collectively visit approximately 800 high schools and attend numerous college fairs.
Student Admissions Reps are conducting tours and participating in Group Information Sessions.
UNH hosts a large College Fair for area students with over 200 colleges participating.
On most Saturdays during the fall, Group Information Sessions and tours are held for prospective students and their families.
Early Action application deadline is November 15 and file reading begins

DECEMBER
Early Action application review continues

JANUARY:
Directors wrap up Early Action review – all decisions out by January 22nd
Review begins on Regular Decision applications

FEBRUARY/MARCH:
First Year Regular Decision application deadline is February 1
Financial aid deadline is March 1
Directors continue to read Regular Decision applications
Directors finish up First Year application review

APRIL/MAY:
Busy month for “on-campus” activity
College divisions host Admitted Student Visit Day Programs
May 1 is the common reply date when accepted students must notify UNH if they are planning to attend in the fall
Directors begin spring travel season to recruit next year’s class

JUNE-AUGUST:
Monday-Friday tours led by summer student interns
Projects within the Admissions Alumni Program

COLLEGE FAIRS AND COLLEGE NIGHTS

Many high schools sponsor college fairs to bring representatives of colleges and universities together with prospective students and their parents. The programs are usually in the evening at an area school and frequently students from nearby high schools will be invited. Local alumni and parents often provide valuable assistance as representatives of UNH. This is an excellent opportunity for students and/or parents to meet briefly with a UNH representative to seek information regarding academic programs, student life, and financial aid. College Fairs are a very important facet of the recruitment process. The more opportunities we have to attend college fairs in a variety of locations, the easier it is to extend our presence, particularly outside our primary markets.

What happens at College Fairs/College Nights?

Representatives from colleges and universities gather to meet with students and families as they come to browse and gather information about many different post-secondary options. As a representative for UNH, you will be asked to attend fairs that are set up in an arena format, where representatives stand behind tables in a large open area. Parents and students visit schools they want to hear more about and will ask questions of the institution’s representative.

When can I expect to participate in a college fair?

Fall college fairs generally take place from September through November; those in the spring are scheduled from February through May.

How many fairs will I attend?

As the program expands, we would hope that all volunteers would be able to attend at least one fair. In our primary market areas (New England and mid-Atlantic area) we may need alumni representatives to attend a few college fairs in a season. However, if you are not interested in representing UNH at college fairs, there is no obligation to do so.

If you know of a college fair in your area that we are not attending, contact the school's guidance office to see if UNH can be invited to the next year’s event. Ask the coordinator to send the information along to Tara Scholder at the Admissions Office. There are many areas in the country in which we would benefit from more community contacts.

How do I participate in a college fair?

If you indicated a preference to do college fairs, or if we are really in need of a representative from your area to staff the fair, your territory manager will notify you of the fairs that are scheduled in your area. Once you have agreed to attend, the Admissions Office will then notify the high school that an admissions volunteer will be in attendance. The organizers of the fair as well as UNH count on your presence at the fair, so please take careful note of the date, time, and location.

1 Each director in the office has a specific territory he/she is responsible for. While I (Joshua) am the coordinator of the program, the director responsible for your residential area will be generally responsible for organizing the programs you’ll work on. You have two points of contact: Your primary contact would be your territory manager (TM), and if you can’t find him or her, or need additional assistance, you are welcome to contact me.

How do I prepare for the college fair?

Well before the date of the fair, you will receive a box of literature about UNH, an evaluation of the college fair, and a supply of inquiry contact cards so that students can receive additional information. Be sure to review the information in this training manual and the UNH View Book. Try to be generally familiar with where various UNH programs are described, so you can locate them promptly and easily. The UNH profile and fact sheet is also very important to glance over. A good deal of the information needed at a
college fair table or interview is found on this sheet. There may be lots of students asking about UNH, and a knowledgeable representative makes a powerful and positive impression. Later in the manual, we have identified some “Frequently Asked Questions” from parents and students. It is unusual that they ask for highly specific information at a college fair. If they ask something you cannot answer with authority, simply take down the question and send it along to the admissions office for clarification or give them the number for the admissions office and they can call one of the counselors.

**Attending the fair**- Dress professionally (and wear comfortable shoes!). Arrive at least thirty minutes before the scheduled start in order to find a good parking spot, register, and set up your table. Many fairs also provide food – anything from light refreshments to a full dinner – so be sure you don’t miss out! Feel free to bring your manual as a handy reference guide!

When you set up your table, display your UNH tablecloth/banner over the table and arrange your materials attractively and neatly. If not familiar on how to set up the table, take a look around you at the other colleges--there is no "right or wrong" way. Be sure the inquiry request cards (white cards for the student's name/address/graduation info) are easily accessible to you and to the prospective students, and that pens are available for students to fill out the cards. Students are apt to take more information if there seems to be a good amount on the table, and it is stacked neatly.

**What do I do during the fair?**

You are a first-line representative of UNH. Please stand behind the table throughout the fair; and don't sit or stand in the aisle or hallway. Be sure to have each student who stops at your table fill out a contact card at the UNH table. There are times when it will be very crowded, with tables set up very close together, so you may have to encourage students to work at UNH’s table and not at an adjacent one. Sometimes students will be in a hurry and cannot take the time to fill out a card. That is okay, they can just drop it in a mailbox – no postage necessary, but the general hope is to get the card from the student or parent as this begins the communication plan for the student from our office. Should you run out of inquiry cards, ask your neighboring school if you can borrow some, and collect them from each student as they fill them out. Otherwise, direct the student to the admissions web site for UNH.

Conduct yourself in a friendly, straightforward, helpful and professional manner. Help the student to discover whether UNH might be the right fit – there is no need to aggressively promote UNH when the student or parent may seem uncertain about the institution. Never speak negatively about other institutions.

**Don't guess at answers to questions.** If possible, find the answer in your manual or other UNH sources. Make sure the student understands that someone from the UNH Admissions Office will respond to any unanswered questions or the student can call the academic department or the Admissions Office directly (603.862.1360).

**After the fair is over....**

Gather all the undisbuted materials and, most importantly, the completed inquiry cards. Keep the undisbuted materials and save your tablecloth/banner for your next fair. The inquiry cards and your fair evaluation should be placed in an envelope and mailed to Joshua Kellogg in the Admissions Office as soon as possible. The address is Office of Admissions, Smith Hall, 3 Garrison Ave., Durham, NH 03824.

**THROUGH ALL OF IT, HAVE FUN!**
PHONE or E-MAIL CONTACTS

We may ask if you are willing to contact prospective or admitted students in your area by telephone or e-mail. These contacts with students are made to admitted students in early to mid-January for Early Action and in late March/early April for Regular Decision admits. You will be provided with a general script to follow, name, address, telephone number, high school, and academic major interest. A contact form for each student should be returned to the Admissions Office. The general format is:

Introduce yourself by name and UNH graduation year.

State your reason for contacting - you heard they are applying, or you can congratulate the student on their acceptance and encourage them to visit UNH.

Establish a friendly relationship. Stress the fact that you are a local contact for the student and are available as a UNH resource.

Ask how they became interested in UNH or the major; what are they looking for in a college, have they visited the campus?

Encourage a campus visit – this can be done online through the Admissions website.

Determine if the student needs additional information; if so, forward the inquiry to the TM immediately.

Feel free to share information about your observations regarding UNH’s educational value, the appeal of our location, the academic culture, or any other aspect that you deem appropriate or valuable to the student or their parents/guardians.

Be sure to thank the student for a pleasant conversation, and encourage the student or parents to contact you for additional information.

Inform the TM of any unusual aspect of the conversation.

Keep it brief!

Guidelines for Answering Questions

- “I don’t know” is one of the most important things you need to be comfortable saying when participating in admissions activities. If we don’t know it all as directors, we certainly don’t expect you to know it all! No one expects one person to have all the answers. Giving out mis-information may be confusing or harmful in some cases. Therefore, tell the student what you know and then tell the inquirer that they can call the admissions office at 603.862.1360 and speak with a counselor to find out the information. Or, you may jot down the question, seek the information, and call/e-mail them back with the answer.

- Nearly everything is online – when in doubt, refer them to the website or the territory manager responsible for their region of the country. Students and parents can find their territory manager on our website at: http://admissions.unh.edu/who-my-admissions-counselor-0

- It’s always good to let people know that you are an alum! That way, they know to ask you about your time here and can better formulate their questions. This is particularly important when speaking with guidance counselors. If you’re covering a fair with an admissions counselor, please be sure to direct the guidance counselor to him or her.

- The greatest challenge will be to combine fact with experience and filter out the less relevant information. Make sure to give the facts. However, integrating personal experience with the facts helps give personal credence to discussing the UNH experience. Maintain the balance—too much or too little factual information may push them away.

- Be sure you understand the question being asked before you try to answer it!
• Make sure you answer the question being asked, and not the question you want to answer. Share information that is relevant to your experience with respect to the question – don’t go off on unrelated tangents – they only have so much time and there are many schools to visit with.

• Choose your words carefully—remember you are representing the entire university, not just part of it. If a certain type of question or issue is raised frequently, please let Joshua or your territory manager know about it in your evaluation of the program. It might be something that is particular to a region of the country or part of a larger trend.

APPLYING TO UNH
The admissions office supports a paperless application process meaning we review all applications electronically. The following information describes how a student should apply:

• UNH is a Common Application only school. We ask that all applicants fill out the Common Application online.
• SAT and ACT scores must come directly from the testing company – we do not accept them from the high school transcript.
• We ask that students send only 1 or 2 letters of recommendation.
• Students should NOT send any additional materials aside from what is required in the application checklist (i.e. no art portfolios, CDs, photo collages, newspaper clippings, etc). If they want to convey something to us, we ask that they do it in writing in the allotted spaces in the application.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES
This information is general and good to have committed to memory. As always, this information is online as well. You should feel comfortable speaking in general terms about the admissions process. Keep in mind this information represent our statistical averages and there are always variations. Further questions should be directed to your territory manager.

1. High School Transcript
Most successful candidates present:
• 4 years of English
• 4 years of college preparatory math (1 year beyond algebra 2)
• 4 years of laboratory science
• 3-4 years of social science (i.e. history, etc.)
• 3-4 or more years of study in a single foreign language, or more than one year of study in two different languages (students who attend a high school that does not offer foreign language or received a waiver due to a learning disability will be waived from this requirement)

Achievement - most successful applicants have maintained a B or B+ average and higher throughout their four years of high school
Course levels—courses should be at the college prep level; if honors and Advanced Placement level courses are available and subject matter teachers and guidance counselors recommend this placement for the student, we expect to see students take these more demanding courses.

2. Class Rank
Successful candidates generally rank in the top 20-25% of their graduating class. Class rank is increasingly subjective since many schools no longer utilize this measure. More important is a student’s academic achievement.

UNH reviews applications within the context of the high school community; we don’t compare students from different high schools with each other. Accordingly, how well students take advantage of academic opportunities within the school matter the most in our admissions process. This results in the admissions
office making consistent decisions within each high school community and might mean that we accept students who rank in the top 40% of one school (because the record presented by the students at this high school predict college success in the top 40%), while restricting offers of admission to the top 20% at another high school.

3. Standardized Tests
First-year applicants must submit either the SAT or the ACT test scores at the time of application. Scores must be submitted by the student and sent to UNH directly by the testing agency. Half of admitted First Year scored between 520 and 610 on the SAT Critical Reading, Math and Writing exams. We take the highest score from each section if the SAT has been taken more than once by the applicant. The average SAT score is a 1630. Students may submit results of the ACT instead of the SAT. The average ACT score is a 24. If students take the ACT they are required to take the optional writing portion if they plan to submit their scores to UNH.

SAT Subject tests (formerly Achievement Tests) are not required.

**THERE ARE NO "CUTOFFS" OR MINIMUM NUMBERS FOR SAT OR ACT SCORES IN THE UNH ADMISSIONS PROCESS.** Testing is not a significant factor in the admissions decision making process at UNH.

**TOEFL:** Students for whom English is not their first language are also required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Students can take the test in 3 different formats. Minimum scores are 213 for the computer based, 550 for the paper based and 80 on the Internet based test.

4. Recommendations:
We ask that students send only ONE letter of recommendation from a guidance counselor or teacher. If it is absolutely necessary they may send another, but we highly discourage students from sending any more than two recommendations.

5. Character, Leadership, Initiative, Special Aptitude, and Talents:
These are evaluated through recommendations and information the candidate provides about extracurricular activities and employment in the application.

6. Some majors also have special requirements:
Engineering, biological and physical sciences and mathematics: four years of college-prep math through pre-calculus; chemistry and/or physics. Entrance into the Peter T. Paul School of Business also requires an additional year of math preparation beyond Algebra II.

**NOTE:** Nursing tends to be a particularly competitive program. We recommend that nursing applicants have strong science backgrounds (chemistry is required) and that they indicate somewhere in their application why they are interested in nursing.

7. Essay:
The essay enables prospective students to demonstrate their writing ability and will help us become better acquainted with them.

It is important to share with families that we take a holistic approach to each application. We do not have cut offs or strict requirements (with the exception that all students MUST have been successful in Algebra II, have 4 years of English, and 2 years of a single foreign language (unless they have a waiver)), and we read everything the student submits with their application.

**Note:** Interviews are not part of our admissions process. If a family has questions a director will be available to have a conversation with them.
APPLICATION DEADLINES

Remember – UNH only accepts the Common Application

For the fall semester:
First Year: **November 15** for Early Action (non-binding); notification date before January 22
**February 1** Regular Decision deadline for fall semester
Transfer: **April 1** priority deadline for the fall semester
Everyone: **March 1** FAFSA deadline for financial aid application

For the spring semester:
First Year & Transfer: **October 15**
Students may apply any time after the start of senior year and before the **February 1** deadline. Admission decisions are mailed on a continuous basis through April 15. Admitted First Year students have until May 1 to confirm their intent to enroll at the University.
The review of First Year candidates begins as soon as a complete application (including official grade reports through junior year and a confirmed senior-year course schedule, the results of the SAT or ACT, a counselor or teacher letter of recommendation, an essay, and an application fee) is received. To ensure an initial review by mid-January of the senior year, applications should be submitted by November 15. The Admission Committee may request senior mid-year grade reports to make a final admission decision.

**Early Action**
The benefit of this program is that students will hear back from the admissions office sooner regarding their decision. Students that apply by November 15 for Early Action consideration are notified of a decision by January 22. Students have until May 1 to respond to our offer of admission and may stay active in the admissions process at other institutions until that date. If a student receives a “defer” decision, the student’s application will be considered under the regular review timetable and we will ask that new grades be sent to our office. We rarely deny a student in the Early Action applicant pool unless we are absolutely certain that he or she would not be admissible from the Regular Decision applicant pool.

What does the Admissions Office really look for in an application?
The most important factor in a student’s application is their high school transcript. The strength of the course work chosen and the student’s grades are the most important, followed by where the student falls relative to his/her peers. We look closely at trends in a student’s transcript (gradual progression upward or downward, spikes in performance or consistent good or bad work). Other information, including the guidance counselor or teacher recommendation, essays, and extra-curricular activities will also be considered but with less weight than the high school record.
We do not emphasize SAT/ACT results in evaluating students for admission. The scores are significant for use when awarding our merit based scholarship awards, and evaluating admission to our University Honors Program. SATs or ACTs, of their own merit, are not a reason to immediately deny or admit an applicant.
Some programs are more competitive than others and have higher admission standards than those listed previously. Currently they are Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Exercise Science, Communication Science and Disorder, Athletic Training, Nutrition and Health and Human Services – Undeclared. You may want to suggest that students interested in these majors contact an admissions counselor to discuss that particular year’s applicant pool.
How many applications does UNH receive?
Over the past few years, our application numbers have increased significantly. Last year we received over 18,000 applications for a class of 3,200 students.

The first year class
The 2014 First Year class totals around 3,227.
There were around 18,420 applicants and the overall accept rate was 80%.
9,599 of those student were early action applicants, 8,590 were accepted and 1,775 enrolled.

My parents own property in New Hampshire and pay property taxes. Am I a resident?
No. A person’s primary residence must be in New Hampshire; a second or vacation home does not qualify. There are many requirements to be considered an in-state resident for residency and tuition purposes. If a student or parent requests more information, refer them directly to the Admissions Office at 603.862.1360.

Merit Scholarships
While representing UNH at a college fair or during an interview, many of us have been asked the question regarding non-need based (Merit) scholarships. Scholarships make UNH more affordable and attractive to some of the best and brightest. UNH Scholarships are awarded at the time of admission and no additional application is required. Encourage students to go the Admissions website for specific information about the criteria and amounts.

The dollar value of the scholarships and the criteria are subject to annual review and typically do change year to year. Typically students need to rank in the top 15% or higher of their high school class, have a solid A/B average, and SAT scores of 1760 or higher or an ACT score of 26 or higher to be considered. Amounts range from $1,000 to 10,000 but change yearly so students should check the website for the most current information. http://admissions.unh.edu/financialaid/index.html

ACADEMICS:
UNH has 5 four year college divisions:
1. College of Liberal Arts (COLA)
2. College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (CEPS)
3. College of Health and Human Services (CHHS)
4. College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA)
5. Peter Paul College of Business and Economics

The Thompson School of Applied Sciences (TSAS) is often the least understood of these programs. It is our two year associates program, and it falls under the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA).
The Thompson School of Applied Science (TSAS) is the two-year school of UNH. It offers programs leading to an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree. There are nine degree programs at the Thompson School with areas of specialization:

- **APPLIED ANIMAL SCIENCE**
  - Dairy Management
  - Equine Management
  - Small Animal Care

- **APPLIED BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

- **CIVIL TECHNOLOGY**
  - Architectural Technology
  - Construction Management
  - Surveying and Mapping

- **CULINARY ARTS and NUTRITION**
  - Culinary Arts
  - Dietetic Technology
  - Food and Beverage Management

- **FOREST TECHNOLOGY**

- **HORTICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY**
  - Ornamental Horticulture
  - Landscape Operations

- **INTEGRATED AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT**

- **VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY**

- **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**
Thompson School admissions criteria:

- Generally, at least a 'C' average in high school course work.
- Consistency in grades or an upward trend.
- Motivation as demonstrated in the appropriate career field (i.e., a student who operated a summer lawn care business would be a good match for the Horticultural Technology program).
- Guidance counselor recommendation.
- SAT or ACT scores are required

Accepted students typically graduate in the middle of their class.
There are approximately 450 students enrolled in Thompson School programs.
The Thompson School is part of one of UNH's college divisions; Thompson School students may participate in all UNH extracurricular activities except intercollegiate athletics (this is an NCAA rule).
They also live in the residence halls, eat in the same dining halls and pay the same tuition and fees.
An appropriate Thompson School candidate is a student with a specialized career interest who prefers hands-on experience. The Thompson School is not an appropriate choice for someone who wants a Liberal Arts/General Studies Associates degree.
Thompson School students may take limited 400-level baccalaureate courses with the permission of their advisor and the 400-level course instructors.
Approximately 60% of the Thompson School students ultimately transfer to a baccalaureate degree program; 30% of these students do so at UNH. When a student transfers from a 2 year TSAS program to a 4 year program, all credits will transfer but many of these credits will not fulfill specific baccalaureate degree requirements.
Students are eligible for transfer consideration after one year of full time study in an A.A.S program if they have earned a 2.8 GPA or after 2 years of study if they have earned a 2.5 GPA.

EXTERNAL TRANSFER DETAILS
Transfer admission to the University is competitive. As with First Year applicants, we encourage only those students who have established strong, well-rounded programs of study to apply for transfer admission.
There is no cumulative GPA cut-off which applies in every instance. As a general rule, however, we look for solid achievement (a 2.8 GPA or better) in coursework which addresses a variety of general education categories.
For some students, college course selection is at least as important as their GPA. Students with modest high school records, or weak skills in mathematics and lab science, must strengthen their credentials in these areas before we can encourage them to apply for transfer admission. Students who have acceptable high school records may qualify for admission regardless of their college course selection, assuming that their college achievement is acceptable.
Any questions about transfer admission should be directed to your territory manager.
On-campus housing is not guaranteed for transfer students, but is determined on a semester-by-semester, space available basis. Transfer students can put their name on a housing waitlist.
Students interested in housing in the Durham area should be referred to the following website: www.unhmub.com/housinglist/
NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COMPACT PROGRAM

Under this program, New England residents may apply to UNH for a specific major covered under the NERSP and pay a reduced tuition rate upon admission. If you change your major to a non-NERSP program before receiving your degree, you will be required to pay the regular out-of-state tuition. The NERSP tuition rate is subject to change at any time. Currently, our NERSP rate is 175% of our in-state tuition. Below is a list of UNH programs currently available through the NERSP. Other programs may be added or existing programs may be deleted for the next academic year.

Bachelor Degree Programs: Available to residents of:
- Animal Sciences: Dairy Management  MA, ME, RI, VT
- Chemical Engineering VT
- Classics/Classical Studies ME
- Community and Environmental Planning CT, MA, RI
- Ecogastronomy* CT, ME, MA, RI, VT
- European Cultural Studies CT, ME, MA, RI
- Environmental Engineering ME, MA, RI
- Equine Studies CT, RI
- Forestry CT, MA, RI
- Genetics CT, MA, RI
- Greek CT, ME, RI
- Health Management and Policy ME, MA, RI, VT
- Hospitality Management CT, ME, RI
- Information Technology ME
- Justice Studies* ME, MA, VT
- Latin CT, RI
- Linguistics RI, VT
- Marine, Estuarine, and Freshwater Biology CT, VT
- Occupational Therapy** CT, ME, RI, VT
- Outdoor Education CT, ME, MA, RI
- Recreation Management and Policy: Therapeutic Recreation MA, RI, VT
- Russian CT, ME, MA, RI
- Sustainable Agriculture CT, RI
- Tourism, Planning, and Development CT, ME, MA, RI, VT
- Zoology CT, MA

*Offered only as a dual major to students who have declared a first major, completed at least one semester, and earned a minimum GPA of 2.5.

**NERSP eligibility is effective only for the senior year; CT, RI, and VT residents are also NERSP-eligible for master’s degree program.

Associate Degree Programs: Available to residents of:
- Applied Animal Science ME, MA, RI, VT
- Civil Technology CT, RI
- Community Leadership CT, ME, MA, RI, VT
- Food Service Management MA, RI, VT
- Forest Technology CT, MA, RI, VT
- Horticultural Technology RI
- Integrated Agriculture Management CT, MA, ME, RI, VT
WHAT ARE UNH’S MOST PROMINENT STRENGTHS?

- A very broad range of curricula across schools and colleges;
- 99% of courses are taught by FACULTY, not teaching assistants;
- 19:1 student/faculty ratio
- 89% of faculty have doctoral degree
- 40% of classes have 20 or fewer students
- $112 million in external research funding

CAN I APPLY TO UNH WITH AN "UNDECIDED" MAJOR?

Yes. You can be undecided in any of the 5 four year colleges. In fact, "Undecided" is UNH’s most popular option for first-time students. Once a student is admitted, he or she must declare a major by the end of their sophomore year. Applying undecided will not hurt a student’s chances of admission. About half of our First Year class is admitted undecided.

HOW STRONG IS YOUR MAJOR IN: (fill in the blank)?

This is a difficult question to answer and is often reflective of the person asking the question not knowing what to ask. Simply responding that program X is a ‘good’ program is not helpful or effective. It is better to know why a program is ‘good’ and explaining why it is good. Some examples of why a program might be ‘good’ include, but are not limited to the following:

- Nationally accredited
- Breadth of course offerings
- Faculty who are nationally/internationally known in their fields
- Academic facilities that support student learning and engagement
- Extensive undergraduate research opportunities
- Study abroad opportunities
- Excellent retention and graduation rates
- Excellent placement rates in job market or graduate school

A person must know the programs in detail to answer this question properly. Accordingly, the best thing to do is to show students what we do have. Also, encourage them to contact the college or school at UNH so they can receive more specific information.

MAJOR CHOICE

The choice of major will be an important question for many prospective students. The following should be kept in mind when advising students:

- Many students will enter UNH unsure of a major and will make changes in their prospective major in the first few years.
- In some programs, major significantly determines course selection in the First Year, others not until the sophomore or junior year.
- Students will spend at least the 1st semester in the academic unit they enter. After that, changing major or academic unit is generally not difficult as long as the student’s gpa is above a 2.5.
- The application supplement page does provide space for a second major choice. Any major can be listed as a second choice, and while listing a second choice is not required, we strongly suggest it. If they don’t list one, the default second choice is undeclared liberal arts if we are unable to admit them to their first choice.
DO YOU ACCEPT ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDIT?
Generally, scores of 4 and 5 on Advanced Placement Examinations are awarded appropriate credit by the Admissions Office. There are some exceptions where a 3 may be acceptable. AP exams can satisfy a general education requirement, or receive elective credit, but will not satisfy a requirement for a major. Encourage students to check out the website for specific subjects and grades required: http://admissions.unh.edu/academics/advanced-placement-credit/

DO YOU OFFER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS?
Yes. We offer 30 UNH run programs, and participate in over 300 UNH approved programs through other institutions that allow students to get UNH credit. There are hundreds of programs available, and UNH’s Center for International Education (CIE) has the details on each of them. CIE will assist students in identifying an institution that offers the program of interest to them. Last year 743 students studied abroad in 47 different countries.

DO YOU HAVE AN HONORS PROGRAM?
Yes. Students are considered for participation in the University Honors Program when they are reviewed for admission to UNH, and successful candidates will be invited to join the Program at that time. No separate application is required.
Admission to the University Honors Program is both holistic and highly competitive. The Admissions Committee, in consultation with the University Honors Program staff, carefully evaluate all components of the application: strength of high school coursework, high school grades, class rank, standardized test scores, recommendations and the essay/personal statement. We look also at a demonstrated willingness to take on challenges and leadership opportunities. Typically, students admitted to the University Honors Program rank in the top 10% of their class (or equivalent) with combined SAT scores of 1970 or higher or a 29 ACT score and have excelled in all areas of their secondary school’s most challenging academic curriculum.
Students may also be admitted into the University Honors Program after the 1st semester of their first year if they place in the top 10% of their college division.
Students also have the option of choosing University Honors which includes 4 honors General Education/Discovery courses (16 credits) AND Honors-in-Major coursework (including thesis), according to department's specific guidelines (minimum of 16 credits).
A final option is to do Honors-in-Major only. That entails a minimum of 16 credits of Honors-in-Major coursework (including thesis), according to department's specific guidelines.

IS THERE A PRE-MED, PRE-LAW, PRE-DENTAL, PRE-VET PROGRAM?
Yes, UNH has all of these programs:
Pre-Med (includes pre-dental): Post-baccalaureate professional schools generally have specific course requirements for applicants. Students interested in these careers generally may major in any subject as long as they take the courses to fulfill the particular application requirements. For example, a student might major in music at UNH, complete the required courses in math, chemistry, biology, and physics, and apply to medical school. The courses available at UNH to satisfy these application requirements are especially strong. Opportunities for internships, research, clinical experience and volunteerism (all items expected by medical school admissions committees) are abundant at UNH. A list of medical schools accepting UNH graduates can be obtained from the Career Services office. http://www.unh.edu/premed-advising/
Pre-Vet: Pre-veterinary students are also well-equipped through the Animal Sciences program, Bio-Medical Lab Science which has a focus on Vet studies and the numerous options to work with animals in local vet clinics, the UNH horse barn, and the CREAM program. A list of medical schools accepting UNH graduates can be obtained from the Animal Science Department.
http://www.prevet.unh.edu/

Pre-Law: Pre-law students also use the services in the Career Services office to obtain admittance to law school. Graduates are encouraged not to go directly to law school, but rather to work in a field of their choice for experience, then to apply for law school. UNH graduates do well with regard to admission into law school. The national average is around 69%, while the UNH average is 70%. A list of law schools is also available from the Career Services Office. Please don’t forget UNH now has a Law School – UNH Law. UNH took over Franklin Peirce Law School in Concord, NH fall of 2010.
http://www.unh.edu/prelaw-advising/

ARE THERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERGRADUATES TO DO RESEARCH?
Absolutely! Given the high number of undergraduates relative to the number of graduate students at UNH (12,500 undergrad; 2,500 grad), and our status as a prominent research institution, undergraduates quickly find that professors are looking to them to assist with major research projects. Some students begin research in their fields as early as their First Year, and there is no shortage of professors to work with or projects to work on. Also, students in the University Honors Program will work with an advisor in their major to complete an honors senior thesis before graduation.
In addition to doing research with professors, UNH has ample opportunities for undergraduates to explore their own projects and interests through our Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) and our International Research Opportunities Program (IROP). Students first write a grant proposal to these departments presenting their research ideas. Students can receive $15 towards travel expenses of getting to Boston to do research there, or be fully funded to travel to and live in another country or another part of the US to do their research. Students work with advisors to accomplish their goals, and when their work is completed they can showcase it in our Undergraduate Research Conference held every April in our Student Union. UNH host the largest Research Conference in the Country! Last year, approximately 1100 students participated in the URC.

WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WITH LEARNING OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES?
UNH has a Disability Services for Students office (DSS) located in Smith Hall. This office certifies student disabilities and coordinates campus-wide services and accommodations for students with physical and/or learning disabilities in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Through the Americans with Disabilities Act, students who have documented learning and/or physical disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations at UNH.
DSS promotes the development of student self-reliance and personal independence necessary to succeed in a university environment.

In terms of applying for admission, a student with a learning disability may make note of it on their application. If they are accepted, they should send any documentation (test results, Individualized
Education Plan (IEP) etc. to the DSS to qualify for services. It should not be sent to the Admissions Office because it cannot be considered as part of the application and the admissions criteria is the same for all students. We do not have a formal program for students with Learning Disabilities (sometimes referred to as an LD program).

**REMEMBER: Do not encourage students, parents or guidance counselors to send any disability related documentation to the Admissions Office.**

Disclosure of a learning disability is completely voluntary in the admissions process. The admissions office does not use any documentation regarding a learning disability in the admissions process.

For eligible students, accommodations can take many forms, including the following examples:

- extended testing time
- tests administered via voice rather than paper
- Interpreters for deaf students.

Students with questions should go to the DSS web site at http://www.unh.edu/disabilityservices/ or call the office directly at 603.862.2607.

**WHAT OTHER TUTORING AND COUNSELING RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS?**

**Center for Academic Resources (CFAR)**

[www.cfar.unh.edu/862-3698](http://www.cfar.unh.edu/862-3698)

The Center for Academic Resources (CFAR) offers academic support services, including:

- Ongoing, individualized learning skills instruction in time management, note-taking, and test-taking
- Peer support for academic and personal concerns
- Syllabi for many UNH courses and summaries of student evaluations of faculty
- Referrals for individual & group tutoring
- Connections to other campus resources
- Weekly peer-led study groups for select highly-enrolled courses
- GRE and graduate study support through Information sessions on taking the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), weekly drop in GRE review sessions, and writing workshops for graduate application statements.

**Health Services**

There is a mandatory health insurance requirement. 

**Why is it mandatory?** The insurance requirement has been instituted to support students in their academic pursuits. Specifically, having health insurance is a way to reduce the financial risk associated with medical and/or psychological care while attending school. It is also to ensure that students who need medical care beyond what the campus resources can provide - whether for physical or mental health – will have insurance that allows them to access such care.

**Can students waive coverage?** Yes, in most cases. Students who have health insurance will be able to waive coverage under the University sponsored plan if their insurance plan meets or exceeds the established waiver criteria and a valid waiver form is submitted by the deadline.

For a comprehensive list of services provided by Health Services, please visit [http://www.unh.edu/health-services/](http://www.unh.edu/health-services/)
The Counseling Center
http://www.unhcc.unh.edu/
This office helps students fully benefit from their time at UNH through individual counseling, group counseling, psychological testing, psychiatry, campus outreach, and consultation to faculty and staff.

WHAT ARE UNH's GENERAL GRADUATION RATES?
The percentage of students who graduate within six years (the federal standard) is approximately 75%. This figure is approximately 15 percentage points higher than schools of our type. Across the country, more students are taking 4+ years to graduate. At UNH, this phenomenon is not because they are unable to register for classes as many families fear; rather, since many students are apt to change their major about 2-3 times, it sometimes takes them longer to complete their degree. The most often cited reason for leaving UNH is related to finances.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND?
2011-2012 Tuition, Fee, Room, and Board Costs
Resident Non-Resident
TUITION $16,552 $29,532
ROOM & BOARD $10,360 10,360
TOTAL
REQUIRED/DIRECT $26,912 $39,892
In figuring the total cost of attending UNH, we encourage students and families to also add factors such as books, supplies, transportation, and miscellaneous expenses. We estimate these annual costs to be approximately $4,500, although it can vary per student.

Financial aid
www.unh.edu/financial-aid/index.html
603.862.3600
Need Based Aid
Please note that UNH requires all students to submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to be considered for Financial Aid. The FAFSA will be available in high school guidance offices by January 1st of their Sr. year, or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Those forms are due to the federal processor by March 1 of their senior year.
Work study may be awarded as part of the financial aid package. Students are responsible for selecting a work study job from a list available at the financial aid office, and for putting the money they earn toward their expenses. Students will be compensated with a paycheck and that money will be at their discretion.

Merit Based Aid
There are some merit-based scholarships, but they are limited. Students being considered for these scholarships do not need to submit any other application aside from the application for admission; selections for these scholarships are based on the application for admission.

Athletic Scholarships
Financial assistance is available to male and female student athletes. The Director of Athletics, in consultation with the appropriate coaches, recommends the recipients and amount of awards. Interested students should contact the Athletic Department directly.

International Student Scholarships
International students are eligible to receive all merit scholarships listed for out-of-state students. (Only US citizens are eligible for federal financial aid).
In addition to these, a limited number of scholarships are available. Inquiries regarding scholarships for foreign students should be made directly to the Admissions Office.

Other Options
There are also many jobs in Durham and the surrounding towns available for non-work study students.

STUDENT LIFE

WHAT SPORT DIVISION ARE YOU IN AND HOW ACTIVE ARE THE STUDENTS IN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS?
UNH is an NCAA Division I competitor in all varsity sports; there are 8 men's and 12 women's varsity teams. UNH has been recognized as one of the top universities for athlete academic achievement in the country.
Club sports are the 2nd tier of sports at UNH. These are not recognized as varsity sports, but the teams do compete against other colleges and schools.
Intramural sports are the 3rd tier of sports at UNH. Students join these teams and compete against each other on-campus. This is a very popular way to get to know new people on campus.
Over 91% of our students are involved in varsity, club, or intramural sports.

NCAA Division I Athletics. Students who are interested in playing NCAA Division I athletics should contact the coaches directly, usually during the end of the junior year. Students are encouraged to send a cover letter and athletic resume. Please provide them with the Athletic Sheet or refer them to the athletics website.

WHAT IS THE SOCIAL LIFE LIKE AT UNH?
UNH is a vibrant community with many opportunities for students to get involved. There are over 200 clubs and organizations for students to explore, as well as research and other academic endeavors to keep them busy. UNH prides itself on the amount of weekend and evening programming provided; it’s usually free for students and always fun and engaging. In addition, there are about 12,500 undergraduates on campus, so students will never run out of people to meet and new interests to explore. Whether it’s in the dining hall, searching for a club or team to join, activities to be involved in, or classes that pique their interest, UNH students are never bored!
Most post-secondary institutions in the U.S. report persistent concern with substance abuse by their students. UNH is addressing the problem with awareness programs, education, and counseling. The University of New Hampshire abides by the New Hampshire State Law concerning the 21-year-old drinking age and the illegal use of drugs. UNH has been active in establishing more on-campus activities for students during the evenings and weekends. Some efforts have included keeping the athletic facilities and library open longer on the weekends; running the on-campus shuttle buses longer at night; having more concerts and organized social activities. For those students who have decided to steer clear of drugs and alcohol, there are Residential Life options that meet the needs of students who do not want to partake, or do not want the residual effects of others interfering with their environment.
ARE THERE CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS AVAILABLE AT UNH?
UNH has over 200 clubs and organizations, including religious, community service, government, Greek, social, adventure, and sport related groups for students to join. And, if a student has an interest that is not represented, he or she will find it easy to initiate that very simple process and form their own club. For a list of UNH Student Organization Services Clubs and Club Sports please visit our website: http://www.unhmub.com/sos/ or call our Leadership office at 603.862.4746.

IS THERE GREEK LIFE AT UNH?
Yes, the Greek system is alive and well at UNH. Approximately 9% of UNH undergraduates are members of our fraternities and sororities. Just like everything else at UNH, if a student wants to be involved they are welcome and encouraged to, and if they’re not interested, there are plenty of other clubs and organizations to join.

WHAT IS THE ALCOHOL POLICY AT UNH?
Alcohol and other substance abuse is a challenge on nearly every college campus—UNH is not immune to this challenge. In recent years UNH has taken aggressive steps to help students be responsible:

1. Substance-Free Housing
   Students living in Engelhardt Hall pledge to not drink or use other drugs while attending UNH.

2. Parental Notification
   UNH notifies parents of students who violate campus alcohol and drug policies to involve families in addressing the problem.

3. Judicial Enforcement
   The University aggressively pursues on-campus, alcohol-related incidents resulting in annual increases in the number of students referred for alcohol and drug services. The Town of Durham supports enforcement of liquor license violations in an effort to hold alcohol providers more accountable.

4. Ramifications of alcohol and drug violations
   There are ramifications of illegal alcohol and drug use. These ramifications include, but are not limited to, the following:
   - Loss of campus housing (in many cases before the semester ends)
   - Prohibition on study abroad participation
   - Loss of financial aid
   - Impact on graduate school admission
   - Fines

IS UNH A DRY CAMPUS?
No, UNH is not a dry campus. Students of legal age, 21 or older, may possess and consume alcohol for personal use only in private personal residential space and in accordance with all other state laws. Possessing or consuming alcohol if under the age of 21 is ILLEGAL. The state of New Hampshire also has an internal possession law where people who are drunk and under 21 can be fined and sanctioned.
IF YOU DON'T DRINK ARE YOU OUT OF THE LOOP?
Not at all! There are so many things to do around campus that do not involve drinking. In fact, the University has developed a number of other outlets for student involvement; the library has expanded hours to accommodate students looking for late night studying and we have a comprehensive recreation and fitness center, including a bouldering wall and a climbing wall. This is a good time to mention all the clubs and activities offered around campus (refer to website).

AS A STATE UNIVERSITY, HOW DIVERSE IS THE STUDENT POPULATION AT UNH?
Often, questions will arise about UNH’s diversity in terms of student population and the services that UNH provides. Here are some commonly asked questions and general answers that may help you respond.

a. How diverse is UNH?
Statistically speaking, multicultural students comprise 8% of our student body. But we don’t consider this to be the extent of our diversity. While our student body is predominantly white, it includes an active multicultural population. The University is comprised of students with different sexual orientations, religions, political beliefs, socioeconomic backgrounds, and students from different geographic locations. Here are some statistics you may find useful
There are over 230 international students from 34 different countries
Our students are from 49 of the 50 states
70% of our students receive financial aid
50% of our students are NH residents and 50% are from other states or countries

b. What services have been established to support students of color on campus?
The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) is located in the Memorial Union Building (MUB). Their mission is to create opportunities for people to participate in an inclusive community and to explore and understand diversity, injustice and equity. Their work is grounded in understanding diversity that includes people of all abilities, ages and ethnicities, genders, nationalities, races, religions and spiritual traditions, socio-economic classes and sexual orientations. Providing support and development for African American/Black, Latina/o, Native American, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Multiracial, and Biracial students, as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning students is at the heart of OMSA.
We also have the Diversity Support Coalition (DSC) which is a student run organization that is comprised of the governing bodies of each of our diversity oriented student organizations. They often collaborate with OMSA, but are a separate entity. The DSC is composed of six diverse student groups: Alliance - LGBTQA+, Black Student Union, Hillel - Jewish, Mosaico Hispanic United Asian Coalition

c. What is UNH doing to increase diversity on campus?
UNH and the admissions office are dedicated to making UNH a diverse and welcoming place for people of all backgrounds. We have many recruiting efforts specific to our more diverse populations. For example, Discover UNH is an educational program for multicultural and first generation high school seniors. The program gives high school seniors the opportunity to learn about various aspects of the university and academic life. It aims to support the University's goal of making the University of New Hampshire a more diverse, respectful community and creating a welcoming, supportive and friendly atmosphere for students of color.
d. Are there a lot of bias-related incidents on campus?
In general, the University of New Hampshire is a very safe campus. Sadly, however, just as everywhere else in the United States, bias-related incidents, such as graffiti, do occasionally occur. UNH is committed to creating a respectful environment for all its members, and therefore condemns such acts by publicly notifying students and staff of their occurrence. After responsibility for a violation of student code has been determined, one of the determining factors in punishment is whether the violation involved an action directed at another based on his or her race, religion, ethnic origin, gender, age, physical ability, or sexual orientation.

e. What services are available for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex, and Allied (LGBTQIA) students?
UNH has both a student run organization with an LGBTQIA focus as well as a University office dedicated to serving this population. The Alliance is a student group that actively works on creating safe spaces for people of all sexuality. There is also an LGBTQIA Coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA).

f. What religious organizations are available on campus?
We are home to 8 religious and spiritual student organizations: Canterbury Club, Catholic Student Organization, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Christian Impact, Hillel, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Latter Day Saint Student Association, and Waysmeet Student Organization. For details on each of these please refer students to the website: [http://www.unhmub.com/sos/](http://www.unhmub.com/sos/)

g. What services are available for women on campus?
UNH is home to SHARPP – the Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program. They offer free, confidential, and accessible assistance for Survivors of sexual assault and their Allies. In addition, Health Services has a comprehensive Women’s Health Center that offers students contraceptive counseling, routine gynecological exams, sexually transmitted disease testing, nutrition counseling, pregnancies, and much more. We have Women’s Studies academic major that is involved in many events on campus, and UNH is working to serve the suggestions of the President’s Commission on the Status of Women.

WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT LIVING ON CAMPUS?
Residence halls are communities of their own within the larger campus, where students are often linked by personal interests and lifestyle choices. Each hall has its own character and amenities, such as a recreation area, laundry facilities, vending machines, etc. Double rooms are the norm, but students also live in singles and triples. Most residence halls are coed, some by floor, others by alternate room. Resident assistants and hall directors play a key role in planning activities that help build community in each residence hall.

UNH students are not required to live on campus, however, 91% of our First Year students do. Housing is guaranteed for 2 consecutive years. If a student chooses to move off campus during that time, they must add their name to a waiting list in order to move back on. There is space for students to stay on campus after sophomore year if they would like, but it is a popular trend for upper classmen to rent apartments with friends. We do have 2 on-campus apartment complexes, the Gables and the Woodsides, available for sophomore and older students only.
At least 25% of each residence hall is reserved for incoming First Year (with the exception of Mills). We have 28 residence halls, co-ed by floor, wing, or room. Each floor has a Resident Assistant in charge of creating community on the floor.
Every residence hall has a full time hall director. That is a full time, live in staff member who oversees the happenings of the dorm. All of the Resident Assistants (RAs) report to the Hall Director. **Special Interest Housing** is a popular option for students in the residence halls. Here is a sample of the options available. For a complete list please refer families to the housing department at http://www.unh.edu/residential-life/sih.html or 603.862.2268

Themed housing options provide students with an opportunity to live with other students who share similar interests, majors, or hobbies.

**WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT SAFETY ON CAMPUS?**

UNH and the Town of Durham are very safe places to live. Although New Hampshire is generally a low crime state, caution should always be taken when walking home at night, or in areas where there are few people. The University has an extensive security infrastructure to ensure that the campus remains a safe environment. Students shouldn’t be afraid to make use of the many services on campus that are there for everyone’s safety and protection. These services include:

- 2 Full Police Departments, Durham and UNH police
- A network of blue lights and other lighting around campus
- UNH security
- An extensive on and off campus bus service
- 24 hour locked residence halls
- Student Resident Assistants and Hall Directors in every residence hall complex
- SHARPP – Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program
- A mass notification system was installed on campus in 2008. There are sirens on the Memorial Union Building, Morse Hall, A lot, and the dirt parking lot near the equestrian center. It is an Alert and Inform system, which means that the announcement will alert the community to danger, but also let them know what to do.

**Police Services: 603.862.1427**

UNH Police officers are fully trained at the police academy. They patrol the campus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by car and by foot. They respond to emergencies on campus, and investigate crimes and other complaints on campus. To learn more, and for a link to the UNH Cleary Report visit http://www.unh.edu/upd/index.html

**The Blue Light System**

A network of emergency call buttons stationed throughout campus (lit up with a blue light). Immediately dispatch Police Services to the location of the call box when activated. There are approximately 40 blue lights around campus with plans to add more. A student escort service is run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, both walking service and driving service.
WildCat Transit (Campus Area Transportation System): 603.862.2328
Convenient shuttle service for students, staff, faculty, and visitors.
The On-Campus shuttle operates daily – different route have different hours so please refer students to the website for the most up-to-date information.
http://www.unh.edu/transportation/index.html
The Off-Campus shuttle runs daily to Portsmouth, Dover, Newmarket, and Newington. Schedules are available on the website.

Residence Halls
Locked 24 hours a day for everyone’s security - call boxes are located outside each residence hall. Resident Assistants are responsible students living on each floor of every residence hall charged with monitoring the halls and making sure no violations are taking place. Resident Assistants are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Hall Directors are full-time professional staff – they live in the dorms with the students and RAs.

TECHNOLOGY AT UNH!
CABLE ACCESS
Cable Access is available to all students in the residence halls. There is one cable port per room, so students should decide which roommate is going to bring the TV/VCR if at all. This is an integrated system that allows students to get most stations that are on “residential cable” programs AND to be hooked up to UNH’s channel 24, the campus cable access channel. The fees are included in the room rate.
COMPUTERS
There is one high speed internet port per person, per room in each the residence hall. Students are not required to bring a computer with them to campus, unless their particular major requires one. UNH has many computer clusters available to students, 2 of which are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, many students will bring their own from home or purchase one when they arrive on campus. Computer systems ready to be used on the residential network may be purchased on campus at the UNH Computer Store. For more information, call 603.862.1238, or visit their web site at http://www.computerstore.unh.edu/. Should students ask if their computer can minimally run at UNH, please refer them to the computer store web site.
TELEPHONE
Each residence hall room has one telephone jack per room in which the students can make local and on-campus calls for free. Each student will receive an access code for long-distance calls or they can use a credit calling card. Students are responsible for their own long-distance charges billed to their long distance access number. Voicemail is a service provided to all students. This service allows students to receive, save and forward messages on campus, and check messages when away from their room.
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Question:** What percent of professors teach the lectures?
**Answer:** Over 97% of lectures are taught by professors.

**Question:** Are there academic advising and counseling services available to students?
**Answer:** Yes. The University Advising and Career Center is available to undeclared students. Once a student declares a major, he or she is appointed a faculty advisor from that college and field of study. The Center for Academic Resources offers academic support services to undergraduates from all disciplines as well. Students can also meet with a professional counselor at the Counseling Center in the Schofield House.

**Question:** What is the alcohol policy on campus? – *(See page 26 for detailed answer)*
**Answer:** UNH is not a dry campus, but follows all legal guidelines. No alcohol is allowed in any academic buildings. In the dorms, one open alcoholic beverage per 21 year old is allowed.

**Question:** Are there curfews in the dorms?
**Answer:** Dorms do not have curfews, although students cannot get into another dorm but their own between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. without being let in by someone who lives there.

**Question:** Can First Year have cars on campus?
**Answer:** No. Public transportation to Dover, Newmarket, and Portsmouth is available free to students through Wildcat Shuttle Transportation, and to Portland and Boston through C&J Trailways bus service and the Amtrak Downeaster train service.

**Question:** Is there a career services center that can offer help to graduates seeking job opportunities?
**Answer:** The University Advising and Career Center offers help to graduates by providing them with employer networking, internship information, resume-o-rama, and mock interviews, as well as information and help choosing a graduate school program. The Career and Advising Center also has a large online database just for UNH students with thousands of job and internship opportunities.

**Question:** What is the average class size?
**Answer:** 25 students is the average class size. The student to faculty ratio is 19:1. Only 6% of classes have 100+ students.

**Question:** How are classes scheduled?
**Answer:** There are 50 min classes Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 1 hour and 20 min classes Tuesday and Thursday. Some classes will meet in one big three-hour chunk once a week, normally 6-9 p.m. Classes usually run from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Question:** Do you have to have a personal computer on campus? Are there computer clusters available on campus?
**Answer:** A personal computer is not required, though most students choose to bring one. There are 7 computer clusters on campus, with two 24 hour clusters. Dell PC, Mac, and Dell laptop computers are available for student use free of charge, and two locations are wireless. There is internet
hookup as well as the latest software available at all computer clusters, and also printing services for $0.08 a page.

Question: Is it difficult to switch colleges and majors?
Answer: It is not difficult to switch colleges and/or majors as long as students meet the academic requirements for that college and/or program. For some programs students must fill out a short application before receiving approval, but for most programs students simply need the approval of their faculty advisor and the dean from the college they to switch to.

Question: How diverse is the campus?
Answer: Students of color comprise 8+% of our student body, although we also exemplify diversity through religion, personal interests, sexual orientation, and geography.

Question: How popular is Greek life on campus?
Answer: 9% of the student population takes part in Greek life.

Question: Is campus housing guaranteed all four years?
Answer: Housing is guaranteed for two consecutive years. Upper classmen have an option to live in one of the two on campus apartment complexes, the Gables and the Woodsides, as well as dormitory buildings on campus.

Question: How are the food and dining services available?
Answer: UNH has won 21 Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards by the National Association of College and Food Services in the past 15 years.

Question: Is it easy to get involved on campus?
Answer: There are over 200 student organizations to get involved in, ranging from student government to Greek affairs to the New Hampshire Outing Club to the Juggling Club.

Question: Is there off campus housing available?
Answer: Off campus housing is available in the town of Durham as well as the neighboring towns of Dover, Newmarket, Lee, and Madbury. There is a link for off campus housing information at the UNH website.

Question: What is the typical living situation in a residence hall? (Are most rooms doubles?)
Answer: Most rooms on campus are doubles. There are, however, some singles, triples, built-up triples, and a few quads. Mills Hall features suite style living, with suites of four, five, or eight.

Question: What are the meal plan options on campus?
Answer: We have three levels of meal plans: the core plan, the campus plan, and the premier plan. The only difference between these levels of dining are the amount of dining dollars, meal exchanges and guest passes that come with the plan. For all plans, swipes are unlimited.
Question: What is UNH’s most popular major?
Answer: Undeclared Liberal Arts, with Business Administration in a close second.

Question: Is there a lot to do in the surrounding area?
Answer: There are many options for recreation off campus. We are close to the ocean for nice-weather trips to the beach, and to many ski areas for wintertime excursions. Nearby Newington has the Fox Run Mall to offer, and Portsmouth is not much farther than that. Boston and Portland both are just a quick train ride away on Amtrak’s Downeaster which stops right on campus. There is also bus service to Boston and New York. There are many recreational, social and cultural opportunities in and around Durham. The campus is connected to the surrounding communities by Wildcat Transit, a free public transportation system run by UNH.

Question: How available are the professors to the students?
Answer: Professors make themselves very available to students, giving out their office hours, email addresses, phone numbers, and sometimes even home or cell phone numbers on the first day of class. They encourage students to drop in during their 2 hours a week of office hours, even just to chat. If you can’t make it during their office hours, they’ll meet with you by appointment.

Question: Are there places of worship on/near campus?
Answer: Yes. For more information, there is a pamphlet in the black filing cabinet at the Grant House.

Question: How’s safety on campus?
Answer: Safety is very tight on campus, with two full size police forces (Durham AND UNH police). Our residence halls are locked 24 hours a day with access by student ID card. After 10p.m. students can only get into their own residence hall. We also have student security officers patrolling on evenings. Our emergency call boxes, strategically scattered throughout the campus, have a two minute response time.

Question: What sort of academic support is available to students?
Answer: If a student is not satisfied with the support they can get from their professors, there are many other options to pursue. The Center for Academic Resources (CFAR) is a great resource for scholastic support. They offer study groups, note taking tips, tutoring services, etc. UNH also has writing and math centers for specialized support, staffed by fellow students and professionals.

Question: What are weekends like on campus?
Answer: This question is best answered with a personal touch. It is important to ensure parents and students that although there is a party presence on any campus, there are also numerous alternatives. The Weekend Warriors, CAB, and SCOPE make an effort to have an event scheduled every weekend during the academic semester. There is always something exciting going on during the weekends, be it on or off campus.

Question: What is the retention rate for first year students?
Answer: About 90% of first year students return for the second year.
Question: Are there more in-state students than out of state students?
Answer: In our undergraduate population, 50% of our students are in state, while 50% are out of state.

Question: What is the male to female ratio on campus?
Answer: 44% male, 56% female

Question: What is the student to faculty ratio on campus?
Answer: 19:1

Question: What is the student population?
Answer: About 12,500 undergrads and 2,200 grad students

Question: What is the acceptance rate for applicants?
Answer: This year’s acceptance rate was 80%.

Question: What are the hours of the Hamel Rec Center?
Answer: During the academic year, weekdays from 6 AM-Midnight, weekends abbreviated hours.

Prepare for questions and practice answering both the best and worst questions you might anticipate.

Repeat the question to make sure you understand what is being asked and to make sure everyone else hears it. Repeating the question will also give you a few extra seconds to formulate a proper response.

Involve the whole tour or audience in your answer. Maintain a confident demeanor when answering questions, and if you do not know the answer to a particular question simply say, “I don’t know, but I will share your question with the admissions staff.”

Speak at a moderate pace and a low pitch. Take deep breaths before a tour or panel to calm yourself. Remember that experience decreases nervousness. The more you do, the easier it will get and the more comfortable you will feel addressing large groups of people and answering questions.

THANK YOU!!
Thank you all again for volunteering with the UNH Admissions Alumni Program! Hopefully you found this handbook helpful – there’s a lot of good information here, but it’s certainly just a start. Feel free to ask questions, or share other bits of info you would find helpful for future editions of the AAP handbook. Good luck!