ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

The University of New England is Maine’s largest private university, featuring two distinctive campuses in Maine, a vibrant campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of innovative offerings online. Our hands-on, experiential approach empowers students to join the next generation of leaders in their chosen fields. We are home to Maine’s only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized degree paths in the marine sciences, the natural and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The UNE College of Arts and Sciences offers a broad spectrum of academic programs in the tradition of a liberal arts education. Each of our majors promotes knowledge and understanding of the world and provides perspectives on issues from multiple viewpoints. Students actively explore both the natural and social worlds through a broad-based mode of inquiry that fosters empathy and understanding. This pursuit of knowledge and caring for the world is at the center of the mission of the College of Arts and Sciences and prepares graduates for a rewarding, productive life, as well as for career or graduate school success.

The excellence of our faculty combined with our unique location on the southern Maine coast provides the setting for a compelling learning environment. Across our undergraduate degree programs and in select graduate programs, we pride ourselves on high quality teaching in classes that provide opportunities for frequent, personal student-faculty interactions. We also believe deeply in research, creative expression, internships, and study abroad, as these experiences embody the ideal of a college education.

UNE College of Arts and Sciences students graduate as intellectually engaged, globally aware, creative, and civically and environmentally responsible individuals who apply their education as a gateway to unyielding inquiry, professional achievement, and life-long learning.
THE CORDS AND STOLES

Academic Regalia

The history of the academic gown goes back to the 12th century. During this period, everyone — both men and women, royalty, lay folk, clerics, tradesmen, students — wore long flowing robes. The apparel varied in elegance according to the rank and wealth of the owner, from simple rough worsteds to rich gold brocades wrought with tassels and trimmed with colorful velvet and rich furs. It was in this period that the first organized bodies of learning were formed. From the gowns worn in the “universities” of the period have evolved the academic costumes of today.

The bachelor’s gown is a simple design falling straight from a rather elaborate yoke with long pointed sleeves. The gown worn by a master has long, closed, somewhat fuller sleeves, which reach nearly to the wearer’s knees. The arms go through slits at the elbow, giving the appearance of short sleeves. The doctoral gown is cut much fuller and has large bell-shaped sleeves. The gowns are usually, but not always, black, and those of bachelors and masters are generally devoid of ornamentation. The doctoral gowns are distinguished by the five-inch velvet panel around the neck and down both sides of the front as well as by three-inch velvet bars sewn on each sleeve.

The color of the velvet trim may be black or may indicate the nature of the degree. For example, the color designating a Doctor of Philosophy is dark blue; a Doctor of Medicine, green; a Doctor of Education, light blue; a Doctor of Science, golden yellow; a Doctor of Humanities, white; a Doctor of Law, purple.

The hood seems to have had a somewhat practical origin. Medieval monks used their hood for two purposes: to protect their shaved heads in the winter and as a container in which to collect alms.

Today the hood serves as the most symbolic part of the academic regalia by which the observer can ascertain the wearer’s level and kind of degree. The bachelor’s hood is the smallest, being three feet long. The velvet trim along the edges, indicating the nature of the degree, is two inches wide. The master’s hood is six inches longer and bears a three-inch velvet trim.

The doctoral hood is a full four feet long and exhibits a five-inch velvet trim, indicating the nature of the degree.

The colorful interior of the hood, visible from behind, indicates by hue the degree-granting institution. The University of New England’s colors are blue and grey.

Global Education

The Office of Global Education recognizes students who have studied abroad as part of a UNE program for one semester or more with a stole reflective of the flag of the country in which the student studied.

ISE Student Leaders

The Office of Intercultural Student Engagement honors student leaders who have worked to advance knowledge of cultural diversity and social justice. These students have served as officers of an organization in the Cultural Council or a University committee and will be recognized by a distinctive kente stole.
In June 2019, Nirav Shah, M.D., J.D., was appointed as the director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC). Dr. Shah comes to Maine CDC with broad experience in public health, most recently as director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, where he implemented key initiatives to address the state’s opioid crisis, reduce maternal and infant mortality, and reduce childhood lead poisoning.

As an attorney and public health economist, Shah previously advised professionals and governments around the nation and globe on improving the delivery of health care. Earlier in his career, he worked for the Ministry of Health in Cambodia, where his work included investigating and managing disease outbreaks as an epidemiologist. He is the current president of the national Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO) and a liaison to the United States Centers for Disease Control Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Shah received both medical and law degrees from the University of Chicago. He also studied economics at Oxford University.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT, DOCTOR OF SCIENCE
NIRAV D. SHAH, M.D., J.D.
Director, Maine CDC
The Jacques Downs Award is an honor bestowed upon the most accomplished graduating senior in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students are nominated for this award by UNE faculty and professional staff based on the student’s academic achievements, scholarly work, and service/contributions to University life during their UNE career.

The 2021 recipient of the award is Nicole Martin, from Glastonbury, CT. Nicole graduates from UNE with a major in psychology and minors in neuroscience and special education. During her time at UNE, Nicole’s name has become synonymous with undergraduate research, stemming both from her involvement as a founding member of the Research Experience Club and from her four-year tenure in the research group of Jennifer Stiegler-Balfour, Ph.D. As a member of the Reading Comprehension and Cognition lab, Nicole has been involved with myriad projects, including the effect of font choice used for e-readers on reading comprehension, the use of e-readers in the aging population, and the impact of COVID technologies such as Zoom on students’ comprehension. Nicole has presented at numerous local, regional, and national conferences (even running some of them herself) and will be a co-author on two manuscripts submitted for publication. Balancing her love for research with her drive to serve her community and educate others, Nicole has been active as a peer tutor and academic coach through the SASC and has served as a mentor for local youth through UNE’s College Community Mentoring Program as well as by volunteering in local schools. Nicole will spend next year working in the psychology research and clinical care fields before pursuing her Ph.D. in either school or clinical psychology. Certainly, the UNE College of Arts and Sciences is richer as a result of Nicole’s many contributions, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Congratulations to Nicole and the entire class of 2021.

The Debra J. Summers Award for Teaching Excellence was created by students and named for a former Business Department faculty member. The yearly award is given by the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) to a professor who has inspired and motivated students to realize their full potential.

The 2021 recipient is Dr. Anna Bass from the School of Biological Sciences. Dr. Bass is not new to teaching awards; as a graduate teaching assistant while she worked on her doctoral degree, she received the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. Her master’s and doctoral work focused on genetics, especially conservation genetics and evolutionary genetics. She used molecular genetic techniques to answer questions about population structure, reproduction, evolution, and distribution of animals as diverse as sea turtles, sea slugs, fishes, and even marine parasites. Her extraordinary understanding of genetics and her passion for working with students has enabled her to reimagine the teaching of genetics. She has flipped the Genetics class and really accentuates active student learning. In all of her classes her classroom time is dedicated to engagement with the students and the material they are working to master. The dry lecture hour is not something you are likely to encounter in Dr. Bass’s courses at any level. Her availability to students is clear: students know they can reach out, be heard, and get a prompt response. Dr. Bass’s down-to-earth demeanor, straight talk, and willingness to engage with the students all contribute to her rapport with students and her reputation as a teacher.

Congratulations, Dr. Bass.
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