

# HUSSON UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1898, Husson became a University in October of 2008, having evolved from a small proprietary school to an accredited independent institution offering undergraduate programs in business, education, health, communications, and science and humanities, graduate programs in business, nursing, occupational therapy, criminal justice administration, counseling psychology, education, school counseling, and first professional doctoral programs in pharmacy and physical therapy. The undergraduate student body has grown to over two thousand day students and one thousand graduate and evening students on the campus in Bangor and at extended learning centers in Westbrook, Presque Isle, and Wells, Maine. In addition, the campus is home to international students who come to Husson from all parts of the world. Husson graduates have achieved success in a wide variety of professional positions in Maine and throughout the world.

The Eastern Maine Medical Center School of Nursing, founded in 1892, merged with Husson University and became the origins of the School of Health. In 1997, Husson purchased the New England School of Communications, which was a wholly-owned subsidiary of the University with separate accreditation and degree granting authority until 2014 when it merged with Husson becoming a school within the University.

## Vision

Husson will be a University of choice for premier professional programs where students succeed, experiential learning is championed and global engagement is emphasized.

## Mission Statement

Husson University inspires and prepares students for professional careers in current and emerging fields within the context of an education informed by the sciences and humanities.

We achieve this career preparation by supporting and emphasizing

- Outstanding teaching.
- Scholarly contributions to one's discipline or field of expertise.
- An undergraduate and graduate curriculum that is challenging, relevant, and promotes critical thinking skills, self-confidence and strong communication skills.
- Commitment to ethical behavior and social responsibility through involvement in the world by faculty and students, administrators and staff, board members, and involved citizenship as a university.
- Lifelong learning to prepare students professionally and personally for the challenges of a constantly changing world.
- A diverse cultural and global perspective achieved through student development and experiential learning opportunities that reinforces our commitment to a strong academic community.
- Careful management and stewardship of University resources.

## The Campus

Husson's approximately 200 acre campus is situated on a wooded hillside that is only a short walk away from a shopping center and two miles from the business district of the city of Bangor, Maine (population 36,000). Most points in the city are accessible by public transportation from the campus, and Bangor is the home to the second largest public library in New England, and the oldest continuous community

symphony orchestra in the country. The population of greater Bangor is approximately 100,000.

Campus amenities include three residence halls with single and double rooms all equipped with cable TV and internet access via data port and wireless systems. Townhouse units include four private bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room, and kitchen. All Townhouses are completely furnished with a bed, mattress, desk, chair, wardrobe, dresser and nightstand in the bedrooms. The Darling Learning Center combines experiential learning classroom space and administrative offices on the first floor with four additional floors of suite style residential accommodations. The dining center provides a healthy dining experience with options that satisfy a variety of tastes and needs. The center offers flexible meal plans. Academic amenities include science and networked microcomputer labs, library and conference rooms as well as an arboretum, an athletic complex that includes the Swan Fitness Center and a 6-lane competition-size pool. The George E. Wildey Communications Center is home to the New England School of Communications (NESCom) and houses the radio station and television, recording and production studios. The Richard E. Dyke Center for Family Business serves as an interface between the University and Bangor business community. The campus includes four academic and administrative buildings. Peabody Hall hosts the College of Business and the School of Pharmacy. The O'Donnell Commons houses the health programs in the College of Health and Education. The Education programs of the College are located in the Darling Learning Center. The Meeting House hosts the College of Science and Humanities, executive administration, as well as the Gracie Theater, a state-of-the-art 500 seat auditorium. Peabody Hall also offers a bookstore and a campus center that houses an art gallery, chapel, and dining and performance areas for the Husson community as well as the Furman Center that serves as a center for student activities and recreation.

Husson is located near some of the finest recreational opportunities in Maine. The Kenduskeag Stream is a five-minute walk from campus. Excellent skiing and hiking trails are nearby, and the campus is only an hour away from the great Maine woods, the rockbound coast and Acadia National Park.

## The Sawyer Library

The W. Tom and Bonnie Sawyer Library provides physical and online informational resources that support curricular as well as research activities. The Library acquires materials that complement the degree programs and reflect the interests of the University. These include introductory, practical, professional, and theoretical materials. Books and journals for recreational reading and for personal growth are also part of the collection. In addition, the Library maintains modest collections of federal and state documents, company annual reports, and pamphlets.

Online resources are a critical component of the Library's collection. The Library has online resources to support all the degree programs, and these include a variety of full-text databases and journal indexes. Information about the Library's resources, and its online catalog, is accessible from the Library's Internet home page. Follow links to the Library from the University's home page at <http://www.husson.edu/>.

Sawyer Library belongs to a consortium of over fifty public and academic libraries in Maine. Students may borrow materials from these libraries, and from other Maine libraries. Students also have access to local libraries, including Bangor Public Library, Parrot Health Science Library at Eastern Maine Medical Center, and Fogler Library at the University of Maine. The Library is open seven days a week during the academic

year and offers a quiet environment which is conducive to learning and studying.

## **Information Resources**

The Information Resources Office is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining Husson's computer and technology systems and facilitating the use of these systems by the Husson Community. It also manages the computer labs, campus email, Husson's Ethernet and telecommunications network and various Web and file servers. The University has five computer labs in Bangor, and two at our South Portland site. The University operates one networked lab 24-hours of each day for continuous student access.

All students have access to their own campus email address, server storage and personalized Web portal for viewing grades and registering for classes. Public computer kiosks are available for access to email and to the World Wide Web, and each residence hall is equipped with copper and wireless access to the Internet.

## **Collaborations and Locations**

Husson University offers degree programs at offsite locations and closely collaborates with other educational initiatives including:

### **New England School of Communications**

The New England School of Communications (NESCom), was a wholly owned subsidiary of Husson until 2014 when it merged with the University to become its fifth school or college under the leadership of a Dean. Up until the merger NESCom was accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges. It is now under the umbrella of accreditation afforded to Husson University by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

### **University of Fredericton**

A close collaboration with the University of Fredericton in New Brunswick, Canada affords the opportunity for Canadian citizens who obtain their diploma from a Canadian Public Community College to complete a baccalaureate degree from Husson University in an abbreviated period of time through online course offerings.

### **Offsite Locations**

Husson University actively promotes educational opportunities throughout the State through its offsite locations. Extended learning communities are found in centrally located areas in Westbrook, Presque Isle, and Wells, Maine.