

You have registered to take the advanced session for 4 credits from the University of Maine Machias through their Early College program. Here is more information about the course:

- The cost of the credits was \$553 in 2023. You'll be notified when/if the cost changes for 2024 when they have finalized it. This amount is over and above the AIO tuition and will be paid directly to UMM. You must create an account to pay the cost of the credits and access credits. That link will be sent to you when it's available at their website.
- This opportunity is being offered to a limited number of rising juniors and seniors in the advanced sessions. Spaces will not be held verbally so you must return your summer program application or register online to secure a spot
- Beside participation in the existing AIO program, you will be expected to attend some additional labs, lectures and be given an end-of-session lab practical and final exam. You will receive the syllabus during an orientation on the first day of the session.
- This is a graded course and the credits can be transferred to any college that accepts outside credits.
- Students have until Tuesday of the first week at noon to drop the course for credit without penalty from UMM and with a full refund of the cost of the credits. The \$100 registration fee paid to AIO as part of the tuition is non-refundable and you will continue with the regular AIO Advanced Session. After that time, you accept all financial obligations to UMM for the course and all grades will become a matter of record. No new registrations will be accepted after the program starts.
- Though no books are required, you can find much of the material we cover in the following two books that can be found for purchase at Amazon or our website (www.acadiainstitute.com/) under "AIO shop."

Atlantic Seashore: Beach Ecology from the Gulf of Maine to Cape Hatteras, 2008, Shumway, Scott W., Morris Book Publishing LCC.

A Field Guide to the Atlantic Seashore: From the Bay of Fundy to Cape Hatteras (*Peterson Field Guide*, 1999, Gosner, Kenneth L., et. al.

You may contact Sheryl Gilmore at 800-375-0058 or by email with any questions regarding the program (explore@acadiainstitute.com). You'll need to create an account at UMM's Early College site. Those instructions will be sent in the spring. Questions about creating an account at UMM should be addressed directly to Christy Alley, Director of Early College at UMM at ummearlycollege@maine.edu