

UMS Micro-Credential Initiative Badge Earner Guide

Congratulations! You've been issued a University of Maine System (UMS) digital badge or micro-credential.

Canvas Badges/Credentials (formerly Badgr) is the platform the UMS uses to issue micro-credentials and digital badges. We will use "Canvas Badges" to indicate the platform throughout this document. This guide will help you create an account and access your Backpack. The Backpack allows you to view all your earned badges, share them, and organize them into collections. Badges awarded through our platform are synced into your backpack, while badges from other sources can be manually uploaded (external link).

Step 1- Check Your Email

Look for an email from **noreply@badgr.com** with the following subject: "You earned the [Name] badge!" If you're expecting a badge but can't find the email, check your **spam folder**.



If you cannot locate the email or it was deleted, go to <u>ums.badgr.com</u> and move to Step 3 (below). Be sure you are using the same email address associated with the badge(s) you've earned to create your account.

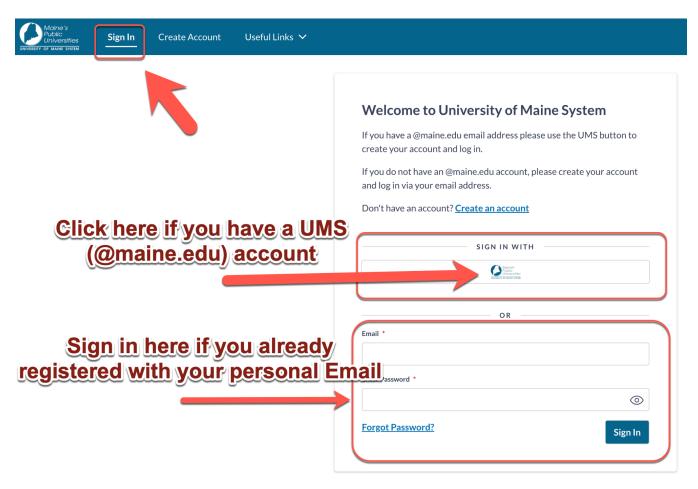
Step 2- Go to the Canvas Badges Web Page

Scroll down in the email and click **Go to the Badge** button:



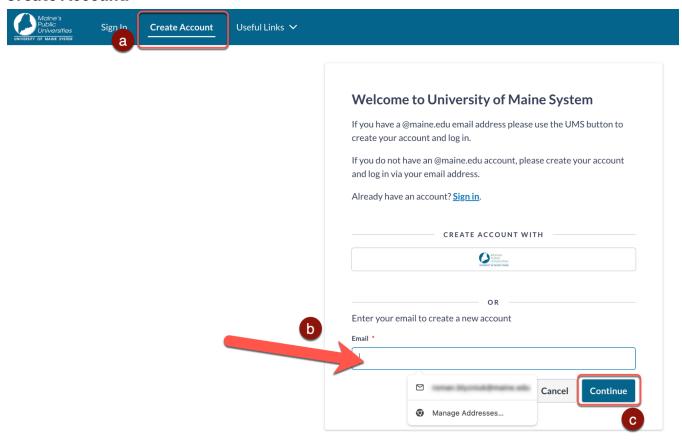
Step 3a- For maine.edu or Existing Canvas Badges Users: Sign into Your Canvas Badges Account

On the Sign In screen, use your @maine.edu email to sign in with Single Sign On, or use another account if you already registered. Once signed in, skip to Step 5:



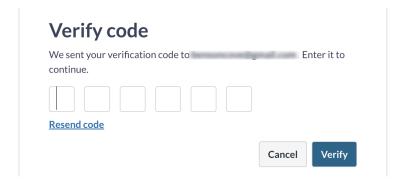
Step 3b- For Non-UMS users: Create a New Canvas Badges Account

If you are not using a maine.edu account and have not previously not registered, go to **Create Account:**



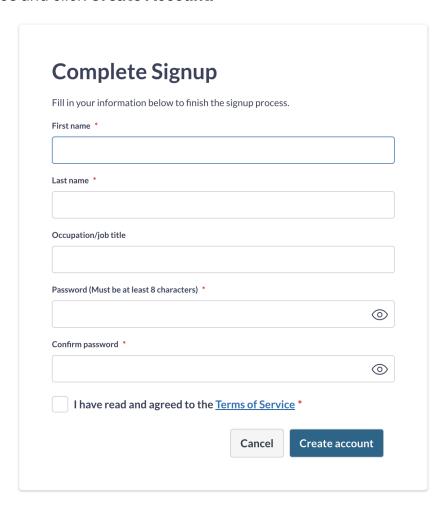
- a. Click Create Account.
- b. Enter your **Email address.** Be sure you are using the same email address associated with the badge(s) you've earned.
- c. Click Continue.

Once you enter your email address, you will receive a **verification code.** Check your email and enter it in the box:



Step 4- Complete your Signup

Enter your name and choose a password. Check the box to indicate agreement with the **Terms of Service** and click **Create Account.**

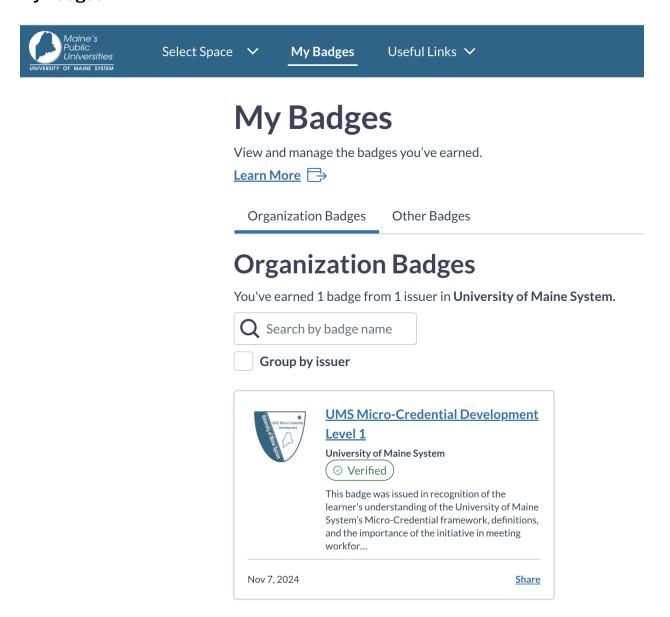


Note: Badges are awarded to a specific email address and are permanently associated with that email. We strongly recommend associating a second email with your Canvas Badges account so you can maintain access to your account and badges in case you lose access to

a work, university, or school email at a future date. See <u>Managing your Canvas Badges</u> account (External Site) for instructions.

Step 5- Viewing Badges

Now that you have your account, you can use it to view your current and future badges. You can open the "You earned the [Name] badge!" email and click Go to the Badge, or go to wms.badgr.com (bookmark that page for quick access in the future). Once signed in, click My Badges:



You will see all of your badges. Click on the badge tile to open it and see more information (called the meta-data).

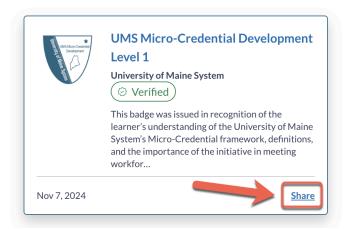
Note: If you complete a full UMS Micro-Credential pathway, you will receive four distinct badges: Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and a macro-badge. The macro-badge is the culminating badge indicating that the micro-credential was earned. You may choose to share your progress along the pathway or share the macro-badge to represent your achievement as a whole.

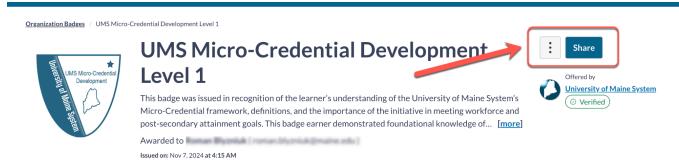
Step 6- Sharing Badges

Sharing Digitally

Badges can be shared on social media and be included in a digital resume, email signature, personal website, or portfolio. UMS badges are Open Badge compliant, meaning that they contain detailed meta-data about achievements such as who earned it and when, who issued it, and the criteria that were met. Open badges are verifiable and portable rather than tied to one specific platform. For more information about Open Badges, visit openbadges.org/earn (External Site.)

You can share your badges either by clicking **Share** on the tile or **blue share button** when you open the badge information.

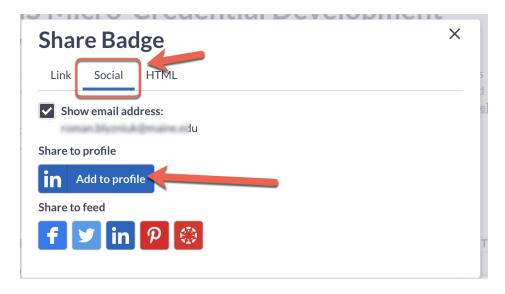




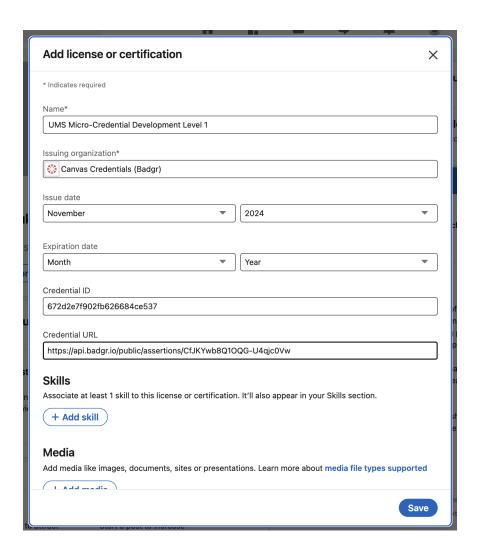
You can either share the direct link by copying and pasting it on your social media or sharing it via email. For example:



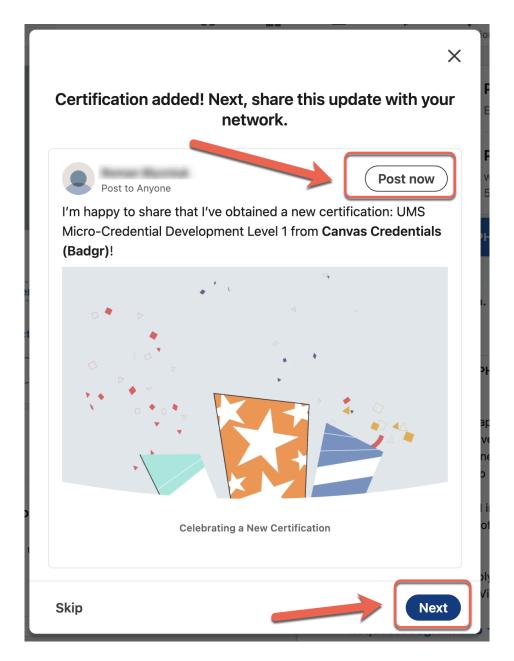
Or click **Social** to share it directly on your Social Media, like **LinkedIn.** Click **Add to profile**; you may be prompted to sign in to your LinkedIn account:



Once signed in, you should see the screen with the badge information pre-filled. You can make changes or add skills and media documents. Hit save:



After clicking **Save**, you can post it right away or after clicking **Next**:



Badges can also be shared on X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, and Pinterest. For more information on sharing badges on social media, visit <u>How do I share my earned badges from my Canvas Badges Backpack?</u> (External Site).

Printing a Certificate

For instructions on downloading a printable certificate from a badge, visit <u>How do I print my certificate earned from my Canvas Badges Backpack?</u> (External Site).

Contact us at ums.mc@maine.edu if you have questions. We're here to help! Interested in other UMS Micro-credentials? Visit maine.edu/micro-credentials to learn more.