

The goals

The goals of general education at Bates

- To foster a comparative appreciation of how the several disciplines function and what they can teach us. This goal is met through the two General Education concentrations each student takes in addition to the major.
- To help every graduate to meet the challenge of writing correctly and persuasively. This goal is met by a series of three writing-attentive courses taken at various points in a student's Bates career.
- To ensure that all of our students have had formal instruction at the college level in the methods and findings of the sciences and in quantitative analysis. This goal is met by taking three distinct courses that call for scientific reasoning, develop quantitative literacy, and provide a laboratory experience.

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