



Athletics at Bates



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On the cover:
All-NECASC midfielder
Brent Morin '08
weaves through the
Wesleyan defense.

Above: Freestyler
Bailey Johnson '09
leaves a wake at
Tarbell Pool.





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Athletics Department

During your college search, you may find yourself evaluating how well an athletics program “fits” into the overall collegiate experience. At Bates, we believe that our athletics program represents both the ideal and a model.

Our programs feature outstanding student-athletes who seek opportunities to excel not just on the field, track, slope, court and in the pool, but also in the classroom, laboratory, studio and on the stage. Our own research indicates that as a group, Bates varsity athletes are more likely than their peers to engage in research with a faculty member, more likely to present or publish a paper, more likely to hold an off-campus internship and more likely to be a member of an honor society.

We believe that the atmosphere cultivated at Bates works. Liz Wanless, Class of 2004, is not only finishing up her graduate studies in sports science at the University of Florida — the former All-American in both volleyball and track and field is continuing her training as a world-class thrower to make a return appearance at the World Track and Field Championships in 2007, and, we hope, at the 2008 Summer Olympics. And Justin Freeman, Class of 1998, put aside his doctoral studies in physics to concentrate on the world of Nordic skiing, with excellent results: Justin competed on the U.S. Ski Team at the 2006 Winter Olympics.

To support athletes like Liz and Justin, Bates has invested energy and resources to create an athletics atmosphere that values the pursuit of excellence. Bates has also long been an institution with a culture of athletics participation. Sixty-two percent of our students participate on one or more of the 42 club and varsity teams.

We also enjoy a rich history of national recognition of our student-athletes. In 25 different sports, 147 Bates students have won 231 All-America awards. In the 2005–06 school year, 11 athletes combined for 18 All-America honors.

This excellence occurs in tough company! Bates is a charter member of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC). A consortium of liberal



arts colleges with superior academic reputations, NESCAC is committed to broad-based athletics programming and fully representative student participation.

For more than a decade Bates has ranked in the top tier of Division III athletics programs, displaying the strongest records for participation and success in NCAA Championships.

Great coaching is the foundation of athletics excellence, and we believe that we have the finest group of head coaches in NESCAC. Each is committed to providing an intensely competitive athletic experience within a supportive environment that allows student-athletes to balance their academic and athletic pursuits.

We invite you to contact coaches directly. They will serve as a great resource for you during your college search and decision process. We encourage you also to take full advantage of other personal interactions with Bates students and faculty. Each of our teams has a faculty liaison who works with athletes and coaches on a myriad of issues, from leadership development to managing the array of commitments that characterize our students' lives.

Our history pronounces the opportunity to excel at Bates; our continuous commitment fortifies this message. Our teams create excitement and lasting memories that are enjoyed and savored by every member of the Bates community. We welcome you to join this tradition of excellence and community participation.

Left: NESCAC All-Academic soccer player Kyle Rushton '07 burns upfield.

Right: Sean VanderVliet '08 delivers in a home baseball game at Leahey Field.



Sports at Bates

No matter what college you attend, no matter what sport you play, no matter what the level — varsity, club or intramural — you will win games and you will lose games. The question you could ask yourself, then, might be this: Win or lose, with whom do I want to share my college sports experiences?

At Bates, a variety of good souls will populate your athletic experiences.

You'll meet Jim Taylor, equipment manager. Football player Kevin Madden remembers feeling a bit cocky when he got to campus and learned that Taylor and his assistant, Dave Haefele, washed team uniforms and practice gear. "You think you're living a little higher on the hog than you really are," recalls Madden, who graduated in 2005.

But like hundreds of Bates student-athletes before him, Madden came to value Taylor not for how bright he got his garnet football uniform but for his friendship. "You can go back and forth with and wing each other a little bit," Madden says. "You have a relationship with your coach, but he's still an authority figure. Jim is a regular guy willing to help you out with anything."

You'll meet President Elaine Tuttle Hansen. She attends so many sporting events that even opposing coaches take notice. "Other coaches in NESCAC are impressed to see her at games, even some away games," says women's basketball and soccer head coach Jim Murphy '69.

You'll meet professors — outside the classroom. Each varsity team sponsors one or more faculty liaisons, professors who stop by practices and attend games to support student-athletes at Bates. Sean Cahill '06 got to know basketball liaisons Steve Hochstadt, professor of history, and Joe Pellicia, professor of biology, during his basketball career. "They just love students," said Cahill. "With Coach [Joe] Reilly,



I'm always going to worry about my performance on the court. With my other professors, I always want to do well in class. With Joe and Steve, there are no business ties. It's a friendship."

You'll meet Bates sports enthusiasts like Nathan Miley-Wills '06, who enjoyed watching basketball games so much that he wanted to share it with the greater Bates community. Miley-Wills indicated to the athletic department his interest in webcasting Bates games, and by basketball season he was doing play-by-play from the balcony high above Alumni Gym. His successful venture has sparked a new career interest for the history major.

You'll meet Bates alumni. Ben Robinson '86 majored in rhetoric at Bates while lettering in three varsity sports. Now he's senior vice president, debit strategy executive, for Bank of America Corporation, responsible for developing and implementing strategy for the largest debit card provider in the world. A national expert in e-commerce privacy issues, Robinson has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal* and *Ebony*. He's also a youth soccer coach, an avocation he put aside for one day to return to Bates and deliver the keynote speech at the 2005–06 All-Sports Banquet.

And baseball player Tyler Paul '06 enjoys stopping by Tarbell Pool to chat with 90-year-old former Bates swim captain John White '39, now an All-America masters swimmer who does his laps at the pool. "Mr. White knows all about the history of the area," Paul says. "It's just fun to talk with him."

There's an easy closeness among Bates student-athletes that transcends any athletic boundaries. They take pride in being not only part of the Bates community, but helping it remain so.

Check out *Bobcats of the Week* at:

www.bates.edu/bobcatoftheweek.xml

Left: Liz Thompson '09 was one of seven Bates skiers to compete at the NCAA Championships in Colorado.

Top right: Teammates give running back Jamie Walker '07 (39) a pregame lift.

Bottom right: Will Boe-Wiegaard '06, the 2006 Division III Men's Tennis Singles Champion and a five-time All-American, drives a backhand at Bates' Wallach Invitational.





NESCAC



In 2004, the presidents of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC), of which Bates is a member, voted to keep their football schedule at eight games, rather than add a ninth and become eligible for postseason tournament play. A sportswriter for the *Hartford (Conn.) Courant* penned a column on the decision, in which he also surveyed the state of Division I sports in America. “If [the vote against nine games] seems extreme, maybe it should stand as the only antidote for the barefaced excess at the opposite end of the spectrum,” wrote Jeff Jacobs.

NESCAC was created in 1971 out of a concern for the direction of intercollegiate athletic programs, and today remains committed to keeping a proper perspective on the role of sport in higher education. The

formation of NESCAC originated with an agreement among Amherst College, Bowdoin College, Wesleyan University and Williams College first drafted in 1955. Along with these four institutions, Bates College, Colby College, Hamilton College, Middlebury College, Trinity College and Tufts University are sustaining charter members. Connecticut College joined in 1982, bringing the conference’s membership to 11 highly selective liberal arts colleges and universities that share a similar philosophy for intercollegiate athletics.

NESCAC members believe intercollegiate athletic programs should operate in harmony with the educational mission of each institution. The conference is committed to establishing common boundaries to keep athletics strong but in proportion to the overall academic mission of the member institutions. In pursuit of this mission, the presidents of each NESCAC institution control intercollegiate athletic policy. Conference tenets are usually more restrictive than those of the NCAA Division III with regard to season length, number of contests and post-season competition.

As a playing conference since 1999, NESCAC now sponsors 24 championships (12 men and 12 women). Member schools offer extensive and broad-based varsity, club and intramural opportunities for men and women. With member institutions sponsoring an average of nearly 30 varsity programs, NESCAC provides more than 7,500 opportunities for participation at the Division III level. Teams and individuals have achieved great success on both a regional and national level. During the 2004–05 academic year, 45 teams participated in NCAA team championships. NESCAC student-athletes claimed 16 individual national championships and NESCAC teams won four national team championships.

For more information on NESCAC visit: www.nescac.com

Left: Two-time All-NESCAC guard Zak Ray '07 looks for the open man in traffic.

Top right: Jasmine McDavid '06 led the Bobcat volleyball team in kills per game (2.86) and hitting percentage (.222).

Bottom right: Caroline Thomas '09 was the top rookie scorer for the women's lacrosse team with 13 goals and three assists.





Facilities

The men's and women's squash teams found a new home at the Bates Squash Center in 2004. The center, located a short drive from campus, houses five international-sized courts for the nationally ranked men's and women's teams.

At the other end of the age spectrum, Bates rowing employs a "facility" — eight miles of the Androscoggin River — that's been in existence since the last ice age. Amidst undisturbed Maine beauty, the team shares the waterway with fishermen, wildlife and the occasional bald eagle.

Still, the age of Bates athletics facilities tilts toward the new, and five major facilities have been added to the athletic landscape since 2000.

The James Wallach '64 Tennis Center was built in memory of a College trustee and one-time tennis captain and Maine state champion. Eight lighted Plexi-cushion courts have room for 500 spectators and an observation deck for coaches. The courts are home to Bates' nationally ranked men's tennis team and allowed Bates to serve as host of the 2004 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Championships.

The Bates field hockey and lacrosse teams took to Campus Avenue Field in fall 2000. With full lighting, the synthetic turf field gives teams the opportunity to practice day or night in weather that would prohibit use of a grass field. Club and intramural programs, essential elements of residential life at Bates, benefit by being able to schedule evening events that do not conflict with varsity programs.

In spring 2001, the softball team opened Lafayette Street Field, featuring enclosed dugouts and a removable fence that allows the field to be used as an out-of-season practice space.

The track and field programs started competing on Russell Street Track in 2002. The eight-lane bi-radial track has a 10-lane straightaway, similar to those in European designs. The polyurethane track has the



same surface used at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, and the natural-grass infield includes a soccer pitch for the men's and women's soccer teams.

Other, more established facilities remain an important part of Bates' rich athletic heritage. Underhill Arena is home to a 200-by-85-foot hockey rink. It also houses the Davis Fitness Center, a 5,200-square-foot area featuring 10 bench stations, seven squat racks, four power platforms, a full circuit of selectorized machines including BodyMaster, Nautilus and Icarian equipment, dumbbells up to 100 pounds and five cardiovascular stations. The center can accommodate as many as 60 individuals at one time.

Merrill Gymnasium houses the Walter Slovenski Indoor Track, a 200-meter, six-lane Ruba-Turf track; four tennis courts; the eight-lane, 25-meter-long Tarbell Pool equipped with one- and three-meter diving boards; and two racquetball courts. Renovations to the facility in 2004 added two dance studios, a cardiovascular workout room, a multipurpose room and an ergometer room.

Historic Alumni Gymnasium is home to Bates' basketball and volleyball teams. With the bleachers a few feet from the court, Alumni Gym provides the Bobcats with a decided advantage, especially when the stands are packed. The men's and women's basketball teams combined for a 21-1 record inside Alumni's cozy confines in the 2005-06 season.

Attached to Alumni Gymnasium is the Clifton Daggett Gray Athletic Building. "The Cage," as it is known, is used mainly as a recreational space for intramural and club sports and as an indoor practice facility for varsity teams during inclement weather.

Take an online tour of the athletics facilities at:

www.bates.edu/campus-tour.xml

Left: Field hockey co-captain Brooke Anable '06 keeps her eyes on the ball. Anable was named an All-NECAC forward.

Top right: The Wallach Tennis Center at dusk. Wallach was the site of the NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Championships in 2004.

Bottom right: Two-time All-America Ricky Weisskopf '08 in action at the Bates Squash Center.



Fall 2005

The women's soccer team at Bates is perennially among the best in the ultra-competitive New England Small College Athletic Conference, but 2005 represented a breakthrough season. In a double-overtime thriller at Tufts University, the Bobcats defeated the host Jumbos 2-1 for their first conference championship. Bates went on to compete in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1996 and made it to the second round, where their arch rival of late, Tufts, got the better of them in a second-round matchup. The Bobcats set a team record for wins in a season, at 14-4-2, and placed three players on the All-NESCAC First Team in defender Meg Coffin '07, midfielder Molly Wagner '08 and forward Kim Alexander '07. Coffin later became a Second Team All-America selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

The men's soccer team, meanwhile, followed up its record-breaking 10-win season in 2004 with a 9-4-2 year in 2005. The high-scoring Bobcats boasted two forwards ranked third or higher on the conference scoring list in Brent Morin '08 (1.93 points per game) and Terence O'Connell '06 (1.77). Both players were All-NESCAC selections, along with midfielder David Shear '06.

Bates' football team finished 2-6 and seldom saw a dull moment in 2005, with three of its losses coming by a touchdown or less. Defensive end Terence Ryan '07 collected 10.5 sacks, a school record and the highest total for a NESCAC player since New York Jets head coach Eric Mangini achieved the same feat in 1993 for Wesleyan. Along with Ryan, linebacker Dave Bodger '06, offensive tackle John Pambianchi '06 and wide receiver Dylan MacNamara '07 were All-NESCAC selections.

Bates' field hockey team returned to the NESCAC postseason tournament for the first time since 2002. The Bobcats finished 7-9 and showed plenty of promise for the future, with two first-year players, Rachel Greenwood and Emily Sampson, and sophomore Erin Chandler comprising their top three scorers. Forward Brooke Anable '06 made the All-NESCAC team.

The Bates tennis teams split play between the fall and spring seasons, and the women's squad had a successful trip to the New England Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament in October 2005. Three players reached the quarterfinal round of their respective singles brackets: Cecilia Grissa '08 at No. 1 singles, Christina Chow '09 at No. 2, and Caryn Benisch '09 at No. 4. The men's fall season was highlighted by the Wallach Invitational, hosted by Bates, in which Will Boe-Wiegaard '06 sliced through some of the best singles players in the Northeast to win Flight A, dropping only a single game in the semifinals and finals combined.

The women's cross country team's lineup was youthful, yet good enough to place 13th out of 41 teams at the Division III New England Regionals, led by Kathryn Moore '07.

Dan Johnson '06 became the 12th Bates man to earn All-America honors in cross country, finishing 13th at nationals in Ohio. Johnson was also the State of Maine champion for the second straight year and was in the top five at both the NESCAC and New England Division III championships. The Bobcats were tied for 11th out of 43 teams at New England's.

Right: All-America sweeper Meg Coffin '07 anchored the defense for the NESCAC champion women's soccer team, which held opponents to 0.87 goals per game.

TERENCE RYAN '07



Ryan's 10.5 quarterback sacks were the highest total in the NESCAC since 1993.

Q: What does the Bates uniform represent to you?

A: I am proud to wear the uniform because I am lucky enough to play college sports, especially at such a prestigious school. I guess the uniform represents a sense of making it, even though I'm not there yet; I am taking steps.

Q: Why did you decide to major in sociology?

A: I'm interested in class issues and social work.

Q: What's your favorite book?

A: Either something by Charles Bukowski, John Fante or his son Dan Fante. It's just some of the most outrageous stuff I've ever read. They tackle a lot of social issues such as racism, sexism and class struggles, and they still manage to tell such great stories.

Q: What's your favorite football ritual?

A: I like to be the last one out of the locker room, or near to the last one. But that will have

to change this year because I'll be a captain. I'm also really strict and compulsive about my music.

Q: What music gets you ready to play?

A: Mos Def's "Black on Both Sides" then Radiohead's "Idioteque" then Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here" and finally songs from The Clash. I can't listen to stuff to pump me up, but rather stuff I like and calms me down.



Winter 2005–06

Regardless of the weather outside, both basketball teams at Bates stayed hot inside the cozy confines of venerable Alumni Gymnasium last winter. Combined, the men's and women's teams went 21-1 at Alumni, further establishing both programs as among the best in NCAA Division III.

Led by NESCAC Player of the Year Meg Coffin '07, the women's team (19-9) went to the NCAA Championship for the second year in a row and the NESCAC Finals for the fourth straight time. With help from the likes of Sarah Barton '08, a First Team All-Northeast Region selection, and Matia Kostakis '08, a Second Team All-NESCAC forward, it was little wonder the Bobcats had the honor of hosting the NESCAC Championship for the first time, as the top seed.

The men's basketball team, meanwhile, continued on its upward trend under the leadership of coach Joe Reilly, who was named Coach of the Year by the NESCAC and the Maine Men's Basketball Coaches Association. Reilly's Bobcats set a program record in 2004–05 with 19 wins, and in 2005–06 they went one better, going 20-6 while reaching the NESCAC Semifinals for the third straight year. Led by point guard Zak Ray '07 and power forward Rob Stockwell '07, both two-time All-NESCAC selections, the Bobcats were one of the better defending and rebounding teams in Division III.

Though Alumni Gym seems at times the epicenter of winter athletic success at Bates, plenty of good stuff goes on elsewhere for Bobcat followers.

Bates' squash teams are a hidden treasure, and they proved themselves once again with outstanding seasons. The men (16-9) finished the season

ranked 13th in the country, as Ricky Weisskopf '08 earned All-America honors for the second time. The women's team (16-7) beat Cornell at team nationals to claim ninth place in the U.S.

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams each proved themselves as among the best in the Northeast. The women placed third among all Division III teams at the all-division Open New England championships, setting program records in the 4 x 400 relay, the 800 meters, the pentathlon and the 500 meters. Best of all, Keelin Godsey '06 set an all-division New England record in the 20-pound weight throw.

The men's team was particularly strong across the board, producing its first All-American hurdler, Adam Macbeth '06, as well as placing third out of 24 teams at the New England Division III Championships. The men's team sent its 4 x 400 relay team, shot putter and weight thrower Noah Gauthier '08, and Macbeth to the NCAA Division III Championships.

The swimming and diving teams found a rising star in diver Kelsey Lamdin '09, who won All-America honors in both the 1-meter and 3-meter events. On the men's side, Chris Berry '09 set two program records in the backstroke.

And the Bobcats made their mark as far away as Colorado, site of the NCAA National Collegiate Skiing Championships. Five alpine and three Nordic skiers represented Bates, finishing 12th overall among all colleges and universities in America.

Right: Guard Kyla Decato '06 zips between two Amherst defenders.

RICKY WEISSKOPF '08



Two-time collegiate All-American Ricky Weisskopf '08 has played squash for his native El Salvador's national team since age 16.

Q: What's the first thing people in El Salvador ask you about Bates or Maine?

A: How cold it is in Maine, or if I've eaten the famous lobsters yet. To the first, I always say that it isn't as cold as people think. And yes, I have tried the lobsters and I really like them.

Q: Describe the competition in college.

A: Compared with international squash, the atmosphere is very different in college. It's really easy to meet people from the other schools. We're all going through the same things, so it's easier to relate to them.

Q: Why Bates?

A: I really liked the economics department, and the fact that Bates is a small school also influenced my decision. Of course, the squash team had a lot to do with it as well.

Q: Why squash?

A: My dad used to take me to his matches, and I fell in love with the game. It's a very intense game — you have to be running around the court, and I find that really fun.

Q: What was the toughest thing about moving so far away for college?

A: The hardest thing was to leave my parents and friends. I knew it was going to be hard. But once I got used to it, everything went well.



Spring 2006

Two Bates seniors ended their collegiate athletic careers, as well as the spring athletic season, at the pinnacle of college sports.

Unseeded Will Boe-Wiegaard captured the singles title at the NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Championships. It was the first NCAA championship won by a Bates male athlete since 2003, and the first ever in a sport other than track and field. Four of the five opponents Boe-Wiegaard vanquished in the tournament's three days had beaten him in their previous meetings, including the two-time defending champion. In doubles, Boe-Wiegaard and senior Tristan Beach advanced to the national quarterfinals, earning both players All-America honors.

Four days after Boe-Wiegaard's feat, Keelin Godsey put a defining stamp on the most decorated athletic career ever at Bates. At the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Godsey broke his own Division III record in the hammer throw by more than 11 feet; his final mark (206 feet, 5 inches) should stand for years. Godsey, who went on to compete at the U.S. Track and Field Championships, also finished second in the shot put and fourth in the discus throw, for a total of 16 All-America honors in one amazing career.

Godsey's accomplishments highlighted strong outdoor seasons for both women's and men's track and field. The women's team finished second out of 28 scoring teams at the New England Division III Championships, the Bobcats' best showing ever. Junior Kathryn Moore went to nationals and won All-America honors in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. The men's team, meanwhile, underscored its standing as one of the top programs in New England by placing fourth out of 26 scoring teams at New England's.

At the annual CBB regatta, Bates rowers took home the President's Cup by winning six out of nine races against Colby and Bowdoin. The women's varsity eight finished the year ranked seventh in Division III, while the men's crew ranked fourth among NESCAC schools.

The men's lacrosse team went 9-5 and resided for a time among the top 10 in the Division III coaches' poll. Sophomore Brent Morin was named First Team All-NESCAC, while four of his teammates made the Second Team: junior Matt Erisman and seniors Paul Kazarian, B.J. Majeski and Ryan O'Connor. O'Connor was also named a USILA Honorable Mention All-America.

The women's lacrosse team was deceptively dangerous, finishing 6-7 but losing by one and four goals, respectively, to NESCAC powers Amherst and Middlebury. Sophomore Molly Wagner made All-NESCAC Second Team for the second year in a row. Wagner, senior Shannon Tully and junior Meg Coffin all won ILWCA All-Regional honors.

The softball team finished 16-16 in an explosive offensive season. NESCAC Rookie of the Year Stacia Saniuk hit the most home runs (9) and posted the best slugging percentage (.753) in school history. Junior Katie Franklin enjoyed the second-highest slugging percentage ever (.635), and was named a First Team All-NESCAC outfielder for the second time. Senior Kyla Decato hit .400 and was named Second Team All-NESCAC.

The baseball team (13-21) earned a double-digit win total for the fifth straight year, the first time that has happened since Bates started playing intercollegiate baseball in 1872. A pair of sophomores, meanwhile, each superseded the old single-season hits record of 43: Brian Mahoney collected 48 hits, and Erik Hood delivered 44.

Right: Dan Johnson '06 races to first place in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Bates Invitational. Johnson earned All-America honors in cross country.

MEG COFFIN '07



An All-America selection in soccer and basketball, Coffin joined the lacrosse team in the spring of her sophomore year.

Q: Why did you pick up lacrosse, instead of taking a break from athletics?

A: I missed the sport and I missed playing and competing every day.

Q: What does the Bates uniform represent to you?

A: Pride. I'm proud of everything a Bates uniform represents every time I put it on.

Q: Describe the atmosphere at Bates at a big game:

A: Big games are a huge adrenaline rush. The crowd and fans are so supportive and add so much to the atmosphere. A great thing about Bates compared with other NESCAC schools is the excitement shared by the students.

Q: Favorite book or TV program?

A: My favorite book is *East of Eden* by Steinbeck. My favorite TV show is *24*.

Q: Most embarrassing moment in sports?

A: I've fallen when there was no one around me. That's always embarrassing.

Q: If you could take on a fourth sport, what would it be?

A: Beach volleyball. I loved watching it in the last summer Olympics — it looks like a lot of fun.

Q: Why Bates?

A: Bates just felt right as I walked around campus and talked with the students. Coach [Jim] Murphy was so welcoming and honest, and I knew after talking with him and after visiting that I belonged here.



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Clubs and Intramurals



Jacqueline Smith '07 takes the ball and the lead, en route to scoring three tries in a women's rugby match against Colby. Trailing Smith, from left to right, are Bates' Siena Calabro '06, Kristen Fries '07, Kim Nelson '08 and Tracey Begley '06.

Club Sports

Club sports are a vital part of the overall athletics picture at Bates. Organized participation is the key to club sports, and hundreds of Bates students each year find a club team is the perfect place to be.

Membership on a club team can require as much personal commitment as winning a varsity letter. Club athletes must learn to manage their time, balance their academic and team obligations and take those obligations seriously.

The payoff for this commitment is the opportunity to take part in an organized sport — often a lifetime sport — and to form friendships that frequently last far beyond four undergraduate years. Bates fields intercollegiate club teams in coed equestrian, men's and women's fencing, men's and women's ice hockey, men's and women's rugby, coed sailing, coed ultimate frisbee, men's volleyball and men's and women's water polo.

Intramural Sports

Participation, fun and competition are the main ingredients of the intramural sports program at Bates. Sports include flag football, indoor and outdoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, softball, tennis, ice hockey and wallyball. Marsha Graef, intramural director, describes the program this way: "Our goal is to provide a variety of activities that encourage students to be physically active, using the excellent facilities at Bates College. Faculty and staff also join in the fun by participating with students on the same team or competing on their own."

While Graef oversees the intramural program, most of the leagues are organized and directed by students. If a particular sport or activity is not represented on the intramural slate, students are encouraged to propose and organize a league of their own. As long as

the facilities can accommodate the activity, nearly all options are considered. "The possibilities are nearly limitless," says Graef.

The First-Year League offers activities specifically for new students, their junior advisors (JAs) and their faculty advisors. Competition between first-year centers is common in volleyball and indoor soccer, among other sports. The First-Year League is also part of the CHOICES program, which emphasizes educational offerings to first-year students by the Peer Educators Group, composed of upper-class student athletes. The educational activities sponsored by the Peer Group, along with the First-Year League, promote viable leisure and social options for first-year students on weekend days and weekday evenings.

Physical Education

Two semesters of physical education are required for graduation from Bates. This requirement can be satisfied by taking any of several activity courses offered through the Department of Physical Education. Classes in aerobic fitness, strength training, swimming, squash, racquetball, karate, self-defense, modern dance, African dance, ballroom dance, ballet, badminton, archery, indoor climbing, kayaking, golf, tennis, volleyball, snowshoeing and Nordic skiing are among the courses offered by the College throughout the year. Physical education requirements may also be completed by participation on a varsity or intercollegiate club team. Athletics theory courses are offered for academic credit, most popular among them being "Methods and Philosophy in Coaching Athletic Teams."

Sports Medicine

With facilities in Alumni Gymnasium, Merrill Gymnasium and Underhill Arena, the Bates sports medicine staff has state-of-the-art resources for the care and management of student-athlete injuries.

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Admissions Plan	For Whom	When to Apply (postmark)	Notification from Bates	Candidate's Reply Date
Early Decision (Round I)	If you have decided that Bates is your first choice college. It is understood that if you are admitted at this time, you will withdraw applications made to other colleges.	by November 15	December 20	as soon as possible
Early Decision (Round II)		by January 1	February 15	as soon as possible
Regular Decision	If you are applying to a variety of colleges.	by January 1	March 31	May 1
Deferred Admission	If you are planning to take a year off before entering college to work, travel, or pursue another interest.	by January 1	March 31	May 1
Early Admission	If you plan to enter college a year early (before graduating from secondary school).	by January 1	March 31	May 1
Transfer Admission	If you will have completed four or more transferable college-level courses before entering Bates.	by March 1 by January 1 for internationals	March 31	May 1
International Student Admission	If your nationality is not American and you are not a permanent resident of the United States.	by January 1	April 10	May 1
January Admission	If you plan to matriculate in the semester beginning in January instead of September.	by November 1	December 15	as soon as possible

Interviews are highly recommended and are available weekdays from May 1 to December 15 on the hour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Campus tours are available Monday through Friday.

Students unable to visit the campus can be interviewed by alumni in most parts of the United States and in many foreign countries between September and January. Requests for an interview with an alumni representative must be received at the Admissions Office by December 10. To schedule an interview, tour, overnight visit, or alumni interview, please contact us.

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