



Destination Bates

New to Bates, not to college.

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Welcome to **Destination Bates**, your (mostly) biweekly newsletter just for new transfer students that will guide you smoothly through summer, and get you prepared for life at Bates. Our commitment to you: **no unnecessary emails**. We (the [First-Year Experience Team](#)) will only email you when there's something super important to share - a new resource to explore, a new student form deadline, course selection, etc. So every time you see **Destination Bates** in your inbox, **read it**. It's worth it, we promise!

For all of the **fun stuff** that comes with being a Batesie, be sure to follow your *official* class Instagram - [@bates2030_official](#), [@bates2029_official](#), or [@bates2028_official](#). We'll be posting all summer and throughout Orientation with need-to-know information, and a sprinkle of that special Bates touch. If you haven't already, you can also introduce yourself to the peers in your class, and start to get a feel for who your class is. Only Bates students are allowed in - it's your exclusive space to express yourself, get to know other Batesies, and learn more about Bates culture. If you're in the classes of '28 or '29, you're also more than welcome to join the class of '30 Insta, to get to know the other new students who will be starting at Bates at the same time as you.

Today's Updates:

- **Claim your Bates network credentials:** Earlier this week, you received a letter in [your Admission portal](#) with instructions on how to do so. Claiming your credentials gives you access to the dozens of platforms that support your success at Bates, including those you'll use this summer - Bates Gmail, Garnet Gateway, and Lyceum (home of **Bates 101**). If you haven't already, do so soon - starting next month, **Destination Bates** will **only** come to your Bates

inbox.

- **Sign up to attend upcoming Course Registration Webinars:**
Happening Mondays 6/8 and 6/15 at 8:00pm ET, these webinars will give you basic information, tips, and tricks on navigating the fall course registration process. If you're interested in a specialized program, you'll want to prioritize taking certain classes in your first semester at Bates - these webinars will equip you with the knowledge you need to start off strong. Can't make either of the dates? No worries - we're recording them, and will share them with you shortly after they happen. [Review all the deets and sign up for a webinar here.](#)

- **You may have recently received a notification that the deadline to enroll or waive student health insurance was yesterday, May 27.**
Please note that this email was sent in error; the student health insurance form for new students will open on Tuesday, June 9, and is due on Monday, June 29.

That's it for now! If **anything** comes up at any time, don't hesitate to reach out to us by replying to this email, emailing fye@bates.edu, or calling us at 207.755.5900. We're so excited to welcome you to campus in the fall, and want to hear from you.

With Bobcat spirit,
The First-Year Experience Team at Bates



Upcoming Dates

- **Tue 6/2:** Bates 101 June Release
- **Mon 6/8:** Course Registration Webinar @ 8:00pm ET
- **Tue 6/9:** New Student Forms open on Garnet Gateway

[Check out all upcoming dates here.](#)