



First Things First

Supporting you before day one.

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Welcome to **First Things First**, your (mostly) biweekly newsletter that guides you smoothly through summer, and gets you prepared for life at Bates.

Today's Updates:

- **Round one of course preference ranking is open through Friday 6/26 at 4:00pm ET.** Visit [Garnet Gateway](#) to complete your rankings.
 - In this round, you'll rank your top four First-Year Seminar (FYS) clusters, and at least six non-FYS classes.
 - **The courses you are registered for are not dependent on the time you submit your preferences.** Take your time, rank with care, and do so before the deadline.
 - **Reminder: Connect with your Summer Registration Consultant** to get advice on how to rank course preferences. You should have an email in your Bates inbox from them.
 - You'll be registered for two classes as a result of this round, and will find out the results on Friday 7/10 at noon ET.
- In case you missed them, you can view the recordings of the course registration webinars below:
 - **Monday 6/8:** [From Admitted to Enrolled: Course Registration with a Focus on Social Sciences and Humanities](#)

- **Monday 6/15:** [From Admitted to Enrolled: Course Registration with a Focus on STEM](#)

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

- **Fri 6/26:** Round one of fall course registration closes @ 4:00pm ET
- **Mon 6/29:** Several New Student Forms due

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

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