



# 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 opens Wednesday 6/17 at 9:00am ET:** It's **not** first-come, first-served, so you have until Friday 6/26 at 4:00pm ET to complete it.
  - In this round, you'll rank your top four First-Year Seminar (FYS) clusters, and six to twelve non-FYS classes.
  - 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.
- **Need help with ranking courses? We've got you covered.** Check out these resources:
  - Your **Bates 101 June Resources** are now available. By completing this month's resources, you'll have a better understanding of course registration and the values that anchor Bates and the First-Year Experience. Access Bates 101 from the New Student Forms card in [Garnet Gateway](#). We'll have additional Bates 101 releases in July and August on more need-to-know topics before your arrival on campus; stay tuned.

- **Course Registration Webinars on 6/8 and 6/15:** [Register and check out recordings of them here.](#)
- Next week, you'll hear from your **Summer Registration Consultant**, a faculty or staff member specially trained to support new students registering for fall courses. You're not *required* to engage with them, but even if you think you have a good handle on things, *we recommend it*. Depending on what you're interested (and not interested) in studying, Bates' academic requirements can be a little complex, so meeting with them or even just conversing via email will help inform you on things you're not thinking about going into registration.

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](mailto: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](#)

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### **Upcoming Dates**

- **Mon 6/8:** Course Registration Webinar @ 8:00pm ET
- **Tue 6/9:** New Student Forms open on Garnet Gateway
- **Mon 6/15:** Course Registration Webinar @ 8:00pm ET

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

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