



# First Things First

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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:

- **Mandatory New Student Forms** are now available for you to complete on [Garnet Gateway](#) - just check out the New Student Forms card. One of the least thrilling things about joining a new institution is the paperwork. But hey - there are some important things Bates needs to know about you before you get here, including your residence and roommate preferences. The sooner you complete them, the sooner you can focus on some exquisite summer vibes before coming to campus this fall.
- **Reminder: Round one of course preference ranking opens on [Garnet Gateway](#) on 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.

- **Reminder: Connect with your Summer Registration Consultant** to get advice on how to rank course preferences
  - If you haven't already heard from them via your Bates email, they'll be in touch before the end of the week.
- In case you missed it, [you can view the recording of the course registration webinar \*\*From Admitted to Enrolled: Course Registration with a Focus on Social Sciences and Humanities\*\* here.](#)

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 6/15:** Course Registration Webinar @ 8:00pm ET
- **Wed 6/17:** Round one of fall course registration opens on Garnet Gateway @ 9:00am ET
- **Fri 6/26:** Round one of fall course registration closes @ 4:00pm ET

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

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