



BATES VOTES ABROAD!

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS VOTING ABROAD IN 2024

If you are a U.S. citizen studying abroad, you can register and vote absentee if you are outside of the country during the election! Source: [All In - Resources for Overseas Voters](#)

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Voter Registration & Overseas Absentee Ballot Request:

You can register as an Overseas Voter and request your Overseas Absentee Ballot at the same time by using the [Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#) at least 90 days before the election. You can choose to receive a ballot through EMAIL/ONLINE, MAIL, or FAX. Source: [Federal Voting Assistance Program](#)

- **For Voters Registered on Campus or in Maine:** If you are already registered to vote in Maine and are completing the form for Overseas Voting, you will need to include the same physical street address of the residence you were last living in when you voted. For a complete list of Bates physical addresses by residence hall, please [click here](#).
 - **Voter ID:** Maine State Law does *not* require you to input a Voter ID (either the last four digits of your Social Security Number or your Maine State ID). You may select the option of “NONE” on the Form if you have neither form of ID.
- **For Voters Registered in Their Home State:** Complete the Overseas Voting form based on where you are registered to vote.
 - **Voter ID:** States will often require you to have either your State ID or Social Security Number. If you do not have one accessible, or if you have questions, you can call or text the VoterRides Helpline: 866-ID-2-VOTE. (Source: [VoterRiders ID](#))
- **For Students Wanting to Change Their Registration To Their Family’s Address:** If you are registered to vote at Bates, but would like to update your voter registration to your family’s address, you can still complete the FPCA form. Please consult [Campus Vote Project’s State Student Voting Guides](#) for additional information about voter registration laws in your state.

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Unsure About What’s On Your Ballot?

Several nonpartisan organizations are compiling information about what to expect on your ballot and how to participate in the elections as an overseas voter:

- Vote411.org: <https://www.vote411.org/>
- Overseas Vote Foundation: <https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/Study-Abroad-and-Vote-Toolkit>

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Need Help Voting While Abroad?

[Voting Assistance Officers](#) or “VAO” are official U.S. government personnel who support military and overseas voters understand their voting rights and are able to receive accurate nonpartisan voting information. To locate a VAO, check the Federal Voting Assistance Program website: <https://www.fvap.gov/info/contact>

