K-STATE FIRST HAS FOUR PROGRAMS FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS:

**CAT (CONNECTING ACROSS TOPICS) COMMUNITIES**
Students connect with each other and their academic interests through two regular courses and a one-hour connections course. An outstanding professor and a peer mentor who share those interests lead the community. There are four types: residential, pre-professional, interest-based and study abroad. Students may request a space by emailing kstatefirst@k-state.edu. Visit [k-state.edu/cat](http://k-state.edu/cat) for more information.

**FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS (FYS)**
Small, hands-on courses in a range of fields let students ask questions, interact with professors, and feel comfortable in an academic environment. They receive personalized attention from exceptional faculty while earning general education credit. Each class is limited to 22 seats and students may request a space by emailing kstatefirst@k-state.edu. Visit [k-state.edu/fys](http://k-state.edu/fys) for more information.

**GUIDE TO PERSONAL SUCCESS (GPS)**
First-year students are matched with a campus professional who invests in a one-on-one relationship throughout their first year. GPS guides and mentees spend time together on campus and in the community while talking about everything from internships to campus resource offices. Visit [k-state.edu/gps](http://k-state.edu/gps) to complete a GPS involvement survey. Mentees will receive match information at the start of the fall semester.

**K-STATE BOOK NETWORK (KSBN)**
K-State’s all-university reading program invites the campus community to read and discuss a common book, as well as participate in coordinating activities. First-year students who attend June orientation and enrollment receive a copy of the book, which changes each year. Visit [k-state.edu/ksbn](http://k-state.edu/ksbn) for more information.
K-STATE FIRST HELPS WITH STUDENT SUCCESS.
Cumulative end-of-year grade point averages.

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- Small class size.
- Thought-provoking discussion.
- Challenging learning environment.
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- Personable, flexible, accessible, well-prepared and passionate instructors.

THE PROGRAM HELPS STUDENTS PERSIST.
First-year to second-year retention rates.

Graduation rates.

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BE FIRST
- Imagine yourself on campus at K-State.
- Get informed! Visit k-state.edu/first to learn more about how to get involved.
- Email us at kstatefirst@k-state.edu for questions.
- Get involved BE FIRST! Talk to your academic advisor at orientation and enrollment about K-State First offerings.
- Meet new friends and interact with professors through K-State First programs.