

ENROLL NOW!






Our fall 2026 CAT Communities and First-Year Seminars are categorized into major specific and general academic interests on these at-a-glance pages. Connect through our website or work with your academic advisor to get enrolled! For more information:

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You can be in one CAT Community *and* one First-Year Seminar. If considering a CAT Community, you should NOT have earned credit through transfer or AP courses in any of the three courses that make up the CAT Community, as all three courses are required.

Explore your options, select 2-3 CAT Communities or First-Year Seminars that seem interesting to you, and your advisor can help you decide which option will be the best fit for you based on your interests, major, and future career.













MAJOR SPECIFIC
RESIDENTIAL CAT COMMUNITIES

	Animal Health & Nutrition	ASI 102 Principles of Animal Science
		CHM 210 Chemistry 1
		ASI 100 Animal Health and Nutrition
		Residence Hall: Haymaker
	APDesign	ENVD 250 History of the Designed Environment 1
		ENVD 203 Survey of the Design Professions 1
		ENVD 204 Studio Seminar
		Residence Halls: Goodnow, Marlatt, Wefald
	Engineering Futures	CHM 210 Chemistry 1
		COMM 106 Public Speaking 1
		DEN 160 Engineering Concepts
		Residence Hall: Goodnow
	Small but Mighty: How Insects Impact Your World	ASI 102 Principles of Animal Science
		ENTOM 305 Animal Health Entomology
		ENTOM 110 Exploring Entomology
		Residence Halls: Ford, Haymaker, Moore, West
	Space Exploration & Research	DEN 160 Engineering Concepts
		CHM 210 Chemistry 1
		DEN 161 Engineering Problem Solving
		Residence Halls: Goodnow, Marlatt, Wefald

CAT COMMUNITIES

	Animal Biology & Ethics	BIOL 198 Principles of Biology
		PHILO 130 Introduction to Moral Philosophy
		DAS 101 Animal Health and Biology
	Child Development Around the World	ECED 310 Early Childhood
		ANTH 204 Intro to Cultural Anthropology
		DHE 195 Child Development Around the World






MAJOR SPECIFIC
CAT COMMUNITIES

	Engineering for Industry	DEN 160 Engineering Concepts
		LEAD 212 Introduction to Leadership Concepts
		DEN 161 Engineering Problem Solving
	Exploring the Health Professions	FNDH 115 Intro to Health and Nutrition Profession
		FNDH 132 Basic Nutrition
		DHE 195 Exploring the Health Professions
	Find Your Place in Nature	PMC 275 Introduction to Natural Resource Management
		ANTH 204 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
		HNR 115 Find Your Place in Nature
	Global Engineers	LEAD 212 Introduction to Leadership Concepts
		COMM 106 Public Speaking 1
		DEN 160 Engineering Orientation
	Health Technology & Engineering	DEN 160 Engineering Concepts
		CHM 210 Chemistry 1
		DEN 161 Engineering Problem Solving
	Horses & Hounds	BIOL 198 Principles of Biology
		ASI 107 Companion Animal Lab
		ASI 109 Horse Lab
		GENAG 200 Horses and Hounds
	Next Gen Farmers and Ranchers	AGEC 120 Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness
		ASI 102 Principles of Animal Science
		AGEC 100 Next Gen Farmers and Ranchers
	Nutrition and the Health Professions	FNDH 132 Basic Nutrition
		CHM 210 Chemistry 1
		DHE 195 Nutrition and the Health Professions
	Pre-Law: The Law and Society	PHILO 160 Intro to Philosophy of Law
		POLSC 115 U.S. Politics
		DAS 195 Law and Society
	Pre-Physical Therapy	KIN 220 Biobehavioral Bases of Physical Activity
		FNDH 132 Basic Nutrition
		DHE 195 Pre-Physical Therapy
	Press Start: Designing Game Controllers and...	DEN 160 Engineering Concepts
		ECE 241 Intro to Electrical & Computer Engineering
		DEN 161 Engineering Problem Solving
	Rise Up (three sections)	ENTRP 340 Introduction to Entrepreneurship
		MANGT 220 Principles of Management OR MKTG 250 Introduction to Marketing
		GENBA 105 Business Orientation - Rise Up

CAT COMMUNITIES

INTEREST-BASED

RESIDENTIAL CAT COMMUNITIES

 Fandom & Film Studies	PSYCH 110 General Psychology
	ENGL 220 Fiction into Film
	DAS 101 Fandom and Film Studies
	Residence Halls: Ford, Haymaker, Moore, West
 Honors Community: Well-being in Practice	PSYCH 110 General Psychology
	CHM 210 Chemistry I
	UHP 189 Well-being in Practice
	Residence Hall: Boyd
 Medicine, Science, & Society	BIOL 198 Principles of Biology
	GWSS 105 Intro to Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies
	DAS 195 Medicine, Science, & Society
	Residence Halls: Ford, Haymaker, Moore, West
 Pre-Med	BIOL 198 Principles of Biology
	ANTH 315 Intro to Medical Anthropology
	DAS 195 Pre-Med
	Residence Halls: Goodnow, Marlatt, Wefald
 Psychology of Social Media	PSYCH 110 General Psychology
	COMM 106 Public Speaking I
	DAS 195 Psychology of Social Media
	Residence Halls: Goodnow, Marlatt, Wefald











WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY:

K-State First has definitely been the guidance I really needed to grow from a struggling freshman to a motivated junior in my program. Without the CAT Community and the people and resources provided to me through it, I don't think I would've made it through my first year.

Before I came to college, I worried about whether I would make friends, find a group, or even if I would feel like a member of the Wildcat Family. As a student in a CAT Community, I found that I had a group of people I could feel comfortable with and even depend on for help in classes, someone to sit by, and a group that had the potential to become friends.

INTEREST-BASED

CAT COMMUNITIES

 Emerging Leaders: A First-Gen Community	LEAD 212 Intro to Leadership Concepts
	SOCIO 211 Introduction to Sociology
	LEAD 195 Emerging Leaders
 Exploring Scientific Research	BIOL 198 Principles of Biology
	CHM 210 Chemistry I
	DAS 195 Exploring Scientific Research
 Find Your Fit	COMM 106 Public Speaking I
	PSYCH 110 General Psychology
	EDCEP 120 Academic and Career Decisions
 The Honors Community: Breaking the Art/Science Divide	PSYCH 110 General Psychology OR BIOL 198 Principles of Biology
	ENGL 297 Honors Intro to the Humanities
	UHP 189 Honors First-Year Seminar
 Identity, Pop Culture, & Performance	AMETH 160 Intro to American Ethnic Studies
	THTRE 270 Introduction to Theatre
	DAS 195 Identity, Pop Culture, & Performance
 K-Staters Go Global	MLANG 120 Multilingualism in the US
	GEOG 100 World Geography & Globalization
	DAS 101 K-Staters Go Global
 Leadership and Service	LEAD 212 Intro to Leadership Concepts
	POLSC 115 US Politics
	LEAD 195 Leadership and Service
 ROTC Aerospace Studies	LEAD 212 Intro to Leadership Concepts
	HIST 155 Intro to US Military History
	AERO 110 Foundation of the US Air Force
 Sports in America	MC 160 Principles of Journalism
	HIST 152 History of the U.S. since 1877
	DAS 195 Sports in America
 Water Ways: Exploring Water Across Disciplines	CHM 210 Chemistry I
	GEOL 100 Earth in Action
	DAS 195 Water Ways

PSYCH 110
GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

COMM 106
PUBLIC SPEAKING I

3
CREDIT
HOURS

3
CREDIT
HOURS

1
CREDIT
HOUR

You + Your
Community
of Peers

Expert faculty member

Residential Learning
Assistant peer mentor

DAS 195:
PSYCHOLOGY OF SOCIAL MEDIA



CAT COMMUNITIES

Example: PSYCHOLOGY OF SOCIAL MEDIA

RESIDENCE HALLS:
KRAMER COMMUNITY
(GOODNOW, MARLATT, OR WEFALD)



ENROLL NOW!

First-year students can enroll in one of our FYS classes by talking with your academic advisor. The academic content of FYS classes is the same as other sections of the same course, but enrollment is limited to first-year students of 22 or fewer.

FYS classes emphasize communication, critical thinking, and community building. You benefit from a learning environment built around engagement, interaction, and application of concepts.

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Note: [CAT Comm] = FYS section with some or all seats reserved for students in linked CAT Community. *Specific sections are tentative at this time and will be updated online.*

STUDENT SUCCESS

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	SECTION
EDCEP 111	Foundations of College Student Success (student athlete section)	A
EDCEP 111	Foundations of College Student Success	B
EDCEP 111	Foundations of College Student Success	C
EDCEP 111	Foundations of College Student Success	D
EDCEP 111	Foundations of College Student Success	E
EDCEP 111	Foundations of College Student Success (TRIO ESS section)	F
EDCEP 111	Foundations of College Student Success	K

As a place to ask questions about the University and practice the skills needed to succeed as a first-year student, these courses provide support for the transition into college life and the K-State community. They emphasize success skills such as time management, study skills, critical thinking strategies, and more.

HONORS

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	SECTION
AGEC 121	Honors Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness	A
ANTH 210	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	A
COMM 109	Public Speaking (Honors)	A
ECON 111	Principles of Macroeconomics (Honors)	A
ENGL 297	Honors Introduction to The Humanities [FYS & CAT]	A
PSYCH 110	General Psychology (Honors)	E

GENERAL EDUCATION

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	SECTION
COMM 130	Interpersonal Communication	TBD
COMM 323	Nonverbal Communication	A
DAS 100	Introduction to K-State Culture	A
DAS 100	Introduction to K-State Culture	C
DAS 100	Introduction to K-State Culture	D
DAS 100	Introduction to K-State Culture	F
ECON 110	Principles of Macroeconomics	H
ECON 120	Principles of Microeconomics	F
ENGL 100	Expository Writing 1 [CAT Comm]	AE
ENGL 220	Fiction Into Film [FYS & CAT Comm]	C
ENGL 287	Great Books	A
ENTOM 101	Insects and People	A
GEOL 100	Earth in Action	F
GWSS 105	Intro to Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies	C
HDFS 110	Introduction to Human Development	B
HIST 112	World History From 1450	A
MATH 100	College Algebra	98
MATH 100	College Algebra	99
MC 110	Mass Communication in Society	B
MUSIC 250	Introduction to Music	B
PFP 105	Introduction to Personal Financial Planning	C
PHILO 100	Introduction to Philosophical Problems	A
PHILO 130	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	A
PHYS 122	Physics Today 1	A
POLSC 135	Introduction to Comparative Politics	A
POLSC 145	World Politics	TBD
SOCIO 211	Introduction to Sociology	D

Each seminar is a special FYS of a regular, academic, general education (K-State Core) class. Each seminar focuses on a distinct, college-level academic subject. With their small size and community-focus, the First-Year Seminars (FYS) invite and encourage an active learning environment.

The seminars devote significant portions of class time to

- hands-on learning
- group discussions
- inquiry-based learning
- activities to develop your critical thinking, problem solving, and communication skills

They are academic spaces that encourage you to collaborate, interact, and develop relationships with your peers and professors.



In every way, my freshman year exceeded all expectations.

The smaller class size provided a great opportunity for me to meet friends on campus that were as excited and anxious about college as I was and that shared similar passions. With K-State First we have a support system to help every step of the way.



FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS



Expert faculty member

You and your community

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STUDENTS



SMALL CLASS SIZES



HANDS-ON LEARNING



COMMUNITY BUILDING



PROBLEM SOLVING



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES