

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 learning community course. They offer mentoring from both an outstanding professor and an advanced undergraduate Learning Assistant who has been successful in the same courses. There are three types of CAT Communities: Residential (where students live in the same residence hall as their peers), Non-Residential, and Study Abroad. Some CAT Communities have an expanded focus on college student success skills such as time management, study skills, critical thinking strategies, and more. Students can sign up for Residential CAT Communities through their Housing contracts, or they may request a space by emailing k-statefirst@k-state.edu. Visit k-state.edu/first/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. We also offer several sections of University Experience FYS courses, which emphasize communication and critical thinking skills, academic and career planning steps, and goal setting. Students may sign up for FYS courses during June orientation and enrollment. Email k-statefirst@k-state.edu or visit k-state.edu/first/fys for more information.



GUIDE TO PERSONAL SUCCESS (GPS)

First-year students are matched with a campus or community 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/first/gps to complete a GPS involvement survey. Mentees will receive match information at the start of the fall semester.



K-STATE FIRST BOOK (KSFB)

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/ksfb for more information.



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K-STATE FIRST AND STUDENT SUCCESS

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FOUR WAYS K-STATE FIRST HELPS STUDENTS TRANSITION TO COLLEGE:



Fosters campus community and feelings of **belonging**



Raises academic expectations with engagement and **compassion**



Empowers students with a strong sense of personal responsibility and social agency



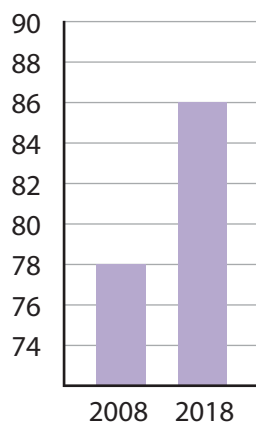
Offers **opportunities** for diverse activities and interactions

STUDENTS LOVE THEIR K-STATE FIRST CLASSES FOR MANY REASONS:

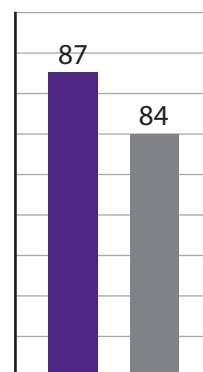
- Small class sizes
- Thought-provoking discussions
- Challenging learning environments
- Multiple and varied assignments
- Personable, flexible, accessible, well-prepared and passionate instructors

K-STATE FIRST HELPS STUDENTS PERSIST:

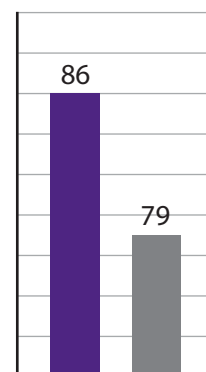
University-wide 10-year retention rate growth



General CAT & FYS retention rates



First-Gen student retention rates



Enrolled in CAT or FYS Nonparticipant



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Email us at kstatefirst@k-state.edu with questions.

Talk to your academic advisor at orientation and enrollment about K-State First offerings.

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Meet new friends and interact with professors through K-State First programs.