K-State First is the University’s first-year experience program, our way of helping students establish a great foundation for the rest of your college career. We offer first-year seminar courses and learning communities designed specifically for first-year students. Follow the steps below as you prepare for your advising appointment and for your success at K-State!

**EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS**
You have the option of enrolling in one CAT Community and one First-Year Seminar course.

**CAT (CONNECTING ACROSS TOPICS) COMMUNITIES**
Students connect with each other and your academic interests through two general education 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 also Residential CAT Communities, where students take the three courses together and live in the same residence hall as your peers, and Study Abroad experiential learning CAT Communities. Some CAT Communities also have an expanded focus on college student success skills such as time management, study skills, critical thinking strategies, and more. Visit k-state.edu/first/cat for a full list of options.

**FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS (FYS)**
Small, hands-on courses in a range of fields where students can ask questions, interact with professors, and feel comfortable in an academic environment. You 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. Visit k-state.edu/first/fys for a full list of course options.

**DECIDE WHICH CAT COMMUNITIES & FYS COURSES ARE A GOOD FIT FOR YOU**
Select 2-3 CAT Communities and FYS courses that interest you and bring those ideas to your advising appointment.

**ENROLL IN YOUR K-STATE FIRST COURSES AT YOUR ADVISING APPOINTMENT!**
Work with your advisor to determine which CAT Community and/or FYS course best fits your interests and academic needs.

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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: 2008 - 74%, 2018 - 79%
- General CAT & FYS retention rates: 2008 - 87%, 2018 - 84%
- First-Gen student retention rates: 2008 - 86%, 2018 - 79%

Enrolled in CAT or FYS Nonparticipant
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#### COURSE # | SECTION | COURSE NAME
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CHM 200 | A | Frontiers in Chemistry
COMM 322 | B | Interpersonal Communication
COMM 323 | B | Nonverbal Communication
ENGL 220 | C | Fiction Into Film
ENGL 285 | A | Intro to American Ethnic Lit
ENGL 287 | A | Great Books
GEOL 100 | F | Earth in Action
GEOL 125 | C | Natural Disasters
HIST 112 | C | World History From 1450
HIST 151 | C | History of the United States to 1877
MLANG 280 | A | Holocaust Lit (War & Memory, 20c. Europe)
MUSIC 249 | A | Introduction to Music of the World
MUSIC 250 | B | Introduction to Music
PHYS 122 | A | Physics Today 1
POLSC 135 | B | Introduction to Comparative Politics

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#### STUDENT SUCCESS

### JULY & AUGUST ENROLLMENTS

Our fall 2020 CAT Communities and First-Year Seminars are categorized into majors, general interests, and student success options on these at-a-glance pages. Work with your academic advisor to get enrolled today! For more information:

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Email us at [kstatefirst@k-state.edu](mailto:kstatefirst@k-state.edu)
Call us at (785) 532-1501

You can be in one CAT Community and one First-Year Seminar. If considering a CAT Community, you should NOT have credit in any of the three courses that make up the CAT community.

Explore your options, select a couple of 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, or future career.

#### FYS CLASSES

First-year students may enroll in one of the FYS classes by talking with their 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 in sections of 22 or fewer.

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

Note: [CAT Comm]=FYS section with seats reserved for students in linked CAT Community.

### FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS

#### COURSE # | SECTION | COURSE NAME
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AGEC 121 | A | Honors Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness
ANTH 210 | A | Honors Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ENGL 297 | A | Honors Introduction to The Humanities 1
MC 110 | B | Honors Mass Communication in Society

#### COURSE # | SECTION | COURSE NAME
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EDCEP 111 | B | University Experience
EDCEP 111 | C | University Experience
EDCEP 111 | E | University Experience
EDCEP 111 | G | University Experience
EDCEP 111 | H | University Experience
EDCEP 111 | J | University Experience
EDCEP 111 | K | University Experience
### RESIDENTIAL CAT COMMUNITIES

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<td>ENGL 220 Fiction into Film, MC 110 Mass Communication in Society, DAS 195 Pop Culture and Society</td>
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<td>The Art of Healthcare</td>
<td>AMETH 160 Intro to American Ethnic Studies, ENGL 295 Life Stories, DAS 195 The Art of Healthcare</td>
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<td>ECON 110 Principles of Macroeconomics, MATH 220 Analytic Geometry and Calculus 1, DEN 160 Engineering Orientation, DEN 161 Engineering Futures</td>
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<td>PSYCH 110 General Psychology, OR BIOL 198 Principles of Biology, ENGL 297 Honors Intro to the Humanities, UHP 189 Honors First-Year Seminar</td>
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<td>Pre-Law: The Law and Society</td>
<td>PHILO 160 Intro to Philosophy of Law, POLSC 115 U.S. Politics, DAS 195 The Law and Society</td>
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