K-State First

*K-State First is the University’s first-year experience program. This office offers exciting and engaging small classes and learning communities to new students as they transition into college-level learning and college life.*

- All first-year students are eligible for K-State First. They can be in one CAT Community and one First-Year Seminar. If considering a CAT Community, students should NOT already have credit any of the three courses that make up the CAT community.
- Advisors can enroll students in any open First-Year Seminar classes, and the K-State First team can enroll students in all three courses for any CAT Community.
- Easy to use guides on CAT Communities and First-Year Seminar courses.

Contact: K-State First, kstatefirst@ksu.edu, (785) 532-1501 or (785) 320-1221.

Academic Achievement Center – Students Admitted by Exception

*Admitted by exception means that students did not meet the GPA, ACT, or class rank threshold for full admission to the university. The Academic Coaching program provides dedicated support to these students to help them reach their academic goals. Students admitted by exception will learn more about the Academic Coaching program during their July Orientation.*

- Students admitted by exception to K-State have a positive indicator in KSIS and tag in SSC/Navigate titled “Academic Achievement Center.”
- Students are required to be in a K-State First CAT Community or First-Year Seminar and are encouraged to enroll in an offering like University Experience or a Student Success CAT Community.

Contact: Jessica Kerr, jpkerr@ksu.edu or 773-936-6455. Academic Coaching: k-state.edu/aac/academic-coaching/

University Honors Program

*The University Honors Program offers academic enrichment, community, and mentoring to high achieving students who love to learn. This curriculum can be tailored to any program of study, does not add time to graduation, and emphasizes high-impact practices such as experiential learning, study abroad, and independent research. Students from any major can find success here.*

- Students with 29 ACT or SAT equivalent and 3.75 GPA (weighted or unweighted) are eligible for the UHP.
- **Accepted to UHP:** Enroll them in a section of UHP 189 (1 credit) and encourage them to take one other Honors course that would satisfy a degree requirement.
- **In the College of Arts and Sciences:** They can enroll in The Honors Community: Breaking the Art/Science Divide, the Honors specific CAT Community.
- **Not applied but interested in joining and meet requirements:** They can enroll in UHP 189 and one other honors course. Direct them to apply to the Honors program. They can complete the application AFTER enrollment.
- **Interested but do not meet requirements:** Students can email UHP or advisors can call or send us an e-mail with the student’s name and WID.

Contact: ksuhonors@k-state.edu or Jim Hohenbary, (785) 776-5040. University Honors Program: k-state.edu/ksuhonors.
First-generation Students & Students eligible for TRIO programs
The Office of First-generation Students (OFGS) supports those who are first in their families to attend a four-year university by creating a sense of belonging and connecting them to campus resources. These resources include Educational Supportive Services (ESS - a TRIO program), K-State First CAT Communities, and the K-State first-generation community.

- Consider advising students to enroll in a first-generation specific course. A student may self-identify as a first-generation student or you can check their status in KSIS or SSC/Navigate.
- Two first-gen specific CAT Communities: First in the Family, a residential CAT Community in Haymaker Hall, and First-gen Fundamentals.

Contact: K-State First to enroll students in first-gen CAT Communities or Kiley Moody, kmoody@ksu.edu or (316) 249-8981, for questions about connecting students to OFGS and TRIO resources.

Pre-Law
K-State Pre-Law is a non-degree major: students have no required coursework to complete the major. Instead, Pre-Law supplements any field of study—we provide a robust program of experiences to expose students to a wide variety of legal career options and help students start building their legal network. Students can visit law schools, courthouses, and law firms; hear from a variety of legal speakers; work with local attorneys to serve the community; and more. Every pre-law student has access to personalized pre-law advising regarding their path to law school.

- Any student who is interested in a legal career is welcome to join K-State Pre-Law.
- Law & Society CAT Community is open to all incoming freshmen who have an interest in pre-law.
- Students can meet with the pre-law advisor to discuss relevant courses and declaring a pre-law major.

Contact: Tracey Lee, traceylee@ksu.edu Pre-Law program: k-state.edu/prelaw/

Developing Scholars Program
Developing Scholars Program is a program within the larger Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Inquiry. DSP offers high-achieving, serious-minded, historically underrepresented* students research projects in their field of study with faculty mentors.

- If a student is accepted into the Developing Scholars Program, students should enroll in one of the two sections of LEAD 502, Developing Scholars Seminar, 16886 12:30 pm or 16887 1:30 pm.
- LEAD 502 seminar is a requirement for students who have been accepted into the DSP program and assists them during the first year of their research experience.

*Note: “Historically Underrepresented” is defined as an undergraduate student who is first generation of any background or is a member of a group that has been historically underrepresented in higher education. Students who do not fit this profile are invited to consider the OURCI Grants program for possible research matches or view the OURCI Clearinghouse for research projects. All undergraduate students in pursuit of undergraduate research placement are welcome to visit one-on-one with OURCI staff for further guidance.

Contact: Brenée King, breneek@ksu.edu or (785) 532-5385. Developing Scholars Program: k-state.edu/scholars/