Registration Information

Logging into the Garnet Gateway

To get to the Garnet Gateway go to the main Bates web page at www.bates.edu. Under the “The Quad: Gateways and Resources” click on “Garnet Gateway.” This takes you to the Garnet Gateway login page.

Next, log into the Garnet Gateway by entering your Bates ID number and your PIN, initially assigned to you by Admissions. You must change your PIN to something new when you log in.

How to Register

1. Prior to registration, the Schedule of Courses for the upcoming semester may be viewed on the Garnet Gateway by clicking on the “Look-up Courses to Add” link on the “Registration” menu. The schedule of courses lists the courses to be offered in the upcoming semester, including instructors, class meeting times, enrollment limits, and room assignments. The Bates Catalog www.bates.edu/catalog includes course descriptions, prerequisites, and additional course information.

2. To register, click on “Register or Add/Drop Courses” under the “Registration” menu. You then enter the CRN (Course Reference number – a 5-digit number unique to each course section) found in the schedule of courses of each course you wish to register for in the boxes at the bottom of the page. Click submit. Another easy way to register for courses is to click “Look-up Courses to Add” and select the department(s)/program(s) you are interested in. Click in the checkbox to the left of the section(s) you want. Click submit. A “C” means the course is already full and closed.

Note: Your course selections are not saved until you click the “submit” button. Be sure to view the results on the Register Add/Drop courses page.

3. When entering course preferences, error messages may appear. They include time conflicts, failure to meet a prerequisite requirement, failure to select a required linked discussion or laboratory section, etc. If an error appears, you are not registered for the course. Here is the URL to a chart of common errors and how to correct them: http://www.bates.edu/registration-errors.xml

Note: not all courses have spaces or are available for first-years. Be sure to look at the current enrollments and course attributes in the schedule. 200-level courses are only open first-years if so noted in the attribute column.

If a course has a lab (L1, L2, L3, etc.) or discussion (D1, D2, D3, etc.) you must select a lecture section as well as one lab/discussion.
Register for fall courses in 2 easy steps!

1) Registration Phase I – Select your Courses

July 12, 10:00am (EDT) – July 21, 4:00pm

Any time between July 12 (10:00am) and July 21 (4:00pm), log in and select your course preferences using the registration instructions above. You should register for three courses and a First-Year Seminar at this time.

Choosing a First-Year Seminar
Enrolling in a first-year seminar is strongly encouraged. The instructor of your seminar will also be your academic advisor and you will have the opportunity to take a small-sized course especially designed for first-year students. First-Year Seminars also satisfy your First-Year writing [W1] requirement. Please refer to the First-Year Seminar list on the web and Catalog to view available First-Year Seminars.

Limited Courses
Please note, the Schedule of Courses lists an enrollment limit for some courses. In addition, some courses have a specified number of spaces reserved for students by class year. Students may web-register for up to 4 courses with limited enrollment during the week of course selection.

On July 21, beginning at 4:00pm (EDT), the Registrar’s Office will randomly assign students into the spaces in limited courses. You may view the results of randomization and see which courses you gained entrance to on July 22.

2) Registration Phase II – Add/Drop

July 26, 10:00am (EDT) – July 30

Log into Garnet Gateway on July 26 at 10:00am and look at your “Register or Add/Drop Courses” page. This shows your current schedule after limited courses have been randomly filled. If you are happy with this schedule you are done!

If you would like to make changes, you may do so until July 30.

Remember, Add/Drop is on a first come, first served basis so plan ahead. It will open on July 26 at 10:00am.

Add/Drop will again open for all students on Tuesday, September 7, 7:00am on a first come, first served basis.

Questions? Please see the Registration FAQ or call 207-755-5949 or email registrar@bates.edu