**Class of 2025 Academic Requirements**

To graduate you need to:

* Complete **35 course credits**, take 3 PE credits, and pass a swimming test
* **In your first year**, complete the **Writing Requirement** (either by taking Writ 5, Writ 2/3, or Hum 1) *and* your **First Year Seminar Requirement**.

The FY Seminar is *always* taken the term following completion of your Writing Requirement.

* Complete the **Language requirement** (through level 3). Decide early how you will accomplish this. If you are considering participating in a Language Study Abroad (LSA) program, it is imperative you begin this planning early.
* Fulfill **Distributive Requirements** and **World Culture Requirements**
  + **Note:** Most distributives will be fulfilled naturally as you elect courses that you find interesting. Be mindful of your own four-year planning, needs to complete sequenced courses, intentions for off-campus programs, etc., but don’t worry too much about distributives during your first term, or even your first year.
* Fulfill the **Requirements of a Major** (although you don’t declare until the end of your sophomore year, during your fifth “R” term)

**Distributive Requirements**

1. Art: creation, performance, history or criticism (ART);

2. Literature: the history, criticism or theory of texts (LIT);

3. Systems and Traditions of Thought, Meaning and Value (TMV);

4. International or comparative study (INT);

5 & 6. Social analysis (two courses) (SOC);

7. Quantitative or deductive science (QDS);

8 & 9. Natural and physical science (two courses); without/with lab (SCI/SLA);

10. Technology or applied science; without/with lab (TAS/TLA)

At least one of the science courses must have a laboratory, experimental or field component (LAB).

**World Culture (WC) Requirement:**

1. Western Cultures (W)

2. Non-Western Cultures (NW)

3. Culture and Identity (CI)

**Important Websites for Orientation week**

<http://oracle-www.dartmouth.edu/dart/groucho/timetable.main> (Dartmouth Timetable)

<http://writing-speech.dartmouth.edu/curriculum> (for information about FYS, Writing 2/3, and Writing 5)

<http://oracle-www.dartmouth.edu/dart/groucho/course_desc.engl5_main> (for descriptions for Writing 5 sections)

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~reg/> (For all information on courses; particularly the timetable, the prospectus, and course descriptions of First-Year Seminars and WRIT 5 sections)

<http://dartmouth.smartcatalogiq.com/current/orc.aspx> (The ORC - The Electronic Course Guide)

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~orientation/> (Schedule for Orientation, open houses, placement exams, etc.)

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~reg/calendars/index.html> (For Academic calendars, including drop/add and withdrawal dates)

<http://writing-speech.dartmouth.edu/learning/materials/sources-and-citations-dartmouth> (For *Sources*)

<https://students.dartmouth.edu/judicial-affairs/policy/academic-honor-principle> (Academic Honor principle)

<http://student-affairs.dartmouth.edu/policy/principles-community> (for Principles of Community)

<https://students.dartmouth.edu/ugar/advising/advising-dartmouth> (For Group Advising presentation, Science and Math Presentation, and Academic and Curricular information presentation)

**Course Election Timetable and Must-dos**

**Wednesday, September 8**

* Attend Group Advising (Required; Your floor will attend as a group)
* Look at **Placement Record** to determine placement, Writing-requirement schedule, and your faculty advisor. (Degree Works and DartHub)
  + *If* scheduled for **Writ 5** in Fall term, select three that interest you
* **Email your faculty advisor** to make an appointment if you have not already heard from them
* Explore the **Curriculum**, using [*Explore, Engage, Excel*](https://students.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate-deans/sites/students_undergraduate_deans.prod/files/students_undergraduate_deans/wysiwyg/explore_engage_excel_-_class_of_2024.pdf)*,* ORC, and Timetable
  + Assemble **8-12 courses** you are interested in taking
* Complete the **Advising Questionnaire** through DartHub before you meet with your faculty advisor

**Thursday, September 9**

* Attend Department and Program **Open Houses**
* Refine your list of interesting courses:
  + Are you choosing something that will challenge you?
  + Something that you’ve always wanted to explore?
  + Something in a discipline you hope to pursue further?
  + Are you being conscious of time management and the increased demands of college-level courses?

**Friday, September 10**

* Meet with your faculty advisor at appointed time for **Academic Advising**
* **Register your Fall courses** on-line before 6:00PM
* View the courses you’ve been placed into after 8:00 PM

**Saturday and Sunday, September 11–12**

* **Add/Drop** Available starting at 8:00 AM for First-Year and Transfer students only for course adjustments
* Monitor Timetable for course availability, including for Writing 5

**Monday, September 13**

* **Classes begin, 7:45 A.M.**
* **Add/Drop** Open to all students