CLASS OF 2026 ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To graduate you need to:

- Complete **35 course credits**, take 3 Wellness (Physical Education Credits)
- **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**. Language credit may be fulfilled in a variety of ways depending on your level of language background; your DegreeWorks degree audit in DartHub will tell you what path you are following.
  
  - See: [https://www.dartmouth.edu/reg/registration/language_requirement_2026.html](https://www.dartmouth.edu/reg/registration/language_requirement_2026.html)
  
  - For Frequently Asked Questions:
    [https://docs.google.com/document/d/10Ikacn0g9N0mRK0_05ir1h4jq3dI5HQB4v2KGnp4Mj/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/10Ikacn0g9N0mRK0_05ir1h4jq3dI5HQB4v2KGnp4Mj/edit)

- 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)

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<th>Distributive Requirements</th>
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<td>1. Art: creation, performance, history or criticism (ART);</td>
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<td>2. Literature: the history, criticism or theory of texts (LIT);</td>
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<td>3. Systems and Traditions of Thought, Meaning and Value (TMV);</td>
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<td>4. International or comparative study (INT);</td>
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<td>5 &amp; 6. Social analysis (two courses) (SOC);</td>
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<td>7. Quantitative or deductive science (QDS);</td>
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<td>8 &amp; 9. Natural and physical science (two courses); without/with lab (SCI/SLA);</td>
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<td>10. Technology or applied science; without/with lab (TAS/TLA)</td>
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At least one of the science courses must have a laboratory, experimental or field component (LAB).

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<th>World Culture (WC) Requirement</th>
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<td>1. Western Cultures (W)</td>
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<td>2. Non-Western Cultures (NW)</td>
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<td>3. Culture and Identity (CI)</td>
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**IMPORTANT WEBSITES FOR ORIENTATION WEEK**

- [http://writing-speech.dartmouth.edu/curriculum](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](http://oracle-www.dartmouth.edu/dart/groucho/course_desc.engl5_main) (for descriptions for Writing 5 sections)
**COURSE ELECTION TIMETABLE AND MUST-DOS**

**Friday, September 2 or Tuesday, September 6**

- 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, 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 8**

- 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 9**

- 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 10–11**

- **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 12**

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