

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
 - For Frequently Asked Questions:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/10lkacn0g9N0mRK0_05ir1h4jq3dI5HQB4y2KGnp4Mpl/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)

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/> (Scheduled for Orientation, open houses, placement exams, etc.)

<https://www.dartmouth.edu/reg/calendar/> (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

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