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TO: Members of the Class of 2024
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SUBJECT: Instructions for selecting your D-Plan (Enrollment Pattern)
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With the beginning of spring term, starting April 1, it is time to prepare to choose your enrollment pattern (D-Plan). Your D-Plan is an agreement with the College that details the sequence of residence (R) terms and leave (L) terms that will culminate in your graduation. The deadline for choosing your D-Plan is **Friday, April 23, 2021**. PLEASE NOTE: this deadline does not apply to international students (see second box below).

- For the purpose of enrollment planning, you will only be asked to distinguish between terms spent earning Dartmouth course credits (**R terms**) and terms not taking courses (**L terms**).
 - R terms include Language Study Abroad (LSA), Foreign Study Programs (FSP), Domestic Study Programs (DSP), and official Dartmouth exchange programs.
 - L terms may include transfer terms at institutions not part of an official exchange program. See the Registrar's [Non-Dartmouth Study Away website](#) for more information.
- D-Plan Requirements
 - Your D-Plan will consist of twelve enrolled/residence (R) terms and three leave (L) terms.
 - You may have at the most, seven fall or spring residence (R) terms, therefore, your initial plan will include at least one leave (L) term in the fall or spring of sophomore, junior, or senior year.
 - You may, at a later time, choose to take an Off-Campus Program (O) term, in place of one or more of your 12 residence (R) terms, which does not count toward one of the seven allowed fall/spring residence (R) terms.
 - You are expected to be in residence (R) during the summer term that immediately follows your sophomore year. You may substitute another summer term (or Off-Campus Program term) in satisfaction of the sophomore summer residence requirement.
 - You are expected to be in residence for two terms of your senior year.

***** ALL FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS*****

Enrollment for two or four terms in an academic year (summer through spring) will often impact the aid you receive when compared to a typical three-term pattern. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

***** FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN BORROWERS*****

Taking two or more consecutive leave terms will use up your six-month grace period and put you into repayment. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

***** INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WITH F1 AND J1 VISA STATUS*****

Students on an F-1 or J-1 visa do not have to make any D-Plan elections now. F-1 and J-1 students receive a default D-Plan with all summer terms as leave (L terms), consistent with visa regulations, which does not cause a termination of Form I-20. Notwithstanding, it is possible to change the default D-Plan and students may choose to terminate the Form I-20. Students should contact the Registrar's office to make a change to their default D-Plan after April 27/28, 2021 via email. Students are strongly encouraged to use [The D-Plan Game](#) on the [OVIS website](#) to see how various plans affect visa status. They then should meet with their OVIS advisor, before making changes, to discuss possible D-Plan options and the timing of associated visa consequences.

D-PLAN SELECTION PERIOD

- You will be able to enter your D-Plan choices on **DartHub** from **April 1, 2021, 8 a.m. until April 23, 2021, 4 p.m. ET**.
- Your D-Plan assignment will be available **Wednesday, April 28 after 12:00 PM ET** on DartHub. Please check your assignment as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS WHO DO NOT FILE BY THE DEADLINE WILL BE ASSIGNED A D-PLAN.

If you need assistance entering your choices online, please reach out to the Undergraduate Deans Office at undergraduate.deans.office@dartmouth.edu in advance of the April 23 deadline.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING YOUR D-PLAN CHOICES ONLINE

1. Go to [DartHub](http://darthub.dartmouth.edu) (<http://darthub.dartmouth.edu>) and log in.
2. Search for the “**D-Plan Selection**” tile or find it in the “Degree Planning and Advising” section.
3. You will select **R** or **L** on the buttons that have a scroll bar, *making sure that you choose three L terms*. For purposes of the online selection, if you are anticipating a T (Transfer) term, you should select L. If you are anticipating an O (LSA/FSP/DSP) term or X (Exchange) term, you should select R. Later, these codes will be changed by the Registrar if your program is approved.
4. When you have selected your D-Plan, click on “**Submit D-Plan**” button. If your requests are valid, they will be displayed under the “**You Selected**” columns and will be saved. If there is a problem with the request, you will receive an error message and will need to resubmit a valid choice.
5. Prior to the April 23 deadline only: if you have selected your choices and wish to submit a different selection, follow the same instructions to make your changes.
6. Results should be available on **Wednesday, April 28 after 12:00 PM**. You will be able to view your approved D-Plan assignment by clicking on “**View D-Plan Assignment**” in [DartHub](#).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- *Student-athletes* may request exemption from certain residence requirements. However, these athletes must file a normal D-Plan now and then petition for exception during the winter term of their sophomore year.
- Future terms other than R, such as X (Dartmouth Exchange), O (Off-Campus Program), or T (Transfer) terms, will be submitted at a later time.
- Make sure you apply for housing on DartHub, Housing StarPortal by the applicable deadlines. Housing information, including dates and deadlines will be sent via email and posted on the [Office of Residential Life](#) website as soon as those dates have been determined. The website also includes information on winter, spring, and summer term housing assignment procedures.
- Once you have been assigned a D-Plan, you may request a change of enrollment pattern, which will be granted subject to stated regulations and space limitations. Later changes and special requests for O (Off-Campus Program), X (Dartmouth Exchange Program), or T (Transfer Credit Program) terms should be made in the Registrar’s Office prior to the stated deadlines. If you accept admission to an LSA, FSP, DSP, or exchange program, your D-Plan will be changed from R to the appropriate O or X by the Registrar’s Office.
- Because of the possibility of an oversubscribed term, requests for residence (R) in a term you had intended to spend off-campus (L) must be made as early as possible.
- In April 2022, when you will be expected to submit a major plan, you will also be expected to request any D-Plan changes made necessary by your major program.