Dear Members of the Class of 2026:

Welcome to your sophomore year! It’s hard to believe that your first year is already over! We know that your first year as a Dartmouth student included challenges, change, growth, successes, and unique experiences; and we hope you have learned a lot both inside and outside of the classroom. We recognize the resiliency and determination it took for many of you to finish secondary school and begin your collegiate journey. We have been constantly impressed with your work ethic, enthusiasm, and open-mindedness as you embarked upon this new adventure. We also want to formally say thank you. Thank you for choosing to continue on your journey as a Dartmouth College student. Thank you for every piece of positive energy – seen or unseen – that you have contributed to the Dartmouth community. As you begin your sophomore year, we are hopeful that you feel invigorated and affirmed in all that you do.

Identifying and solidifying your major and/or minor plans will be a significant milestone of your sophomore year. Some of you may already know exactly what you want to pursue, while others may be continuing to explore. We hope that you will stay curious and be an active participant in your sophomore year journey. Please make use of all relevant campus resources, be proactive, ask questions, continue building relationships, and engage in conversations with peers, professors, and professionals at Dartmouth.

This is the year you should start speaking with professors more intentionally around major conversations and future goals. We also want to remind you to schedule meetings with us, your undergraduate deans, to discuss your goals, get connected with all available resources, and explore opportunities while on and off campus.

In the following pages, you will find information that has been curated for you, the Dartmouth class of 2026. We hope you will use this as a formal guide through your sophomore year. We look forward to working with you and wish you all the best in the upcoming year!

Sincerely,

Dean Katelyn McPherson and Dean Loren Bowley Dow
Assistant Deans of Undergraduate Students, Class of 2026
SOPHOMORE YEAR CHECKLIST

AM I ON TRACK TO GRADUATE?

- First-Year requirements: Writing 2/3 or 5 & First-Year Seminar.
- Foreign language requirement completed or in progress (by 7th term).
- PE credits in progress or planned.
- Approved major plan on DartHub (by the end of 5th R term).

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- What do I enjoy studying?
- Where do I find academic support?
- What extracurricular activities do I want to engage in?
- Is research something I want to pursue?
- How will I spend my leave terms?
- What programs and opportunities do I want to apply for?
- Who is and can be part of my network of support?
- How have I been balancing both my academic and non-academic commitments?
- Who might I consider asking to write a letter of recommendation (faculty/staff/other)?

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED...

- Scheduling an academic coaching appointment with the Academic Skills Center?
- Seeking support from a peer advisor?
- Reaching out to RWIT for help with a paper?
- Contacting the Center for Professional Development for resume/cover letter help, internship planning and other leave term activities, connecting with alums, etc.?
- Working with a Dartmouth faculty member on research?
- Applying for leave-term funding or a national fellowship (Take note of application details and deadlines).
- Meeting with your Undergraduate Dean or attending our drop-in hours?
- Applying for an off-campus program?
- Pursuing a transfer term or exchange program? (Take note of application deadlines).
- Talking with the Student Wellness Center about strategies for taking care of your personal health and well-being?
Departmental Advising Contacts and Procedures

African and African American Studies
https://aaas.dartmouth.edu/
Choate House • 603-646-3397
Chair: Robert Baum Administrator: Roger Arnold
Where to go for pre-major advice: Students should initially contact the Administrator, Roger Arnold, or the Chair, Robert Baum, for further information about major requirements and approval.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: The Administrator or Chair can approve the major if the plan meets all requirements.
How to get a major advisor: All AAAS members of the faculty serve as major advisors. Students should ask the professor of their choice to serve in this capacity. Students should consider a faculty member who specializes in an area in which the student is interested. Contact Roger Arnold, Administrator, for further information.
Can one formally modify this major: No, but AAAS may be taken as the secondary part of a modified major.
Other information: Major worksheets are available at Choate House or on the AAAS website. Sophomores who have not completed two survey courses required for the major (one of which must be either AAAS 9, AAAS 10, or AAAS 11) should do so as soon as possible or discuss other options with the Administrator, Chair, or faculty advisor. AAAS majors are also encouraged to participate in the Ghana foreign study program or the Paris foreign study program.

Anthropology
https://anthropology.dartmouth.edu/
4th Floor, Silsby Hall • 603-646-3256
Chair: Jeremy DeSilva Administrator: Julie Gilman
Where to go for pre-major advice: All faculty members in the department advise; students can contact faculty directly to set up appointments. For students primarily interested in archaeology, see Jesse Casana or Jiajing Wang; for biological anthropology, see Nathaniel Dominy, Jeremy DeSilva, or Zane Thayer; for cultural and linguistic anthropology, see Sabrina Billings, Sienna Craig, Sergei Kan, Chelsey Kivland, Laura Ogden, or Maron Greenleaf. Students interested in Anthropology’s Global Health Minor should consult Sienna Craig or Elizabeth Carpenter-Song. Students may also contact the Department Administrator who can answer questions and refer students to an appropriate faculty member.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Any faculty advisor can grant major or minor approval, but most approvals are granted by a departmental committee.

How to get a major advisor: Students may ask any faculty member to be their advisor, preferably one with whom they have studied or who works in their area of interest.

Can one formally modify this major: Yes. Students modifying an anthropology major must submit a brief rationale explaining why the courses they propose to take constitute a coherent modification, related to the Anthropology courses they include in their major. This should be done in consultation with their major advisor. Courses used to modify Anthropology may come from either a single department or program or up to four different departments for programs.

Art History
https://arthistory.dartmouth.edu/
203 Carpenter Hall • 603-646-2306
Chair: Katie Hornstein Administrator: Samantha Potter
Where to go for pre-major advice: Questions should initially be directed to the Department Administrator, Samantha Potter, or the department Chair, Katie Hornstein, who will supply students with preliminary information.

Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Students must first consult with the Chair of the Department, who will discuss with them the plan for the major declaration before granting approval in DartWorks.

How to get a major advisor: Contact Department Administrator Samantha Potter or Chair Katie Hornstein.

Can one formally modify this major: Yes.

Other information: Art History explores the visual cultures, of diverse peoples, places, and times, and develops students’ critical, historical, and linguistic skills. Fostering creativity, innovation, and an inquiring approach to visual experience, Art History teaches analytical skills that prepare students for dynamic, creative, and satisfying careers in the arts in academic, commercial, or non-profit contexts. The strong skills in oral and written communication that students acquire in the Art History curriculum also serve well those who wish to pursue training in other careers, such as law, business, or medicine.

Asian Societies, Cultures, and Languages Programs
https://ascl.dartmouth.edu/
221 Anonymous Hall • 603-646-0434
Chair: Edward Miller Vice Chair: Sachi Schmidt-Hori Administrator: Hope Rennie
Where to go for pre-major advice: Questions should initially be directed to the ASCL website https://ascl.dartmouth.edu/. Follow-up questions should be directed to Sachi Schmidt-Hori, the Vice Chair.

Who grants major approval in DartWorks? Sachi Schmidt-Hori, the Vice Chair.

How to get a major advisor: Sachi Schmidt-Hori, the Vice Chair, recommends appropriate advisors once he has consulted with prospective majors.

Can one formally modify this major? Yes, ASCL welcomes proposals for modified majors and will collaborate with students to design a major that fits best with their interests and needs.

Other information: The Asian Societies, Cultures, and Languages Program (ASCL) welcomes students with interest in taking interdisciplinary courses about East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Central Asia. ASCL course offerings include instruction in East Asian Languages. ASCL currently has study abroad programs in Japan, China, Korea, and Vietnam. For more information see: https://ascl.dartmouth.edu/.
Biological Sciences
https://biology.dartmouth.edu/
Class of 1978 Life Sciences Center, 78 College Street • 603-646-2378
Department Chair: C. Robertson McClung
Administrator: Sherry Finnemore Undergraduate Committee: Thomas Jack and Natasha Grotz

Where to go for pre-major advice: All regular faculty members in the department can act as
advisors, and students should contact faculty directly.

Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Students should meet with the member of the
department whom they wish to serve as their major advisor (see below) to plan courses and
complete their major plan in DartWorks. The major advisor will approve the plan in DartWorks.
Once approved, it will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Committee before being submitted to
the Registrar.

How to find a major advisor: If you are uncertain about how to choose an area of concentration
or advisor, please consult the Biology department website for suggested advisors for each area
(https://biology.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/faculty-advisors) and for a description of faculty
research interests (https://biology.dartmouth.edu/people). All faculty in Biology serve as major
advisors.

Can one formally modify this major: Yes. Consult the ORC for restrictions.

Other information: Success as a Biology major requires considerable analytical ability as well
as quantitative skills. The department faculty welcome conversations with students about the
study of Biology, and students are encouraged to contact faculty with questions. In considering
which Biology courses to take, students may find it helpful to view syllabi for past offerings

Chemistry
https://chemistry.dartmouth.edu/
102 Burke Laboratory • 603-646-2501
Chair: Ivan Aprahamian Administrator: Rebecca Talmadge
Undergraduate Advisory Committee (UAC): F. Jon Kull (Chair), Dale Mierke, Paul Robustelli,
Jimmy Wu.

Where to go for pre-major advice: All advising is done by members of the Undergraduate
Advisory Committee (UAC).

Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Any member of UAC.

How to get a major advisor: Students should contact a member of UAC, who will provide major
advice and approval.

Can one formally modify this major: Yes.

Other information: It is strongly advised that students meet with a member of UAC to plan a
course schedule and D-Plan as early as possible. The physics pre-requisite for the major should
be completed by the spring term of the sophomore year.

Classics
https://classics.dartmouth.edu/
207 Reed Hall • 603-646-3394
Chair: Margaret Graver Administrator: Thomas Pike
Additional contact: Classics.Department@Dartmouth.edu

Where to go for pre-major advice: The department chair, Margaret Graver, or any regular
member of the faculty.

Who grants major approval in DartWorks: The department Chair approves the major.
How to get a major advisor: After the major has been approved, the Classics faculty will assign the student an advisor who is a regular member of the department.

Can one formally modify this major: Yes.

Other information: Within the department there are four major tracks: Classical Languages and Literature, Ancient History, Classical Archaeology, and Classical Studies. Detailed information is on our website. Students contemplating an honors project during their senior year are encouraged to consult with the Chair at the time they declare their major. Advising meetings can be conducted online.

Cognitive Science
https://cognitive-science.dartmouth.edu/
Reed Hall 207A • HB 6256 • 603-646-0332
Chair: David Kraemer Administrator: Elizabeth Cassell

Where to go for pre-major advice: Students can contact David Kraemer, the Chair of the program, or members of the steering committee.

Who grants major approval in DartWorks: David Kraemer can approve the major.

How to get a major advisor: David Kraemer or any member of the Cognitive Science Steering Committee can be the major advisor. Look for a committee member in an area of interest.

Can one formally modify a Cognitive Sciences major: No.

Other information: See website for information about the major requirements. Majors are encouraged to pursue research opportunities available on campus during their junior or senior year (this usually needs to be set up during the sophomore year). This often means being a research assistant or Presidential Scholar for a faculty member in Cognitive Science, Psychological and Brain Sciences (PBS), Linguistics, Philosophy, or Computer Science.

Comparative Literature
https://complit.dartmouth.edu
Reed Hall • 603-646-2912
Chair: Veronika Fuechtner Administrator: Elizabeth Cassell

Where to go for pre-major advice: Contact the Chair, Veronika Fuechtner

Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Veronika Fuechtner

How to get a major advisor: All interested students first meet with Veronika Fuechtner to plan their major. Students then need to submit an application (available online) to the Chair.

Can one formally modify this major: No.
Other information: Comparative Literature is an exciting interdisciplinary major that requires the writing of a paper or a thesis (for honors). Students are urged to take COLT 10, and COLT 01 the prerequisites to the major, as soon as possible. There is a minor in translation studies.

Computer Science
https://web.cs.dartmouth.edu/
Engineering & Computer Science Center • 603-646-1358
Chair: Devin Balkcom Administrator: Susan Perry Cable
Where to go for pre-major advice: Undergrad Program Director: Andrew Campbell (Summer), Deeparnab Chakrabarty (Fall), Deeparnab Chakrabarty (Winter), Andrew Campbell (Spring).
Person who grants major approval: The UG Program Directors (see above). Lorie Loeb approves DA Minor plans.

How to get a major advisor: The Undergraduate Program Director advises all majors and modified majors.

Can one formally modify this major: Yes. Computer Science has two preapproved modifications with Engineering Sciences and Digital Arts. The major can be modified with a diverse set of other subjects as well; you should consult the Undergraduate Program Director to help construct a modified major.

Other applicable information: Whether you are interested in a major, modified major, or minor, you will find good advice at https://web.cs.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate and in the ORC. The Computer Science major teaches much more than programming; it also helps you develop analytical problem-solving skills and ways of thinking, useful in many different disciplines. As we say, you don’t really know something until you have to teach it to a computer. The job market for people with computer science skills is terrific, and it is expected to continue at its current pace.

Earth Sciences
https://earthsciences.dartmouth.edu/
227 Fairchild Hall • 603-646-2373
Chair: Meredith Kelly Administrator: Phyllis P. Ford
Where to go for pre-major advice: Undeclared sophomores can contact Phyllis P. Ford, the department administrator. Ms. Ford can answer general questions and will then refer students to Leslie Sonder (Undergraduate Advisor) or Meredith Kelly, who can advise and grant major approval.

Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Leslie Sonder.

How to get a major advisor: Generally, either of the faculty listed above can serve as a major advisor. Students who plan on doing a senior thesis or a senior project can also be advised by the faculty member working on the project with them.

Can one formally modify this major: Yes, with permission from one of the above faculty.

Other information: Majors typically participate in the department’s off-campus studies program during the fall of the junior year. The FSP is a core requirement of the major and is designed as a departure from textbook and classroom instruction to provide hands-on experience in the study of the Earth, its landforms, hydrology, surface geochemistry, and glaciology, among other topics. For many students, the field experience provides the stimulus and material for honors research and a senior thesis. It is highly recommended that intended majors take EARS 1 (or equivalent) by sophomore summer, and complete chemistry and math prerequisites before their junior year. EARS 40 is required for the off-campus field program.
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Economics
https://economics.dartmouth.edu/
301 Rockefeller Hall • 603-646-2538
Chair: Eric Edmonds Administrator: Karen Pelletier
Where to go for pre-major advice: All faculty can advise students. Students often seek advice from professors they know from their economics classes. Students without a pre-existing relationship can contact the Vice Chair, Ethan Lewis or Department Administrator, Karen Pelletier for assistance.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Applications are submitted to Karen Pelletier, Department Administrator.
How to get a major advisor: Students are not assigned specific major advisors.

Education
https://educ.dartmouth.edu
Raven House • 603-646-9043
Chair: Michele Tine Administrator: Lisa Aubrey
Where to go for pre-minor advice: Contact Michele Tine via email to set up a meeting or with specific questions.
Person who grants minor approval: Michele Tine
How to get a minor advisor: You do not need a minor advisor.
Can one formally modify this minor: You cannot modify a minor, but you can modify your primary major with education if the new modified major forms a unified and coherent whole as approved by the major department. Contact the Chair of your major department and Michele Tine via email with questions.
Other applicable information: The minor is composed of six courses: EDUC 1, along with five other Education courses. Four of the five other Education courses need to be ‘core’ Education courses. See our website for a list of which courses are considered core courses. No Education courses have prerequisites.

Engineering Sciences
Thayer School of Engineering
https://engineering.dartmouth.edu/academics/undergraduate
103 McLean (Thayer) • 603-646-3677
Chair: Douglas Van Citters Program Manager: Jenna Wheeler
Where to go for pre-major advice: If a student was not connected to an Engineering advisor when they first arrived at Dartmouth (based on initial declaration of interest), the student should contact Undergraduate Programs Manager, Jenna Wheeler for more information on advisors.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Major declaration will be approved by the Program Manager if the plan meets all requirements. It is highly recommended that the student meet with, and maintain, a relationship with their faculty advisor throughout their time at Dartmouth.
Can one formally modify this major: Engineering Sciences can be modified with any of the preapproved modified majors listed in the ORC including Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Studio Art, and Public Policy. It should be noted that you can also major in Engineering Physics and Biomedical Engineering, and one is also allowed to create a specific modified major as long as it is approved by the Engineering Sciences Chair and the modifying department Chair.
Other information: Engineering students need not be wizards in mathematics and science, though they should have a strong aptitude for these subjects. Engineering majors can and are encouraged to take advantage of Dartmouth’s LSA or FSP programs.
English and Creative Writing
https://english.dartmouth.edu/
201 Sanborn House • 603-646-2316
Chair: Peter Orner Administrator: Kate Gibbel
Where to go for pre-major advice: Students should first contact a faculty member to help them fill out a major or minor worksheet. The student may then contact Department Administrator, Kate Gibbel. Further inquiries should be directed to the Vice Chair, Professor Aden Evens.
How to get a major advisor: All tenure-track members of the faculty serve as major advisors. A student should ask the professor of their choice to serve in this capacity. It is the responsibility of the student to take this initiative. Ideally, the faculty member specializes in an area in which the student is interested and is someone with whom they have studied. We strongly suggest that students give themselves time to find a major advisor and not leave this to the last minute.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Department Administrator, Kate Gibbel
Can one formally modify this major? Yes. This is a formal process that requires a petition and subsequent approval by the department’s curriculum committee, which is chaired by Professor Evens in the fall and Professor Stuelke in the winter and spring.
Other information: In addition to entering one’s major plan into DartWorks, English majors are required to fill out a major worksheet with their faculty advisor. Major worksheets can be found on the department website. English majors go on to have successful careers in many fields. From publishing to medicine, from creative writing to law, they find that the skills of good writing and critical and creative thinking are valued and actively sought by employers and graduate schools.

Environmental Studies
https://envs.dartmouth.edu
112 Steele Hall • 603-646-2838
Chair: Richard B. Howarth Administrator: Kim Wind
Where to go for pre-major advice: The best source of advice is from a member of the ENVS faculty. This is important because the ENVS major is wide-ranging and flexible. Engaging with a faculty advisor as early as possible can therefore be instrumental in designing a curriculum that best meets your needs. To get things started, students should meet with the ENVS department administrator, Kim Wind, to review the major worksheet along with the general structure and requirements of the major. Please feel free to email Kim at Kim.Wind@Dartmouth.Edu to set up an appointment.
Can one formally modify this major: No.
Film and Media Studies
https://film-media.dartmouth.edu
Second Floor, Black Family Visual Arts Center • 603-646-3402
Chair: Lynn Higgins Administrator: Paula Holwerda
Where to go for pre-major advice: Students should first consult the Film and Media Studies website https://film-media.dartmouth.edu/menufeature/undergraduate/major/major-requirements which lists all of the information needed about majors and minors. Anticipated course offerings are also listed on the site.
Follow-up questions should be directed to the department Chair during office hours or by e-mail and copy the department Administrator. Also, students can connect to the department Slack channel #filmmediaconnection, where they can read all the up-to-date announcements and opportunities from the department.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: The Chair.
How to get a major advisor: The department Chair advises all majors and minors and is the person who handles the planning and approving of the major and minor trajectory. However, students should seek out professors in their particular area of interest for advice as well. A form outlining the major, minor, and modified requirements is available on the department’s website and should be used in consultation with the chair before submitting DartWorks. Talk to the Chair and department Administrator early to avoid problems with requirements.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes. A brief rationale is required to accompany the modified major submission, as well as a slightly different set of required courses from the regular major. Please find the Modified Major requirements on the department’s website and further questions can be addressed to the Chair and department Administrator.

Other applicable information: Major meetings are held in Fall and Spring terms, primarily to discuss culminating project questions. Students planning on being majors take one of the following classes, FILM 1, FILM 2, or FILM 3 as soon as possible, preferably in their first or second year. For majors, it is strongly recommended that FILM 1, FILM 2, or FILM 3 be taken before FILM 40 and FILM 20. FILM 40 should be taken in sophomore or junior year (a student cannot get approval of their senior culminating experience proposal until they have already taken FILM 40 and may be ranked lower on the list for acceptance into department FSPs). Students should read the requirements for culminating experience when they are first planning on becoming a major. Description of requirements to apply for a culminating project are available on the department’s webpage, the ORC, or from the department Administrator or department Chair.

French and Italian
https://frandit.dartmouth.edu
Dartmouth Hall 2nd floor-Suite 213/646-2400
Chair: Andrea Tarnowski Administrator: Ellissa Griffin
Where to go for pre-major advice: Students can consult Ellissa Griffin (Ellissa.M.Griffin@Dartmouth.edu), the Department Administrator for initial organizational questions. Please contact Professor Lucas Hollister for questions concerning French and Professor Nancy Canepa for questions concerning Italian. The department welcomes these inquiries.
Person who grants major approval: Professor Lucas Hollister for French and Professor Nancy Canepa for Italian.
How to get a major advisor: Professor Lucas Hollister for French majors; Professor Robert St. Clair for French minors; Professor Nancy Canepa for Italian majors and minors.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes.
Other applicable information: Students should consider off-campus programs as they plan their
major. Read the ORC and check out the department website to find out which courses are pre-requisites for off-campus study.

**Geography**
https://geography.dartmouth.edu/
117 Fairchild • 603-646-3378
Chair: Xun Shi  Administrator: Kelly Palmer  Undergraduate Advisor: Jonathan Winter
Where to go for pre-major advice: Department Chair, Xun Shi.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Department Chair, Xun Shi.
How to get a major advisor: Please reach out to Xun Shi.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes.

**German Studies**
https://german.dartmouth.edu/
209 Dartmouth Hall • 603-646-2408
Chair: Yuliya Komska  Administrator: Ann Fenton
Where to go for pre-major advice: Students can find written answers to the FAQs by visiting the section of the German Studies website that explains majoring and minoring: https://german.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/majors-and-minors. They’re also welcome and encouraged to speak with Yuliya Komska, the Department’s Chair.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: The Chair of the Department.
How to get a major advisor: The Department and its classes are relatively small, so the prospective majors and minors get to know the faculty very well and choose advisors based on their experiences and interests. There is no formal process.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes.
Other information: There are three options to choose from (Major A, Major B, and a Modified Major). A student should consider and discuss with their major advisor which of these options best suits their intellectual, literary, and other academic interests. Many German Studies majors are double majors, and it is worth asking their advisor how best to combine the major in German Studies with one in another field (examples include History, Economics, Government, Engineering, Art History, Physics, and others). Many students who major or double major in German Studies begin learning German at Dartmouth. Going on one of the German-language off-campus programs (LSA/LSA+ in the summer and LSA+/FSP in the fall) combines shortcuts to majoring and minoring with the benefits of full immersion into language and culture.

**Government**
https://govt.dartmouth.edu/
211 Silsby Hall • 603-646-2544
Chair: Benjamin Valentino  Administrator: Roberta Seaver
Where to go for pre-major advice: Consult the department’s webpage for valuable information about the major and minor: http://govt.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/majorminor. The page contains links to: our Faculty and Their Advising Fields; Planning Your Major; and the Major Plan of Study Form. Students should complete the Major Plan of Study Form prior to meeting with a faculty member or declaring a major through DartWorks.
How to get a major advisor: Students should review the faculty advising fields and faculty webpages to select an advisor whose interests are most relevant to their own. Students should meet with a potential faculty advisor during office hours or by appointment. Ms. Seaver can also assist in the selection of a major advisor.
Can one formally modify this major? Government offers three pre-set Modified Government Majors: Government Modified with Economics; Government Modified with Philosophy; and Government Modified (Politics, Philosophy, and Economics). Apart from these three pre-set modified majors, no other modified Government major will be approved under any circumstances. A student may also want to consider a Government minor. Consult the ORC for more information.

Other information: The Department of Government allows significant flexibility in the type and sequence of courses a student may take for the major or minor. However, all students must complete GOVT 10 or its equivalent, two introductory courses (GOVT 3, 4, 5, or 6), two seminars (numbered in the 80s or 90s) for the major or one for the minor, and an additional six courses at any level for the major or four for the minor. The faculty advisor can provide further information about the type and progression of courses a student should take.

Health Professions Program
(Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary, Nursing, Public Health, etc.)
https://www.dartmouth.edu/prehealth/
Program Email: health.professions.program@dartmouth.edu Program Phone: 603-646-3377
Location: Contact and calendar details are on our website.
HPP Assistant Deans: Sarah Berger & Nicole Roeper; Tanner Wallace, DMD is our local Pre-Dental advisor; Lee Witters, MD assists with Pre-Vet advising and is faculty advisor to the Nathan Smith Society.
HPP Coordinator: Rae Stokes Where to go for advice: Speak with HPP Pre-Health Assistant Deans. We provide one-on-one advice about course planning, study strategies, questions/reflections about the journey, extracurriculars, and applications. We provide multiple group opportunities including workshops, guidance through the application process, community gatherings, and events that allow you to meet with professionals in the field. Available by appointment and weekly walk-in hours.
Pre-Health Peer Mentors: A group of trained upper-level students serve as peer support for 1st and 2nd year students in Dartmouth’s pre-health community to help encourage, point towards resources, assist with providing accurate information, share personal experiences, or just listen. https://www.dartmouth.edu/prehealth/about/mentor_corps.html
Student Co-Directors: Juliette Courtine ’24 & Giulia Barbella ’24
Pathways to Medicine: An initiative to support students from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine (identify as Black, Latino/a, Native, Pacific Islander, Southeast Asia; also, socio-economically disadvantaged). Provides workshops, dinners, mentorship connections with peer and alumni mentors, exposure to a variety of medical/healthcare settings, and a term-long leadership program—the Pathways Scholars Program. Pathways director: Sarah Berger. Sign up for the Pathways to Medicine listserv on HPP’s homepage https://www.dartmouth.edu/prehealth/about/pathways.html.
Pathways Student Coordinators: Saron Ketema ‘24
The Nathan Smith Society. NSS is a student-run (COSO) group for Dartmouth pre-health students, creating events and resources to benefit the entire pre-health community.
Shadowing: Lee Witters, MD
Websites and Listservs: Any student considering this path will find essential information about coursework, opportunities, health professions, and the application process on the HPP website: http://www.dartmouth.edu/prehealth/. All students interested in health professions should sign up for our listservs to get essential weekly and termly information and resources for the pre-health experience. It benefits all pre-health students to sign-up for both HPP and NSS listservs.
via the Health Professions Program website’s main page. They each provide crucial but different information. You can also sign on directly to the NSS website: http://www.dartmouth.edu/nathan-smith/.

Other information: There is no “pre-health” major. Pre-Health requirements can be fulfilled alongside any major. There are approximately 13-15 required courses for applying to medical school/MCAT prep, and some other graduate schools in the health professions, which need to be integrated with the major you choose. Approx 85-90% of Dartmouth applicants have 1-2 “gap years,” IE: they submit their application upon graduation or the year after (or beyond). While the majority of students will take all those classes during their undergraduate years, some will finish classes after they graduate, or even take them all in a post-baccalaureate program. Please reach out to the HPP office at any time for any information: (603) 646-3377; hpp@dartmouth.edu.

History
https://history.dartmouth.edu/
Carson Hall • 603-646-2545
Chair: Darrin McMahon Vice Chair: Leslie Butler Administrator: Bruch Lehmann
Where to go for pre-major advice: All regular faculty serve as both pre-major and major advisors. A student may also contact the vice chair, Leslie Butler, or the department administrator, Bruch Lehmann, who can make further referrals.

Who grants major approval in DartWorks: All regular faculty advise students and can approve the major for a standard major. Modified majors and double majors require the approval of the vice chair (Professor L. Butler).

How to get a major advisor: All regular members of the history department faculty serve as major advisors and can approve major plans. Students should ask a faculty member with whom they have taken a course or whose interests align with their own to serve as major advisor and to plan out the major curriculum. Students who are unsure who to approach as faculty advisor can contact Vice Chair, L. Butler or Administrator, B. Lehmann. In order to allow time to meet with a faculty advisor, students should begin the major declaration process well in advance of major declaration deadlines at the registrar’s office, usually in the winter term of their second year.

Can one formally modify this major: Yes.

Other information: The history department updates the schedule of courses two years in advance on its website. Students interested in participating in the fall-term History FSP to London should prepare to interview early in the spring term of the sophomore year.

International Studies
Dickey Center for International Understanding
https://dickey.dartmouth.edu/programs/global-studies/international-studies-minor
First Floor Haldeman • 603-646-1040
Faculty Contact: Graziella Parati Coordinator: Casey Aldrich
Where to go for pre-minor advice: Students should contact ISM coordinator, Ms. Aldrich who will assist with questions and scheduling classes into your D-Plan. Students will be referred to ISM faculty for additional advising as needed.

Other information: For more information on the International Studies minor, visit the program website. Many International Studies minors intentionally seek out study, internship, or research abroad opportunities to complement their minor. This combination of experience in and outside the classroom allows minors to gain practical experience and a truly international education. Dickey Center advisors can assist those interested in linking the academic curriculum with hands-on experience.
Jewish Studies
https://jewish.dartmouth.edu
201 Reed Hall • 603-646-0475
Chair: Susannah Heschel Administrator: Jennifer Thomas
Where to go for major and pre-minor advice: Students looking for advice or information about the major and minor can go to Program Chair Susannah Heschel, or any faculty associated with Jewish Studies.
Who grants major and minor approval in DartWorks: The Chair or a designated substitute approves the major and minor.
How to get a major or minor advisor: Students can contact the Chair and will be directed to advisors in their particular field of interest.
Other information: A Jewish Studies major or minor may include courses in religion, literature, social sciences, history, and contemporary culture. Students tend to focus in one of the areas noted above and are advised based on that interest.

Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies
https://lalacs.dartmouth.edu/
Raven House, Second Floor • 603-646-1640
Chair: Matthew J. Garcia Administrator: Laurie Furch
Where to go for pre-major advice: Contact Professor Matthew Garcia. Students can also contact Laurie Furch, the department administrator, with questions concerning the major and minor requirements, as well as what courses will be offered for the upcoming academic year.
Who grants the major approval in DartWorks: The Chair grants the major approval.
How to get a major advisor: The Chair serves as major advisor for all students.
Can one formally modify this major: The LACS/LATS major can be modified with other departments or programs.
Other information: LALACS offers a LACS/LATS major, minor and modified major. Students can modify another major with LACS/LATS. For more information, consult the ORC.

Linguistics
https://linguistics.dartmouth.edu/
221 Anonymous Hall • 603-646-0332
Chair: James Stanford Administrator: Hope Rennie
Where to go for pre-major advice: Students can contact either the Chair of the program or inquire in the Linguistics office.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: the Department Chair.
How to get a major advisor: Students are welcome to invite any Linguistics faculty member to be their major advisor. In addition, the Department Chair is always available to be students’ major advisor.

Can one formally modify a Linguistics major: Yes.

Other information: Linguistics is the scientific study of human language, which is one of the key defining characteristics of human beings and human society. The Linguistics Department is widely recognized for our robust undergraduate curriculum, our dedication to examining diverse languages around the world, and our hands-on research opportunities for undergraduate students at Dartmouth. We offer two undergraduate majors and a minor: the Linguistics Major (which can be modified with other majors), the Linguistics Minor, and the (newly added!) Computational Linguistics Major. Majors are encouraged to pursue research opportunities available on campus, such as the Presidential Scholarship (arrange during sophomore year), being a research assistant for one of the Linguistics faculty, or other related undergraduate research opportunities. We also offer a Foreign Studies Program every winter in Auckland, New Zealand.

Materials Science
https://engineering.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/ab/minors/materials-science
Faculty contact: Douglas W. Van Citters (Engineering)
Where to go for pre-minor advice: Jifeng Liu (Engineering)
Other information: This minor is most often combined with Chemistry, Physics, or Engineering majors, and includes courses from all three disciplines.

Mathematics
https://math.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/
6188 Kemeny Hall • 603-646-2415
Chair: Sergi Elizalde Administrator: Tracy Moloney
Major/Minor Advisor: Dana Williams, Peter Mucha
Where to go for pre-major advice: Contact Erik van Erp.
Who grants major or minor approval in DartWorks: Dana Williams and Peter Mucha.
How to get a major advisor: Professors Williams and Mucha serve as the advisor to all majors. Students can email to set up an appointment.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes. Math is commonly modified with Computer Science, Physics, or Economics. But there have been several others as well. There is an explicit modified major with Biology, Philosophy, and Complex Systems. See ORC for complete description and requirements.
Other information: Students should consult with the advisor to majors as soon as possible to discuss course selections. In particular, students should take MATH 22 or MATH 24 as soon as possible.
Medieval and Renaissance Studies Modification

https://medren.dartmouth.edu/
210 Carson Hall • 603-646-9280

Coordinators: M. Cecilia Gaposchkin and Christopher MacEvitt

Where to go for advice: Any faculty on the Steering Committee (see below).

Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Cecilia Gaposchkin

How to get a modification advisor: Any member of the Steering Committee can act as modification advisor, though students usually work with the appropriate faculty member in the department of their core major (i.e., the major that is being modified).

Other information: Medieval and Renaissance Studies is a way to modify a major with classes from multiple departments focused on medieval and/or early modern culture (broadly defined). The Steering Committee consists of: Tim Baker (Religion); Jessica Beckman (English); Danielle Callegari (French and Italian); Nick Camerlenghi (Art History); Cecilia Gaposchkin (History); Elizabeth Kassler-Taub (Art History); Christopher MacEvitt (Religion and Middle Eastern Studies); Kevin Reinhart (Religion); Matthew Ritger (English); Andrea Tarnowski (French and Italian); Michelle Warren (Comparative Literature). For more information, please visit our website.

Middle Eastern Studies

https://mes.dartmouth.edu
202 Reed Hall • 603-646-1478

Chair: Tarek El-Ariss Administrator: Jennifer Thomas, Jennifer.M.Thomas@dartmouth.edu

Where to go for pre-major advice: Questions should be directed to Program Administrator, Jennifer Thomas, or Tarek El-Ariss, Program Chair.

Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Tarek El-Ariss, Chair, grants major/minor approval in DartWorks.

How to get a major advisor: Contact Program Administrator, Jennifer Thomas, who will direct you to the Chair for an advising appointment; or contact the Chair directly.

Can one formally modify this major: Yes.

Other information: Please check our program website for complete Major/Minor and course information.

Music

https://music.dartmouth.edu/
Sudikoff • 603-646-3531

Chair: William Cheng Administrator: Samantha Candon

Where to go for pre-major advice: Students interested in majoring or minoring in Music should contact the department Chair.

How to get a major advisor: Once a student decides to declare a Music major or minor, the student will choose or be assigned a faculty advisor.

Who grants major approval in DartWorks: The department Chair will grant the student’s major or minor approval.

Can one formally modify this major: Yes.

Other applicable information: Major or Minor Declaration Form must be completed and approved by the Music Department before submitting a major or minor proposal in DartWorks.
Native American and Indigenous Studies
https://native-american.dartmouth.edu/
Sherman House • 603-646-3530
Chair: N. Bruce Duthu Administrator: Laurie L. Furch
Where to go for pre-major advice: N. Bruce Duthu, Department Chair.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: The Chair.
How to get a major advisor: Students can contact the Chair directly. Any member of the NAS faculty is also available for consultation and may serve as major advisor, but only the Chair grants the major approval.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes.
Other information: Students who major or minor in NAIS are eligible for funding from our program to support internships and/or independent research projects that relate to Native Americans and/or Indigenous peoples. Please consult the ORC or our webpage for details on declaring a major or minor in NAIS.

Philosophy
https://philosophy.dartmouth.edu/
Thornton Hall • 603-646-8172
Chair: Peter Lewis Administrator: Meredyth Morley
Where to go for pre-major advice: Any regular member of the Philosophy Faculty (Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor).
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Any regular member of the Philosophy Faculty. (Note: exemptions, special permissions, and modified majors need to be addressed by the department Chair.)
See also the Registrar’s How to Declare: https://www.dartmouth.edu/reg/guides/dartworks/
How to get a major advisor: Students should choose a major advisor from among the regular members of the Philosophy Faculty (see also https://philosophy.dartmouth.edu/curriculum-major-and-minor). Students should contact their prospective major advisor and set up a time to meet to discuss their philosophical interests and curricular plans. A student can also contact the department Chair directly with questions or for advice about whom to request as a major advisor.
Can one formally modify this major: Only eligible for Class Years 2025 and earlier (those class years should review regulations in the archived ORC of the year they matriculated).
Physics and Astronomy
https://physics.dartmouth.edu/
105 Wilder Laboratory • 603-646-2854
Chair: James LaBelle Vice Chair: Robyn Millan Administrator: Meg Whitlock
Undergraduate Advisor: Kristina Lynch
Where to go for pre-major advice: Prospective Physics majors should consult with the Undergraduate Advisors, Kristina Lynch; Prospective Astronomy majors should consult with any one of the Astronomy faculty (Professors Chaboyer, Hickox, Mutlu-Pakdil, Newton, or Thorstensen); then follow up with Advisor, Prof. Lynch. Prospective Engineering Physics majors should consult with Kristina Lynch in Physics or Professor Jifeng Liu in Engineering (Thayer).
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: All majors are approved by Kristina Lynch, the Undergraduate Advisor.
How to get a major advisor: Once a student has chosen a major (Physics, Astronomy, or Engineering Physics) they may ask any faculty member to serve as their major advisor. For students engaged in independent research, the research supervisor typically becomes the major advisor.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes.
Other information: All majors and modified majors are encouraged to consult with physics and astronomy faculty about independent research, off-campus and on-campus internships, senior theses, and post-graduation plans. Consult the ORC for more information.

Pre-Law Advising
https://cpdcareers.dartmouth.edu
63 South Main St., Second Floor • 646-2215 • cpd@dartmouth.edu
In contrast to some other graduate programs, there are no Pre-Law requirements at Dartmouth. The American Bar Association does not recommend specific undergraduate majors in preparation for law school. We encourage students to major in the subject areas of greatest interest. Law schools embrace a diversity of academic backgrounds. The CPD offers a Law School Application Guide. All CPD Career Coaches offer 1:1 appointments for exploring career paths, researching law-related internships and jobs, learning about the law school application process and timeline, LSAT and GRE test preparation, personal statement reviews, and law school admissions statistics. The CPD also hosts law school information sessions and collaborates with the Rockefeller Center on law-related programs.

Psychological and Brain Sciences
https://pbs.dartmouth.edu/
103 Moore Hall • 603-646-3181
Chair: Peter Tse Administrator: Elizabeth Ritter Administrative Assistant: Michelle Powers
Where to go for pre-major advice: Please consult the PBS website at https://pbs.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate-program. For additional information or an advising appointment, contact the Undergraduate Advisor, Associate Professor Cathy Cramer.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: The Undergraduate Advisor, Associate Professor Cathy Cramer.
Can one formally modify PBS majors: No. Neither the Psychology major nor the Neuroscience major can be modified.
Other information: Approved electives for the Neuroscience major are reviewed (and may change) each academic year. All majors should be certain to check the PBS website (https://pbs.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/neuroscience/major-neuroscience) for the list of currently approved elective courses.
Public Policy
Rockefeller Center
http://rockefeller.dartmouth.edu/public-policy/public-policy-minor/
203 Rockefeller Hall • 603-646-2229
Faculty Advisor: Herschel Nachlis Program Officer: Laura Mitchell
Where to go for pre-minor advice: Students should first examine the Rockefeller Center’s website to learn more about the Public Policy Minor (PPM) courses and requirements. After reviewing that information, students should contact Professor Herschel Nachlis, the PPM faculty advisor, or Laura Mitchell, the PPM program officer, to develop a specific course of study.
Who grants minor approval in DartWorks: Laura Mitchell
How to get a Public Policy Minor advisor: Professor Nachlis advises all minors.

Quantitative Social Science
https://qss.dartmouth.edu/
Silsby Hall 110 • 603-646-9595
Program Chair: Michael Herron Administrator: Andrew Coombs
Where to go for pre-major advice: Initial inquiries can be made with the Program Administrator, Andrew Coombs, who can answer preliminary questions and review major and minor worksheets with students. Specific questions about choosing courses and sequencing should be directed to the Program Chair, Michael Herron, or to other QSS faculty members.
Person who grants major approval in DartWorks: Program Administrator, Andrew Coombs.
How to get a major advisor: Professor Herron is responsible for major advising.
Modified Majors: As part of the standard QSS major, students choose four non-introductory social science courses, either from a single social science discipline or across disciplines. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of QSS, further modification of the program’s major is not possible.
Other information: All QSS students conduct independent research projects, guided by Dartmouth faculty, and publicly present their work upon completion. QSS majors choose between completing a three-quarter honors thesis or a one-quarter research project; QSS minors complete one-quarter projects. A QSS major who wishes to complete a thesis ideally will have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher as of the start of their fourth year on campus and should begin narrowing their topic and identifying potential advisors late in their third year. For more information about the program, please see the QSS website and consult with the program chair.

Religion
https://religion.dartmouth.edu
Thornton Hall • 603-646-3738 • religion@dartmouth.edu
Chair: Reiko Ohnuma Administrator: Meredyth Morley
Where to go for pre-major advice: Reiko Ohnuma, department Chair, or any faculty member in the department.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Reiko Ohnuma, department Chair.
How to get a major advisor: A student may contact the faculty whose area fits the student’s central focus in the major or by asking the Chair to recommend someone.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes. For more information, visit: http://dartmouth.smartcatalogiq.com/en/current/orc/Departments-Programs-Undergraduate/Religion.
Other information: A student may select an area of concentration. For more information, visit http://religion.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/major-and-minor.
Russian Language and Literature
https://russian.dartmouth.edu/
Reed Hall • 603-646-2070
Chair: Lynn Ellen Patyk Department Administrator: Thomas Pike
Where to go for pre-major advice: Contact the Chair.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: The Chair, or in their absence any other non-visiting faculty member.
How to get a major advisor: There are no formally assigned major advisors. All faculty advise students. A student should inquire with the member(s) of the faculty they know through course work, or directly with the Department Chair.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes.
Other Information: Consult the ORC early for the parameters of the major. Since individual course listings in the ORC may become outdated, consult the faculty frequently to learn of currently scheduled offerings. Many basic questions can be answered by going to the department website.

Sociology
https://sociology.dartmouth.edu
302 Blunt Hall • 603-646-3995
Chair: Marc Dixon Administrator: Kim Hanchett
Where to go for pre-major advice: Initial inquiries should be made with Department Administrator Kim Hanchett, who can answer preliminary questions, review the major worksheet with the student, and assign a (tenure-track) faculty advisor.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: The administrator approves the standard major. The Chair must give approval for modified majors who will need to submit a written proposal form (available on the Department website) outlining all the courses for their major, how the courses fit together as a coherent body of study, and how they match the student’s academic goals.
How does a student get a major advisor: A faculty advisor is assigned through the Department Administrator.
Other information: Please see the Department website for more information about majors, transfer credits, thesis research, and courses.
Spanish and Portuguese
https://spanport.dartmouth.edu/
201 Dartmouth Hall • 603-646-1462
Chair: Israel Reyes Administrator: Gregory LeBlanc
Where to go for pre-major advice: Please contact the Chair who will assign you an advisor.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Your advisor.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes.
Other information: The Senior Seminar is required for all seniors. SPAN 80 allows students to explore, debate, and creatively produce written work or other forms of knowledge (plays, short films, photographic essays, etc.) on a topic relevant to Hispanic Studies, a process enhanced by the small group setting of a seminar. SPAN 80 fulfills the Culminating Experience required for the major and will be offered winter and spring of each academic year.

Studio Art
https://studioart.dartmouth.edu/
Black Family Visual Arts Center • 603-646-2285
Chair: Associate Professor Tricia Treacy
Administrator: Kelly Thompson
Where to go for pre-major advice: Students should email Kelly Thompson to make an appointment to meet with a regular faculty member for pre-major advice or approval of a minor. Students can talk to any Studio Art faculty for advice about majoring in Studio Art. Only the Chair or department administrator can approve the major.
Who grants major approval: Tricia Treacy and/or Kelly Thompson.
How to get a major advisor: Major advisors are appointed to majors during the fall term.
Can one formally modify this major: No

Theater
https://theater.dartmouth.edu
206/208 Sudikoff Hall • 603-646-3104
Chair: Rebecca Biron
Where to go for pre-major advice: Students are encouraged to contact the Academic Coordinator of the Department, Catherine Jacobs, and the Departmental Advisor, Professor Laura Edmondson, if they have questions.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: The Departmental Advisor, Professor Laura Edmondson, grants all major and minor approvals.
How to get a major advisor: Once the major submission is approved, the Chair will assign a faculty major advisor to the student.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes.
Other information: The Department of Theater empowers our students with the critical and creative tools, the artistic courage, and the empathy that are essential to a fulfilling exploration of the world through theater. Our goal is to forge a strong sense of community based on respect, artistic endeavor, and collaboration, where all Dartmouth students can feel at home and thrive. We welcome and nurture theater majors and non-majors alike: as scholars, performers, designers, playwrights, stage managers, technicians, and audience members. We also strive to create a learning community where all students, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, country of origin, or ability, are treated with equity and fairness, and where inclusivity is embraced as a core artistic strength.
The major comprises a balance of courses in theater practice (acting, directing, design, dance, stage management, technical production, and playwriting) and theater studies (the history, literature, and theory of theater and performance). Majors may concentrate their studies in one area, such as acting or playwriting, or pursue an integrated course of study, in consultation with their major advisor. Recent graduates have pursued professional theater or graduate school in theater, but others have entered also medical school, law school, and the advertising profession.

Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
https://wgs.dartmouth.edu/
200B Baker Library • 603-646-2722
Co-Chairs: Annelise Orleck and Melissa Zeiger Program Administrator: Bevan Dunbar
Where to go for pre-major advice: Students should contact the WGSS office to set up an appointment for Advising.
Who grants major approval in DartWorks: Only the Program Co-Chairs, Annelise Orleck and Melissa Zeiger, can approve the major or minor.
How to get a major advisor: Annelise Orleck and Melissa Zeiger are the default major advisors for all students.
Please note: Students hoping to do an honors thesis should meet with the Co-Chairs to discuss both their topic and the available faculty members who could advise their thesis. See the WGSS website or the ORC for WGSS honors thesis requirements.
Can one formally modify this major: Yes, the WGSS major can be modified. Students modifying WGSS with another course of study must secure the permission of both departments or programs. Other majors can be modified with WGSS, if the home department allows.
Other information: Students are encouraged to read the introduction to the WGSS program in the ORC and visit the administrator.

SOPHOMORE YEAR IS A TIME OF LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD – a time both to reflect upon how you’ve grown and changed since you first began your Dartmouth journey and to begin to clarify your goals and priorities for the remainder of your undergraduate experience. There are decisions to be made and plans to develop – and we are here to help you navigate it all! Remember to use our Calendly links at https://calendly.com/dean_mcpherson and https://calendly.com/dean_bowleydow to schedule time to meet.

Below are some other key resources that you may want to connect with as you continue to develop your plans for your sophomore year and beyond.
Undergraduate Advising and Research (UGAR - https://students.dartmouth.edu/ugar/)
Guarini Institute for International Education (https://guarini.dartmouth.edu/)
Center for Professional Development (CPD, https://sites.dartmouth.edu/cpd/)
Center for Social Impact (https://students.dartmouth.edu/social-impact/)
Take Your Faculty Member to Lunch (http://dartgo.org/tafmtl)
Student Wellness Center (https://students.dartmouth.edu/wellness-center/)
Academic Skills Center (ASC, https://students.dartmouth.edu/academic-skills/)