Your D-Plan
HOW WILL YOU ARRANGE YOUR REMAINING TERMS AT DARTMOUTH?

Definition of “D-Plan” = A Student’s Enrollment Pattern

- Terms enrolled on campus
- Term(s) enrolled off campus
- Leave terms

Your D-Plan is an agreement with the College and confirmation of where you intend to be each term.

It is important that your enrollment pattern accurately reflects your current plans at least two terms in advance.

Details:

- You will be asked to submit a first, second, and third choice D-Plan containing either an “R” or an “L” for each term.
- Each D-Plan you submit should be confined to twelve enrolled terms.
- Please be advised that students requesting D-Plans with four on-campus/enrolled fall terms may be assigned their second or third choice D-Plan.
- Each plan must include THREE leave terms.

Factors to Consider When Exploring D-Plan Options:

- Intended major and/or minor
- Courses that are only offered in specific terms
- Off-campus programs of interest
- Internships or research opportunities
- Extracurricular activities
- Preferred spacing of vacations
- Family resources
- Students typically graduate in twelve terms.

Your D-Plan should be the product of careful thinking and reflection: use this process to clarify your goals and the steps you will take to achieve them.

The only two letters you need to know in April are “R” and “L”. BUT WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

R = Residence
[In residence in Hanover taking courses, or studying for Dartmouth credit on an off-campus or exchange program]

You are REQUIRED to be “IN RESIDENCE” summer term following sophomore year* AND all three terms of both your first year and senior year (fall, winter, spring).

As you think about which other RESIDENCE terms to select, you will want to consider both academic and non-academic factors.

When you submit your D-Plan choices in April, the Registrar will ask you to enter “R” for any term you are in residence in Hanover taking classes, participating in a Dartmouth Off-Campus Program (“O”), or on a Dartmouth Exchange Program (“X”).

* See the ORC for information regarding the “sophomore summer” requirement.

L = Leave
[Away from campus for employment, internship, transfer term, or time off]

On each of the three D-Plans you submit, you are REQUIRED to take THREE leave terms. On ONE of your submitted D-Plans, ONE leave term must be in the FALL of either sophomore or junior year.

Please note: While Dartmouth does not give academic credit for internships, an internship during a leave term can help you gain skills and experience, as well as explore careers.

Deadline for submitting your D-Plan request is April 14, 2016.

Begin Thinking Now about your D-Plan and make appointments to meet with your Undergraduate Dean and/or Faculty Advisor well in advance of the deadline.

See www.dartmouth.edu/~upperde/dplan/ for more information and useful links.
When you submit your D-Plan choices, if you plan to take an “O” (Off-Campus Program) term and/or an “X” (Dartmouth Exchange Program) term, enter them as “R” terms. Once your “O” and “X” programs have been approved, the Registrar will update your D-Plan with those designations.

**O = “Off-Campus Program”** [Dartmouth off-campus, credit-carrying programs (LSA, LSA+, FSP)]
- The “OFF-TERM” represents one of Dartmouth’s unique opportunities; during their first year, students should think about the possibilities for their off-terms.
- **Once students have completed their first-year requirements**, they may participate in a Dartmouth-sponsored OFF-CAMPUS program in the United States or abroad and earn a term of academic credit.
- Most application deadlines for 2016-2017 OFF-CAMPUS programs will be in February 2016.
- **If you qualify for financial aid**, that aid can be applied to an OFF-CAMPUS program.
- Please be advised: **you are limited to participating in THREE (3) OFF-CAMPUS programs**.
- For more information, see the Guarini Institute website: www.dartmouth.edu/~ocp.

**X = “Exchange”** [academic term on a Dartmouth Exchange Program]
Dartmouth offers special “Exchange Programs” at more than 20 institutions worldwide.
- The Guarini Institute → www.dartmouth.edu/~ocp → 603.646.1202 → 44 North College Street;
- Be advised: Exchange Credit **REQUIRES** prior approval from the Dartmouth academic department/program and the Registrar.

When you submit your D-Plan choices, you will list a “T” term (Transfer) as an “L” term, as well as those terms on “Leave,” when you are away from campus for employment, internship, or time off.

**REMINDER** → On each of the three D-Plans you submit, you are required to take THREE leave terms. On ONE of your submitted D-Plans, ONE leave term must be in the FALL of either sophomore or junior year.

**T = “Transfer”** [Transfer credits from another institution]
It is possible to enroll in courses at another accredited four-year liberal arts institution for Dartmouth credit.
- Must read information → www.dartmouth.edu/~reg/enrollment/studyaway/index.html
- See your Undergraduate Dean about how your Transfer Credit plans **align with your academic goals and program**.
- Be advised: Transfer Credit **REQUIRES** review and approval by a sub-committee of the Committee on Instruction, the Registrar, and the Departments/Programs accepting transfer of the courses.

Check out the sample D-Plan below

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**Essential Resources for Planning**
- Your Undergraduate Dean → (dean.of.undergraduate.students@dartmouth.edu, 603.646.2243, Carson Suite 125: Student Academic Support Services Center)
- Your Faculty Advisor
- Health Professions Program/Pre-Health Advising → (www.dartmouth.edu/~nss, Room 103, Parker House)
- Office of the Registrar → (www.dartmouth.edu/~reg/, 603.646.2246, 105 McNutt)
- The DOSCs (Deans Office Student Consultants) for your residence hall → (www.dartmouth.edu/~upperde/consultants, 603.646.2243)
- Your “DegreeWorks” Degree Audit in BannerStudent will help you track progress towards completing degree requirements.