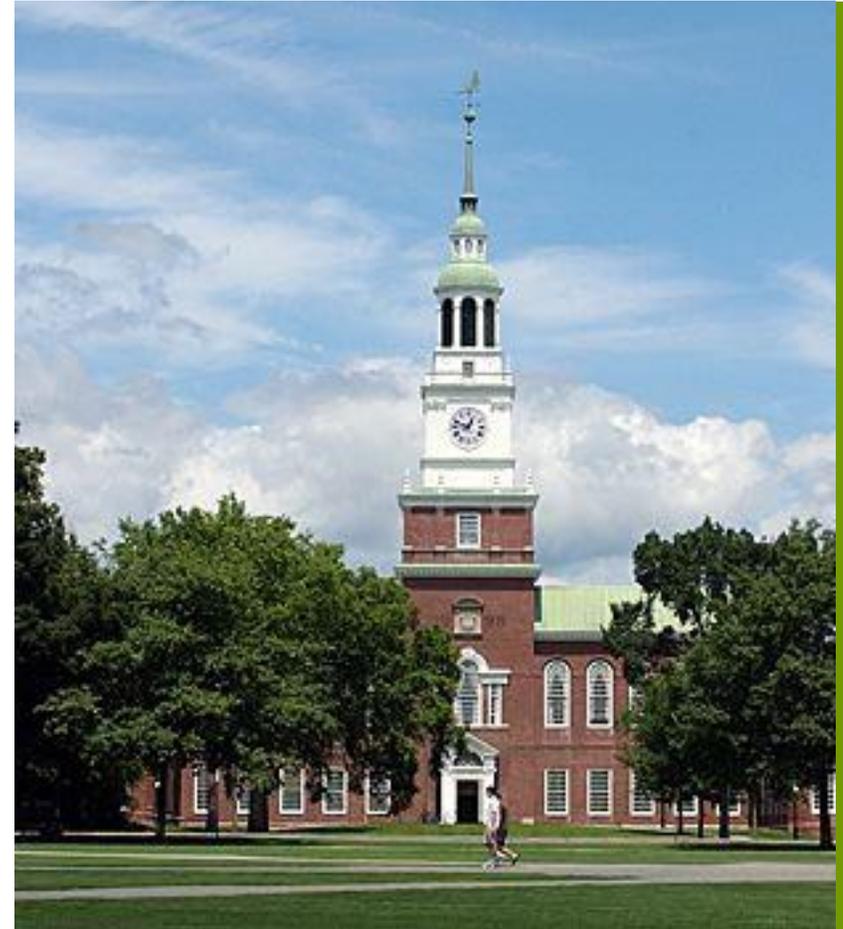


Mission: "Dartmouth College educates the most promising students and prepares them for a lifetime of learning and of responsible leadership, through a faculty dedicated to teaching and the creation of knowledge."

The Basics

- **Founded:** 1769
- **Type:** Four-year private, liberal arts
- **Affiliation:** [Ivy League](#)
- **Students:** Approximately 4200 undergraduate, 1900 graduate
- **Divisions:** Undergraduate college with more than 40 departments and programs; graduate schools of arts and sciences, medicine, engineering, and business
- **Motto:** *Vox clamantis in deserto* ("a voice crying out in the wilderness")
- **Color:** [Dartmouth Green](#)
- **Nickname:** [Big Green](#)
- **Academic calendar:** [Year-round, four-term](#)

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Grad Guide '12-'13

Your Dartmouth Graduate Orientation Resource
Brought to you by the Graduate Student Council

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Welcome!

Dear Incoming Graduate Student:

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) welcomes you to Dartmouth! The GSC is an organization made up of representatives from each department/graduate program on campus, including: Dartmouth Arts and Sciences, the Dartmouth Institute, Geisel School of Medicine, and Thayer School of Engineering. We strive to improve the quality of all aspects of graduate student life at Dartmouth by acting as an advocate and liaison between the College and its grad students, and by organizing popular social activities and events that help bring us all together.

We have provided you with this resource in order to introduce you to Dartmouth and to briefly showcase some of the events, places, and organizations that help make the Upper Valley a thriving, inclusive community for all of its residents.

We would also like to personally invite you to the [First Year Dinner](#) for all new graduate students which takes place on Sunday, September 9 from 6:00-8:30pm at the Rockefeller Center across from the Library on campus. Come meet new friends, enjoy some yummy food, and get to know more about the other grad student clubs on campus. See you there!

Warmly,

Your GSC

The Next Social Event:

[Fall Semi-Formal](#) – September 15 from 8:00-Midnight at the Top of the Hop's Alumni Hall. Come enjoy dancing, socializing, and light refreshments. Beer/wine tickets will be given out, and a cash bar will be available as well. See you there!



Getting Started

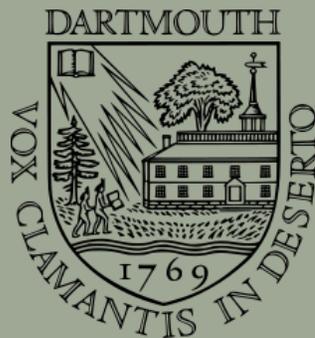
Student ID

First thing's first... you'll need to get your student ID, called a DartCard. Head over to the Dartmouth Card Office in the basement of '53 Commons to get yours made on the spot. Your DartCard is your passport to life at Dartmouth. You can also add money to it (called your DA\$H account) in order to pay for food, tickets, vending machines, equipment rentals, etc. Your DartCard also allows you free entry to the gym, and it's your library card too!

Banner

The Banner Student System allows students to conduct official transactions and to obtain personal and academic information, including:

- ✓ Grades
- ✓ Checking in for the term
- ✓ Scheduling classes
- ✓ Managing your DA\$H balance
- ✓ Tuition statements
- ✓ Health record information



Before going any further, head on over to the [Banner](#) site, click on the "Student/Faculty Self Service" link on the left, then "Graduate Arts & Sciences Student Main Menu," and familiarize yourself with the various tabs and functions.

Getting Started

More Banner

Check-in

Before each term begins, all students are required to check-in for classes prior to registering. You can do this by clicking on the "Check-In [Term]" link once you're signed into your Banner account.

Course Registration

This should be done as soon as you arrive on campus. Contact your specific program advisor to discuss your individual degree requirements. Once ready to register, simply log into Banner, click on "Add/Drop/Course Selection" and follow the prompts. Note that not all courses are offered every term, so plan your schedule carefully. Course numbers below 100 are undergraduate offerings, while graduate level courses are those over 100.

Health Forms

Banner is also the place to complete your Incoming Student Health Forms. Click on "Health Center On-Line Services," then click on "Forms" in the pop-up window. These forms must be completed when you arrive on campus.

Health Care

Dartmouth requires all active students to have health insurance meeting specified standards of coverage. To learn more about the Student Group Health Plan, visit their website. To learn more about [Dick's House](#) and specific health care services offered at Dartmouth, please visit their website.

Getting Started

Blitz

Blitz is the Microsoft Online Services system for email, calendar, and collaboration tools. You will need to have your NetID on hand to log in to your email (this is the DID# located on the front of your DartCard preceded by the lowercase letter 'd'). If you don't have it on hand, simply go to the [NetID Lookup](#) page. Once you have that, [log in](#) and begin your correspondence! To look up the contact information for every student/faculty member on campus, visit the [Directory](#) on the Dartmouth College website.

Blackboard

Blackboard is the site used to manage your classes, view assignments, print class slides, send course-wide emails, download class documents, etc. Simply sign into Blackboard the same way as Banner. Graduate Studies announcements are also available on a sidebar on this site.

Stipend Information

If you receive a stipend, your first paycheck will arrive on October 1, then monthly on the first thereafter. Your initial paycheck will be for half a month's pay, so plan accordingly. You will need to fill out hiring forms and provide identification documentation at the [Payroll Office](#) located at 7 Lebanon Street, Suite 302 in Hanover. You may consider filling out a Direct Deposit form to access your funds immediately once they are available on the first of each month. To do that, bring a voided check and your banking information when you go. Visit Payroll's webpage to learn more.

Parking & Transportation

Parking

All Commuting Students are required to register their vehicles. A commuting student is determined by their location living off campus. Contact the Parking Office at 603-646-2340 to see if you fall into the commuting zones. When registering, you will need your car registration and driver's license. You may register more than one car for the same fee if alternating vehicles. The fee for parking is \$168 per year July 1 – June 30. The fee is prorated by the term. Commuting lots are assigned at the time of registration. Find out about carpooling [here!](#)

Public Transportation

Public buses that run throughout the Upper Valley are FREE to all riders. Click 'public transportation' for the latest bus schedules and routes.

Dartmouth Coach

The Dartmouth Coach is a private bus company offering direct service to/from Boston (South Station and the airport) and NYC from the Upper Valley. Check 'em out!

Graduate Student Packet

Don't forget to watch your email for the Grad Packet that will arrive from Kerry Landers in the Grad Studies Office. This electronic file is filled with useful info including maps, disabilities information, and your orientation schedule.



Getting Involved

Graduate Student Council (GSC)

The Graduate Student Council holds its monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm, usually in the 1930s Room in Rockefeller Center. The executive board and representatives from every grad program on campus come together to discuss a wide range of topics pertinent to graduate student life. These meetings are open to non-members as well, so feel free to stop by. Keep up-to-date on all GSC events by joining the [Facebook](#) group and reading about what's new on [The Graduate Forum](#). You can also check out the Graduate Studies [Facebook](#) page and tweet them on [Twitter](#)!

In addition to events organized by the GSC, you might be interested in attending activities put on by other GSC recognized clubs at Dartmouth. To learn more about what each club has to offer, check out their webpages or email their contact persons below:

- [Chinese Student Scholar Association](#)
- [Dartmoose](#)
- [Dartmouth Argentine Tango Society](#)
- Dartmouth Graduate Vegetarians and Vegans
Contact: *Not available at print time.*
- Dartmouth Graduate Veterans Association
Contact: Ronald.L.Bucca.GR@Dartmouth.edu
- Dartmouth Seeding Lab
Contact: Marcella.M.Lucas@Dartmouth.edu
- [Graduate Outing Club](#)
- [Graduate Relief Team](#)

Getting Involved

More Clubs

- Graduate Soccer Club
Contact: Arko.Dasgupta@Dartmouth.edu
- [Graduate Student Consulting Club](#)
- [Graduate Women in Science and Engineering](#)
- [Green Lambda](#)
- Green Orpheus
Contact: William.J.Hudenko@Dartmouth.edu
- Home Brewers Club
Contact: Margaret.C.Carpenter@dartmouth.edu
- [International Graduate Mentoring Program](#)
- [Theatre on the Walk](#)



There's Something for Everyone

There are great events and activities to take part in outside of classes and studying! Don't be afraid to adventure a bit and try something new! Can't find what you're into? Start your own club or join an undergrad group too!

Study Areas

When it's time to hit the books, check out some of these great study areas. Some are quiet and tucked away, while others tend to be more social and a better location for group meetings. Use our 'Quiet Scale' to identify which location is best for you.

Quiet & Private [Sanborn Library](#)

A good place to read on a rainy afternoon.

[Dana Biomedical Libraries](#)

The basement is usually devoid of people.

[Baker Stacks](#)

Find seclusion among the rows of books.

[Berry Stacks](#)

A newer take on the Baker Stacks.

[Top of the Hop](#)

Good for group meetings w/ lots of light.

[Tower Room](#)

A good place for catching a snooze.

[Feldberg Library](#)

Choose between tables or carrels.

[Rauner Special Collections Library](#)

Where the college archives are located.

[Novack Café](#)

Great for snacking and group meetings.

[Collis Living Room](#)

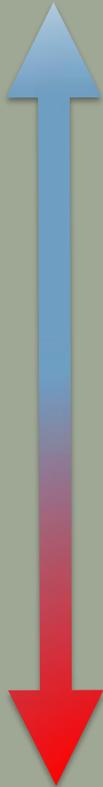
Review your notes between classes.

[The Green](#)

At the center of campus life.

[Reserve Corridor](#)

Louder & Public *Fine for light reading & chatting w/ friends.*



Community

Stage and Screen

Kick back at home, enjoy a movie on the town, take in a play, sing along to a musical, or enjoy the ballet!

DarTV: If you're on the Dartmouth network, you also have access to many popular TV broadcast channels.

Hopkins Center for the Performing Arts: This is Dartmouth's multidisciplinary cultural complex.

Lebanon Opera House: Enjoy concerts, plays, and shows in this historic venue.

City Center Ballet: The Upper Valley's premiere non-profit ballet company holds performances throughout the year.

Lebanon Community Chorus: Averaging about 40-50 adults, this choir gets together to practice once/week.

North Country Community Theatre: A non-profit devoted to promoting the performing arts in the Upper Valley.

Opera North: This opera group performs across New England and encourages young, up-and-coming singers.

Higher Ground: Located about 1.5 hours away in Burlington, VT, this venue offers shows by your favorite rock, indie, and alternative bands and artists.

Movie Theaters in the Upper Valley

- [Nugget Theater](#) in Hanover, NH
- [Entertainment Cinema 6](#) in Lebanon, NH
- [Fairlee Drive-in](#) in Fairlee, VT



Community

Museums and Educational

[Billings Farm and Museum](#) in Woodstock, VT: Explore one of the finest operating dairy farms in America.

[Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning](#): DCAL serves all those pursuing or considering careers in teaching through engaging workshops.

[Enfield Shaker Museum](#) in Enfield, NH: For over 200 years, this community practiced equality, celibacy, and pacifism.

[Hood Museum of Art](#) in Hanover, NH: This teaching art museum houses over 60,000 items in its full collection, with changing installations as well.

[Montshire Museum of Science](#) in Norwich, VT: This hands-on museum offers fun, interactive exhibits on 110 acres along the Connecticut River. Perfect for a family outing!

[VINS Nature Center](#) in Quechee, VT: Visit raptors and songbirds, frogs, fish, turtles, and fauna/flora in this outdoor wonder.

Recreation

In addition the Dartmouth gym and swimming pools, check out these other recreational opportunities:

[Dartmouth Athletics](#): All Dartmouth sporting events are free to attend with your student DartCard. Catch football in the fall, basketball in the late fall, hockey in the winter, and a plethora of spring sports as well. Schedules for each sport are listed online.

[Hanover Country Club](#): This is a college-owned facility that was expanded to 18 holes in 1922. It is open to the public and students. Annual memberships may be obtained through the Pro Shop.

Community

More Recreation

[James W. Champion III Ice Skating Rink](#): Just a mile down Route 10 from Hanover, it offers year-round ice-skating.

[Norwich Racquet Club](#): This community club offers tennis and paddle tennis.

[Oak Hill](#): Located north of campus, this facility offers biathlon training, mountain biking, picnics, cross country skiing, swimming, tennis, and camping.

[Upper Valley Aquatic Center](#): The UVAC is a state-of-the-art swimming facility located in White River Junction, VT.

[Dartmouth Outing Club](#): One of the oldest college outdoors clubs in the nation, its also the umbrella organization for many other smaller clubs on campus, including: Bait & Bullet, Boots & Saddles, Cabin & Trail, etc.

[Ledyard Canoe Club](#): This group rents kayaks and canoes to students and the public from their clubhouse on the Connecticut.

[Dartmouth Mountaineering Club](#): Come away for a weekend of climbing and adventure with DMC.

[Organic Farm](#): Located 5 minutes from campus, come enjoy soil preparation, planting, and harvesting.

Winter Activities In and Around the UV

- [Whaleback](#)
- [Dartmouth Skiway](#)
- [DOC House on Occom Pond](#)
- [Winter Sports Club](#)
- [Sunapee](#)
- [Stowe, Okemo, and Killington](#)... to name just a few!



Community

Hiking

It would be remiss to not mention that the [Appalachian Trail](#) goes directly through the heart of downtown Hanover. From Hanover, it's 1713 miles back down to Georgia, or 431 to Katahdin Mountain in Maine. In addition to the AT, there are numerous other hiking trails, camping spots, and other outdoor activities to explore during your stay in the Upper Valley.

It's been mentioned before, but check out the [Dartmouth Outing Club](#) website for information on weekend trips and other outdoor adventures. The DOC, headquartered in Robinson Hall, also rents out equipment to Dartmouth students at a discounted rate. Check out a backpack, tent, even jackets and boots, and you're all set to enjoy every season in the outdoors. In the winter, the DOC moves to frozen Occom Pond 2 minutes from campus, where you can rent out ice skates or cross country skis. There's also a graduate version of the [DOC](#) at Dartmouth too!

Dartmouth also owns several cabins tucked away in the woods throughout New Hampshire. Thinking of gathering a group of friends for a weekend of swimming, fishing, and fun (in the summer), or snowshoeing, skiing, and s'mores (in the winter)? Contact the DOC at 603-646-2429 to learn how to reserve a cabin.



Community

Night Life

Looking for a night out on the town and a place to grab a good cocktail or two? Check out just a few of these local favorites:

Hanover, NH:

[Canoe Club](#)

27 S. Main St.

[Molly's](#)

43 S. Main St.

[Murphy's on the Green](#)

11 S. Main St.

[Salt hill Hanover](#)

7 Lebanon St.

[Three Guys](#)

5 Old Nugget Alley

Lebanon, NH:

[Salt hill Lebanon](#)

2 W. Park St.

[The Cave](#)

45 Hanover St.

[Margaritas](#)

18 Centerra Parkway

Norwich, VT:

[Norwich Inn/Brewery](#)

325 S. Main St.



Harpoon Brewery

New England is known for its variety and plethora of breweries and microbreweries. Check out one of them: Harpoon at 336 Ruth Carney Dr. in Windsor, VT. It's a great place to enjoy Oktoberfest in the fall!

Additional Resources

This resource is meant to give you just a brief outline of what Dartmouth, Hanover, and the rest of the Upper Valley has to offer! There's even more to discover. Check out some of the websites listed below for more information on local businesses, local government services, shops, and restaurants, and things to occupy your time while you're living in the Upper Valley.

[Undergraduate Orientation Guide](#)

[Restaurant Dining Guide for the Upper Valley](#)

[New Hampshire DMV](#)

[Hanover Chamber of Commerce](#)

[International Student Mentor Group at Dartmouth](#)

[Dartmouth Safety and Security](#)

[Dartmouth Sports](#)

[Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center](#)

[Hanover Area Running Trails/Routes](#)

[Moving to the UV Checklist](#)

[Dartmouth Rental/Real Estate Information](#)

[100 Things to Do in the Upper Valley](#)

Contacts

If you have additional questions, please to contact the GSC Exec. Board at Graduate.Student.Council@dartmouth.edu, or one of the GSC Executive Board members below. We're here to act as your guides to the UV! We welcome you, and are glad you've chosen Dartmouth!

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