

ON COURSE

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A Newsletter of the
Dartmouth College
Registrar's Office



Welcome to the next edition of On Course, the Registrar Offices' newsletter to the Dartmouth Community, where we share important information, timely reminders, and fun facts!



Plan Your Time at Dartmouth with Major Declaration

Students in the class of 2027 may now officially declare a major in DartHub, which begins the next exciting chapter of their academic career. Students are encouraged to reach out to the department/program they're interested in for their major to discuss requirements, expectations, and answer any questions students may have about the major. Declaring a major provides several benefits such as:

- Course priority during course election, which increases the chance for students to get into a course for their major
- Access to faculty advisors, who help students navigate their major requirements and D-Plan
- Access to department mailing lists, connecting students with each other, faculty, and department resources
- Opportunities to attend guest lectures and department activities
- After declaring a major, students can utilize the D-Plan petition to request changes to their enrollment pattern
- Track your academic progress with Degree Audit

The deadline to declare a major is April 10th. While students can change, modify, or add a major/minor after the deadline, the class of 2027 is encouraged to declare their major by the deadline in April. To help students get started, visit the [Registrar's](#) website. Students have the flexibility to change their major up to the beginning of the term they're graduating, ensuring they can find the best fit for their academic goals.



Track Your Plan After Major Declaration

An added benefit for students who declare their major is the ability to monitor their degree progress. After declaring a major, students are encouraged to regularly check the DartWorks Degree Audit tool, where they can view missing and completed requisites such as language, distributive, and world culture requirements, as well as the total number of credits earned. The Degree Audit supports most majors and a growing list of minors. For more details, refer to the Registrar's website [DartWorks guide](#).



Transfer Term Application Deadline

The 2025 spring transfer term application deadline is February 28, 2025. Visit the [Non-Dartmouth Study Away page](#) on our website, and [Off-Campus Activities](#) in the *ORC/Catalog* for more information about the transfer term policy.

Revamping Registration

The Registrar's Office and ITC have partnered with CourseLeaf to develop a new Registration interface and with a recent Dartmouth graduate, Emily Gao '24, to improve the fairness of course election outcomes.

Did you know...

Which Dartmouth snow sculpture set the record for tallest snowman that year?

- A) Fire-Breathing Dragon
- B) Flamingo
- C) Snowman with Saxophone
- D) Bugs Bunny



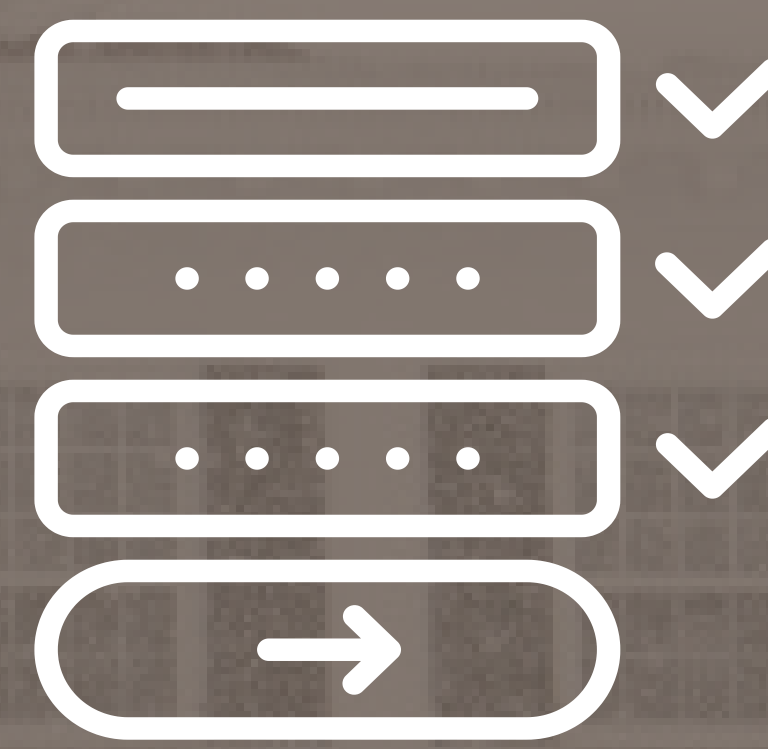
Course Registration Fairness



Emily Gao '24 approached the Registrar's office and ITC after her work on a computer science thesis discovered a potential improvement to the algorithm used in processing Dartmouth course elections. Thanks to Emily's work, and a partnership with ITC, we will be implementing a new fairness algorithm for Spring term course elections. This implementation will significantly reduce the number of students getting zero or one course after course election.

Enhanced Registration Interface

The new interface will provide an improved user experience, updated course override and permission management, and integration of waitlist functionality among other enhancements. Work with CourseLeaf is ongoing with the launch expected for winter 2027. More details and demonstrations of the new system to come over the next year.



Staff Highlights

Madelene McKenzie joined the Registrar's Office in November as a Service Specialist. In this role, Maddy's responsibilities include greeting visitors and providing support across a variety of services and processes in the Registrar's office. Originally from the United Kingdom, Maddy relocated to the Upper Valley just over a year ago, after living in Louisiana. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, watching period dramas, and all things medieval history. Maddy is excited to be part of the Dartmouth College community and looks forward to settling into her new role



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Did you know... answer

Answer: C) In 1987 an impressive 47.5-foot snowman holding a saxophone set the Guinness Book of World Records as the tallest snowman for that year.