

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS College Center*

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Is the Rep a school Alum? Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? **Yes. He reads the apps. If he approves your app it goes to committee.**

Last year's Freshman Profile: Mid 50%: GPA - 3.8-4.0 Mean SAT – 735 Evidence based reading& writing , 744 Math ACT - 32

Dartmouth is interested in the student from a holistic perspective. While grades are looked at and rigor and upward trends are expected, there is more to the process than just numbers.

GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs. Cumulative? Weighted vs. unweighted? They look at GPA both weighted and unweighted

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? Super score? Super score SAT but not ACT. Subject test are recommended but not required.

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? They want to see the most rigorous schedule that is available

Extra-Curricular Activities –What does the school look for? Leadership & Involvement

Most popular majors at this school: Thayer School of Engineering, Tuck School of Business and Geisel School of Medicine

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? N/A

Does chosen major affect decision process? No, majors are declared summer of sophomore year.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? Nearly 60 study abroad and exchange programs. Leads the Ivy League in study abroad. 12 study abroad institutions. Over 60% of students study abroad once, 30% of students study abroad twice, and 10% study abroad three times

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? More than ¾ of Dartmouth students pursue internships.

Research Opportunities? 64% of undergraduates participate in research

Special successes the school is known for: Smallest of the Ivy League colleges. Focus on undergrads. It is a Liberal Arts School that focuses on giving students a proving ground that teaches them how to solve problems since we do not know today what the problems in the future will be.

**Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? no
When are scholarship deadlines?**

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

In-State

Out of State

Tuition & Fees

Room & Board

Total per Year (Two Semesters)

\$68,527

45% of students receive Dartmouth Scholarships, Avg financial aid is \$49,362

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? [Fall open Houses- October 7 & October 9](#)

Is there a “Scholar Day” for Honors bound students?

Applications

When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling?
[Early Decision binding – Nov 1st](#) [Regular Decision- January 1st](#)

Is an essay required for all decision options? [Yes. The essay is your interview. Advice: Re-read through your essay and check where in it is the first time they learn about you. If it's the 3rd paragraph, re-write. Spend time on the supplemental questions- these are specific to Dartmouth](#)

Are letters of recommendation required or suggested? [Yes, one from counselor, two from teachers and one from a peer.](#)

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? [Alumni interviews may be offered. If you get one take it!](#)

What does the school look for in each “round” of decisions? [Dartmouth has a holistic approach to admissions. They focus on the student.](#)

Does the school use the Common App? [Yes](#) How many applicants are received per year? [20,000 for 1200 spots](#)

How much is the application fee? [\\$60](#) Are there quotas for applicant acceptance?

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.)? [Division I with 34 intercollegiate sports](#)

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery?

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? [Freshmen live in a “First Year Community” in either double or triple rooms. 99% of Students live on campus all 4 years](#)

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, or apartment-style? [Living & Learning Dorms? After freshmen year, students may live in learning communities, traditional hall style dorms, apartments or houses](#)

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.)

What is the undergraduate enrollment? [4200](#) Total enrollment? [6200](#)

Percentage of male: female – [49% male 51% female](#) Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students –

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – [50% of students participate in Greek Life](#)

Where is the school located? [Hanover, New Hampshire \(college town\), 2 hours North of Boston at border of New Hampshire & Vermont. Dartmouth is the largest land owner in the state of New Hampshire](#)

How far is it from Milton? [18 hours by car](#)

Other:

- [Dartmouth uses a quarter system which allows for more flexibility and the ability to take more courses.](#)
- [Students spend the first three quarters on campus and then they may pursue different options such as study abroad.](#)
- [Dartmouth owns 2 mountains \(one for skiing, the other for hiking\), lots of outdoor activities. Lodge is run by students and alumni. Freshmen stay for two days at the beginning of the year & participate in a Freshman trip in small groups led by upperclassmen, then all gather together for last night for a family style dinner](#)
- [Juniors can apply to Geisel medical school with no MCAT.](#)
- [The average class size is 19. The student/teacher ratio is 7:1](#)