

Graduate Requirement Timeline

1st Year	Teaching Requirements	Enroll in P256	Fall and Winter Terms	
		TA/GR (P257)	Schedule to be Assigned (DF 2 Units, RA 1 Unit)	
	General Research	Explore Departmental Research Groups via Discussion	Fall and Winter Terms	
		Attend Department Colloquia	Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms	
		Confirm Research Advisor	Spring Term	Department Forms
	Astronomy	Placement Test	December	
	Astro Journal Club	Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms		
Physics	Placement Test and Committee Meeting	Week Before Fall Term (Orientation)		
2nd Year	Teaching Requirements	TA/GR (P257)	Schedule to be Assigned (DF 3 Units, RA 0.5 Unit)	
	General Research	Research Credits (Level I: P137, P138, or P139)	Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring (as appropriate; minimum 1 credit summer term)	
		Attend Department Colloquia and Subfield Seminars	Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms	
		Form Research Committee	Spring Term	
	Astronomy	Research Exam 1	Summer Term	
		Astro Journal Club	Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms	
Physics	Core Competency Coursework (P90, P101, P104, P105)	End of Spring Term		
3rd Year	Teaching Requirements	TA/GR (P257)	Schedule to be Assigned (DF 2.5 Units, RA 0.5 Unit)	
	General Research	Research Credits (Level I: P137, P138, or P139)	Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring (as appropriate)	
		Attend Department Colloquia and Subfield Seminars	Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms	
		Thesis Proposal Application	Last Business Day on or Before April 1st	Department Forms
		Thesis Proposal	Proposal to committee 5 business days before presentation. Presentation completed by last business day on or before April 30th. Finalized proposal and signed cover sheet to department office within 2 weeks after presentation	
	Astronomy	Research Exam 2	Summer Term	
		Astro Journal Club	Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms	
	Astronomy	Complete Remaining Coursework for Candidacy (A115, A116, A117, A118, A174, and one physics course num 61 or higher)	End of Spring Term	
Physics	Complete Remaining Coursework for Candidacy (two of P76, P100, P103, P106, P109)	End of Spring Term		

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4th Year	Teaching Requirements	TA/GR (P257)	Schedule to be Assigned (DF 2.5 Units, RA 0.5 Unit)		
	General Research	Research Credits (Level II: P297, P298, or P299)		Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring (as appropriate)	
		Attend Department Colloquia and Subfield Seminars		Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms	
		Thesis Committee Progress Report Meeting		Last Class Day of Winter Term Form due to department office within one week after meeting.	Department Forms
	Astronomy	Astro Journal Club		Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms	
Physics	N/A				
5th Year	Teaching Requirements	TA/GR (P257)	Schedule to be Assigned (DF 2.5 Units, RA 0.5 Unit)		
	General Research	Research Credits (Level II: P297, P298, or P299)		Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring (as appropriate)	
		Attend Department Colloquia and Subfield Seminars		Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms	
		Thesis Committee Progress Report Meeting		Last Class Day of Winter Term Form due to department office within one week after meeting.	Department Forms
		The Thesis		Committee Approval Request form to department office 10 business days before defense. Thesis document to committee members 5 business days before defense. Defense Completed by May 15 Final thesis and signed cover page to Guarini office and copy of signed cover page to department office by May 15.	Guarini Forms
	Astronomy	Astro Journal Club		Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms	
Physics	Complete Remaining Coursework for Degree (two additional physics courses num 61 or higher)		End of Spring Term		

Applies to all graduate students admitted to the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Dartmouth College.

This timeline does not replace the Physics and Astronomy Graduate Student Handbook. For further detail, clarification, consequences, and more, refer to the Graduate Student Handbook.

Business Day is defined as Monday - Friday; Excludes Saturday and Sunday.

Academic Year is defined as Summer - Spring

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