

The Guarini Institute: Guidelines for Recommendations, by Program

General Guidelines:

1. If the recommendation is from a Dartmouth professor, it must be from one who has taught you in class.
2. Faculty visiting at Dartmouth may submit recommendations.
3. If the recommendation is from an adviser, it must be your undergraduate dean or major adviser.
4. Recommendations by students are not accepted.
5. For exchange program recommendations, please consult the appropriate exchange program information sheet.

First Year Student Exception:

First year students may encounter difficulty obtaining two Dartmouth faculty recommendations when applying for programs during the winter term of their first year at Dartmouth. In such instances, first year students must obtain at least one recommendation from a Dartmouth faculty member; the other can be from someone that knows the student well. Examples of acceptable second recommenders for first year students include their undergraduate dean, a coach, a high school recommender, someone you worked for, etc. The second recommender may not be another student (undergraduate or graduate).

Department Sponsoring Program	Number & Type of Recommendations Needed	
Anthropology/Linguistics (2)	One Dartmouth faculty member and one person who has supervised you in a nonacademic activity (e.g., boss, coach).	
Art History (2)	Two from Dartmouth professors. With a first year applicant, the second recommendation can be from a high school teacher. A recommendation from the leader of group trip in which the student has participated is also acceptable.	
Asian and Middle Eastern Language and Literature - Chinese [AMEL] (1) FSP/LSA+	One from a Dartmouth professor NOT the applicant's Chinese language instructor, or from an individual who knows the applicant well.	

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Asian and Middle Eastern Language and Literature - Japanese LSA+	One from one professor outside of the Japanese program in DAMELL, or from an individual who knows the applicant well.	
Asian and Middle Eastern Language and Literature -Arabic LSA+	One from a Dartmouth professor and it can be from the applicant's Arabic language instructor, or from an individual who knows the applicant well.	
AMES/WGST	2 recommendations from Dartmouth Professors or one from a Dartmouth Professor and one from an adviser who knows you and your work well.	
AAAS AMES (Fez) Astronomy Classics English Environmental Studies Film Studies Geography Government History Math Music Theater	Each program requires 2 recommendations. Two from Dartmouth professors or one from a Dartmouth professor and one from an adviser.	
Biological Sciences	None	
Earth Sciences	None	

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French or Italian (2)	LSA or LSA+ <i>First year</i> : Two, one (but preferably both) of which must be from a Dartmouth professor. The second can be from a Dartmouth adviser. <i>Upperclassmen</i> : Two from Dartmouth professors.	FS : Two from Dartmouth professors.
German Studies (2)	LSA <i>First year</i> : Two, one (but preferably both) of which must be from a Dartmouth professor. The second can be from a Dartmouth adviser. <i>Upperclassmen</i> : Two from Dartmouth professors.	FS : Two, one (but preferably both) of which must be from a Dartmouth professor.. A recommendation from an employer would be acceptable.
Native American Studies (2)	One from a faculty member and one from a college official within the Dean of the College Division that affirms the student's suitability for off-campus study.	
Philosophy (1)	One from a Dartmouth professor.	
Portuguese or Spanish (2)	LSA or LSA+ <i>First year</i> : Two, one (but preferably both) of which must be from a Dartmouth professor. The second can be from a Dartmouth adviser. <i>Upperclassmen</i> : Two from Dartmouth professors.	FS : One from a Dartmouth professor only.
Religion (2)	Two from Dartmouth professors, one of which must be from a Religion professor.	
Russian LSA+ (0)	No recommendations are required for this program	