2018 SOPHOMORE PLANNING TIMELINE

Kickoff & Department Info January 29-February 9

☐ Attend Chocolates, Chai & Choosing:

Monday, January 29, 6:30-7:45 pm in LPAC Pearson-Hall and Lobby

You will get information about how to apply for your academic major and about related opportunities: Honors, fellowships, study abroad, career, and more.

☐ Attend department info sessions: Each department holds hour-long information sessions for students who are interested in the department’s major or minor.

Unless the session time conflicts with your class schedule, you must attend the department or program info session(s) for your prospective major/minor(s). If you have a class schedule conflict, then ask a friend to attend and take notes for you.

Individual advising & plan drafting February 12-March 2

☐ By Monday, February 12 at 1 pm, decide on your intended majors/minors and indicate this in the Majors and Minors portal through mySwarthmore. Then, each of those departments will assign you a Sophomore Plan Advisor. The Sophomore Plan Advisor is a professor who advises you in writing your sophomore plan.

☐ Schedule a meeting (and sometimes a second follow up meeting) with that advisor. After each department has assigned your Sophomore Plan Advisor, the advisor information will appear in the Majors and Minors portal in mySwarthmore in the Advising Tab.

☐ Draft your sophomore plan of study - a brief narrative essay about your reasons for seeking your major/minor and a list of courses that you plan to take over the next two years. You can draft and revise the plan in the Majors and Minors portal.

Finish plan PLAN DUE: Monday, March 5 at 1 pm
WHAT IS THE “SOPHOMORE PLAN?”

The “Sophomore Plan” is a reflection on your experiences and a plan for your remaining time at Swarthmore. The Plan is also a central piece of your application for your academic major(s) and – if sought – your minor(s).

The Sophomore Plan has several parts:

1) A brief (1-2 page) narrative description of the primary interests, purposes, and principles that organize your program of study, including major(s), minor(s), off-campus study, Honors, teaching certification, etc.

2) A semester-by-semester list of courses and seminars which are central to your academic program or are remaining graduation requirements that you need to fulfill (e.g. distribution requirements, PE, etc). This list will assist you in planning for the next two years. Note: because of leave patterns and other factors, there is no guarantee that students will be admitted to all seminars and courses they list - even if their program is approved.

3) If applicable: Any forms required by specific departments or the Individualized Special Major form.

The department(s) to which you apply will read your Sophomore Plan. The department(s) will look at your transcript to decide if you have met its requirements for entry into the major. Then, the department(s) will decide whether your plan is feasible and will notify you of its decision before the late-March/early-April advising period for Fall 2018.

Before applying, it is our hope that you:

- reflect on the classes you have taken so far and your intellectual interests
- assess your strengths and weaknesses in the disciplines that you have explored
- think about where you want to go with your degree after you leave Swarthmore

We are eager to help. Be sure to:

- read your email and the department or program info online
- attend department or program info sessions
- ask questions of your professors, department staff, SAMs, deans, and advisors