

List of Questions about Graduate Studies
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Who should consider graduate school?

What questions should I ask myself to figure out if grad school is a good choice for me?

How is the BE perceived in the workforce?

What are industry, grad school, government, and other sectors like?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of going to grad school?

What types of degrees are out there, and what are the differences between them?

What roles do people with the different degrees play?

What is the timeline of the process of applying to graduate school, including exams, essays, recommendations, applications, visits, final decisions?

How does grad school factor into summer plans between junior and senior years?

How do I go about finding a good program for me?

What are some questions I should ask myself when considering grad school?

What are advantages and disadvantages of staying at Thayer for a master's and/or a PhD?

How does one apply for Thayer's graduate programs?

When should I take the GRE?

Should I take time off between undergrad and grad? Between a masters and a PhD?

What doors are opened and what doors are closed when one holds a masters degree or a PhD in a field?

What online and in-person resources are available to help me figure this out?

Should I do a senior honors thesis if I'm considering graduate school?

If any, what other types of post-baccalaureate academic programs are available that aren't graduate school?

Who should take the FE, and at what point in the academic career?

What is the value of knowing one specific subject very deeply?

What are some ways that I can balance breadth and depth?

How does pursuing a PhD affect family and personal life?

What courses should I be sure to take if I am considering graduate school?

I am worried that I will become specialized in an area that in the near future might be obsolete or found to be incorrect – is it still worth learning about and researching?

What is a postdoc?

What are some questions to ask to figure out if I'd like to work in academia vs. industry vs. government vs. a startup?

What types of grad programs are most helpful for each of those sectors?

What are some characteristics of a successful graduate student, especially a doctoral candidate?

What are advantages and disadvantages of studying in the United States vs. abroad?