



## Office of the Registrar

### January Term Updates and Timeline

Dear HGSE Students,

I hope your semester is going well! I just want to send you a quick email with important January Term (J-Term) updates and timeline. The Registrar's office team is available to assist you if you encounter any roadblocks or have any questions; [please visit our website for in-person and virtual hours](#).

#### Fall 2 Modules

The **deadline** to add, drop, and change grade preferences for **Fall 2 modules** is today, **Tuesday, November 1, at 11:59pm ET**.

#### January Term

Please see below for our January Term 2023 enrollment timeline. Detailed information about January Term Registration 2023 can be found in this [link](#). Please note that we will be offering [Lottery-based enrollment](#) in January Term 2023.

Credits for courses taken during January Term count toward the spring semester minimums and toward the overall degree program minimum and maximum credits. Courses taken during January do not count towards spring semester maximum (20 credits for full-time students and 10 credits for part-time students). **Students enrolled under the flat tuition rate may take J-Term courses at no extra charge.**

January Term modules are intensive and require concentrated work over a brief period of time. For that reason, **students are encouraged to enroll in only one January Term module or course at a time** (including courses through cross-registration). Students may choose to enroll in more than one course during January Term only if the faculty members of the courses they plan to take allow students to take additional courses concurrently, but under no circumstances will students be permitted to miss class meetings due to a conflict of class meeting times. **Students may enroll in no more than 4 credits during January Term.**

## Course Previews

Course previews at HGSE classes occur in two parts in advance of course enrollment:

1. **Course Previews, Part I:** By viewing 8-10-minute pre-recorded videos created by the course instructors and posted to their course websites. These videos will be made available to students starting on Friday, November 4.
2. **Course Previews, Part II:** By attending **live**, 25-minute question and answer sessions. [J-Term Q&A sessions](#) will be scheduled on **Monday, November 7, Tuesday, November 8 and Thursday, November 10**. The preview schedule is now available in [my.Harvard](#). These live sessions will also be recorded and posted to course websites.

You can search for J-Term courses and Live Q&A schedule by going to the **Browse Courses** section and click on “Graduate School of Education.”



## January Term Lottery-Based Enrollment

The January Term lottery-based enrollment for HGSE **residential** courses will open in my.Harvard on **Monday, November 7 at 12:01am ET**, and will remain so until **Monday, November 14** when it will close at **11:59pm ET**. While the lottery is open, you will be able to add, delete, or change your course ranked choices. The results of the lottery-based enrollment will be posted in my.Harvard on **Tuesday, November 15 at 3:00pm ET**. **Please note that there is only 1 Lottery-based Enrollment course offered this J-Term: A210H.**

Please note that the lottery-based enrollment process is NOT a first-come, first-serve process. All ranked preferences will be run via an algorithm that randomizes choices and does not take time of submission into account. In other words, your ranked preferences are treated equally if submitted within the deadline.

Here are some important highlights:

- The limit for January Term is 4 credits.
- HGSE Students do not need to submit petitions for specific courses to participate.
- Students are automatically enrolled if they receive a placement in the lottery. No further action is needed.

- These enrollments are dropped at 12:00PM ET on Monday December 2 if registration holds have not been lifted.
- The waitlist automatically enrolls students who receive spots. Waitlist information is viewable by instructors and students in my.Harvard.
- Students may add themselves to the waitlist for full courses during add/drop.

### Important January Term 2023 Dates and Deadlines:

Please continue to check our [Academic Calendar](#) for important dates and updates.

- **Monday, November 7:** Add courses to your Crimson Cart opens. You can start adding courses to your Crimson Cart. This will allow you to validate and submit petitions for instructor-permission courses. Please note that you will not be able to enroll into these courses until open-enrollment day: Wednesday, November 16 at 12:01am ET. **Holds do not impact your ability to add courses to your Crimson Cart and submit petitions!**
- **Monday, November 7; Tuesday, November 8; and Thursday, November 10:** [Live Course Q&A sessions](#).
- **Monday, November 7, 12:01am ET:** Lottery-based Enrollment opens for residential classes (rank your choices).
- **Monday, November 14, 11:59pm ET:** Lottery-based Enrollment closes for residential classes (deadline to rank your choices).
- **Tuesday, November 15, 3:00pm ET:** Lottery-based Enrollment results announced for residential classes by 11:59pm ET.
- **Wednesday, November 16, 12:01am ET:** January Term open enrollment begins.
- **Friday, December 2, 11:59pm ET:** January Term course enrollment deadline. After this deadline, all courses will require instructor consent.

**Contact Us**

Please note that the Office of the Registrar will be physically closed on Wednesday, November 2 at 1pm, through Friday, November 4 at 5pm. However, we will be monitoring our email during this time. If you have any questions, please contact us at [registrar@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:registrar@gse.harvard.edu).

Sincerely,

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