Dear HGSE Students,

I hope you are doing well and are ready for our HGSE Open Enrollment! As a reminder, Open Enrollment opens in a matter of hours, on Wednesday, August 31st at 12:01am ET! I am writing to share important information about the Lottery-based enrollment process.

We have now completed running the lottery-based process in my.harvard. If you participated in the lottery, please login to my.harvard and go to your Home page to see the results. Please note that if your ranked course(s) was selected, you were automatically enrolled in the course(s), and no further action is needed from you. If you were not enrolled in a course, please check your home page, as you might have been waitlisted in some of your ranked courses.

As a reminder, enrollment and registration holds were ignored for lottery-based enrollment to provide students with maximum flexibility; however, you have until 12:00pm ET on Friday, September 2nd to clear your holds or Lottery-based enrollments will be dropped (and cannot be reinstated).

Lottery-based enrollment FAQs

What if I was put on a waitlist for one or more courses? You will be able to see your waitlist ranking number for each course by logging into your my.harvard home page. If you are next in line on the waitlist for a course, you do not need to take further action, you will be automatically enrolled once a seat opens. There is no way for students or instructors to change an individual's order on the waitlist.

Please note that if the system detects that the waitlisted course will cause a conflict with your schedule, you may be given the option to Drop If Enrolled. Please follow step 2 in these instructions to use the "Drop If Enrolled" feature.

You can see your waitlist position by clicking on the exclamation symbol:

What if I missed the lottery-based enrollment process? Students who missed the HGSE lottery-based enrollment process can still search for these courses in Course Search in my.harvard. Some courses in the Lottery-based enrollment process may still have open seats or waitlists available. Please follow these instructions to be added to a course waitlist.

What if I no longer want to take a course that I was admitted to in the lottery? Starting Wednesday, August 31st, (as soon as tonight at 12:01am ET), please login to my.harvard and drop any course you have been enrolled in. **We urge you to drop courses you do not plan to take as soon as possible so that other students on the waitlist can take your vacated spot.**

What if I no longer want to be on the waitlist for a course? You can login to my.harvard and remove yourself from the waitlist. Please note that, if a spot opens up in your waitlisted course, you will be automatically enrolled if you are next in line in the waitlist. **We encourage you to remove yourself as soon as possible if you are not intending to enroll in your waitlisted course.**

How does this affect instructor-permission courses or open-enrollment courses? The Lottery-based enrollment only affects enrollments in lottery courses. Teaching teams for instructor-permission courses at HGSE will admit, decline, or waitlist you through their own procedures, as indicated on the course's Canvas site. Open-enrollment courses at HGSE can be added or removed beginning at 12:01am tonight ET (the start of Wednesday, August 31st).

Contact Us

If you have any questions, please contact us at registrar@gse.harvard.edu.

Have a great start to the semester!

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