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Dear Ed.M. Residential & C.A.S Students,

[The Fall Term lottery-based enrollment](#) for HGSE courses is now open in my.Harvard. Please [click here](#) for the Lottery-based enrollment “How to” guideline. **Please note that you do NOT need to add Lottery-Based courses to your Crimson Cart and/or submit a petition. All you need to do is [enter the lottery process](#) and rank your choices.**

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

The deadline to enter the lottery is **Wednesday, August 30 when it will close at 2:00pm ET**. You will find the lottery-based preferences (rank your choices) page in my.Harvard. 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 Wednesday, August 30 in the evening (no later than 11:59pm). You will receive an email communication once it has been completed.

Here are some important highlights about the lottery process:

- Students may rank order up to 6 choice courses.
- Each student may receive up to 4 course enrollment and/or waitlist spots.
- HGSE Students do not need to submit petitions for specific courses to participate.
- **Students are automatically enrolled if they receive a placement - no further action is needed.**
- **These enrollments are dropped at 12:00PM ET on Friday, September 1 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 from open enrollment until add/drop period.

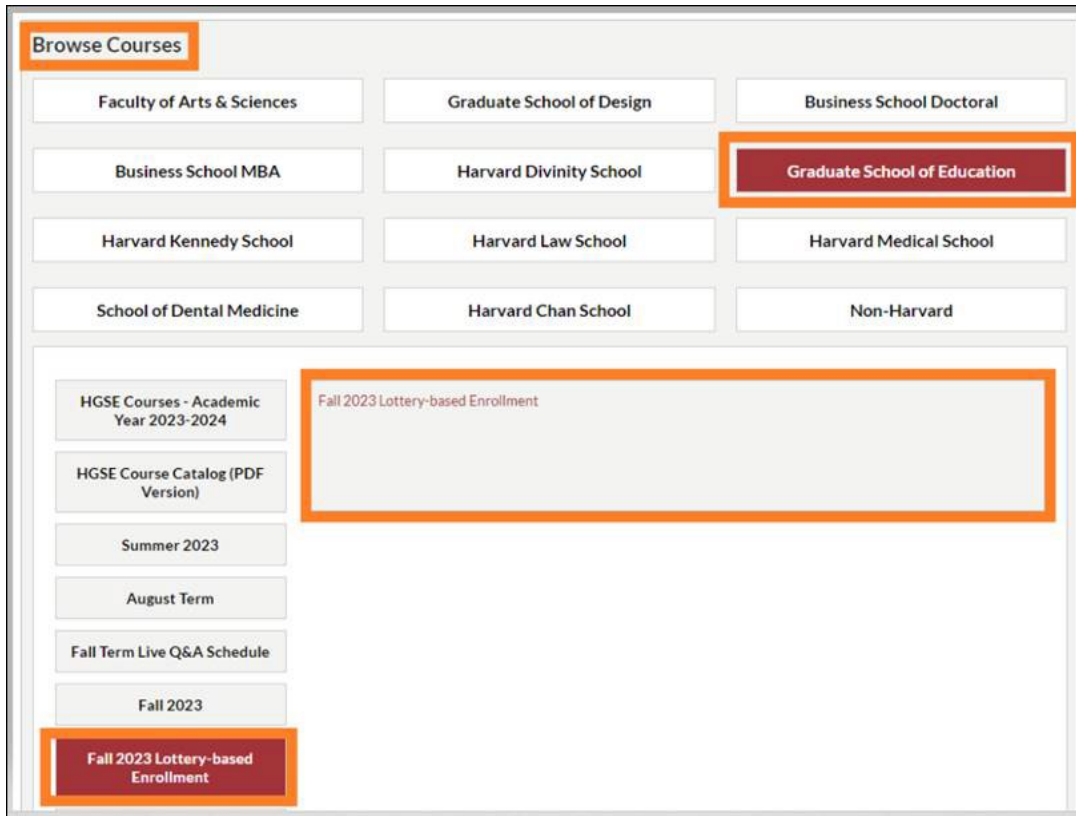
You can search for courses that are part of the lottery by either entering the HGSE Course Lottery event in my.harvard or by going to the Course Search under "Browse Courses" and selecting "Graduate School of Education" and then "Fall 2023 Lottery-based Enrollment."



The screenshot shows the my.harvard Student Home interface. At the top, there are navigation links: Student Home, Course Search, Other Resources, and Quick Links. On the left sidebar, there are icons for Home, Personal Info, and Grades. The main content area is divided into sections. The 'More Announcements' section contains a link for Health Services. The 'Enrollment Events' section features a table with the following data:

Event Name	Start Time	End Time	Completion Status	
HGSE Course Lottery	08/27/2021 9:00 AM	09/01/2021 2:00 PM	Not Submitted	<a href="#">Enter Lottery</a>

A large white arrow points to the 'Enter Lottery' button in the table. Above the arrow, the text '1- Click "Enter Lottery"' is displayed.



Finally, I want to share with you the table below with HGSE enrollment categories for Academic Year 2023-2024. Please visit our [Fall Registration 2023](#) page for detailed information of the course enrollment process and deadlines.

HGSE Open Enrollment	What are open or guaranteed enrollment courses?	Why are some courses guaranteed?	How do I enroll in guaranteed enrollment courses?	When do I enroll in a guaranteed course?
	HGSE courses that are open to all interested students and where enrollment is guaranteed if completed by the published registration deadline.	Most courses at HGSE accept all interested students. HGSE works to create as many course opportunities that allow all interested students as possible.	Follow <a href="#">the enrollment guidelines</a> shared by the <a href="#">Office of the Registrar</a>	Students can start adding courses to their Crimson Cart on 8/25. Please note that you will be able to finalize enrollment on 8/31 starting at 12:01am.

HGSE Lottery-Based Enrollment	What are Lottery-Based courses?	Why are some courses size-limited and in the lottery?	How do I enroll in lottery courses?	When do I enroll in a Lottery-Based course?
	HGSE courses that cannot go above a certain number of students due to the lesson and learning goals	Courses that are size-limited and use the lottery process depend on enrollment not going above a certain level to maintain the quality of the learning experience.	<a href="#">Please click here for the Lottery-based enrollment "How to" guideline.</a>	The Fall Term lottery-based enrollment for HGSE courses is now open in my.Harvard and will remain so until Wednesday, August 30 when it will close at 2:00pm ET.
HGSE Instructor Permission	What are instructor permission courses?	Why are some courses offered only by instructor permission?	How do I enroll in instructor permission courses?	When do I enroll in an instructor permission course?
	HGSE courses that require specific prerequisites (including experience and motivation for taking the course) that are reviewed by the instructor.	In many cases, courses that require instructor permission are requirements for a program or concentration. In some rare cases, instructors require a brief application to ensure proper fit for the student.	Follow <a href="#">the enrollment guidelines</a> shared by the <a href="#">Office of the Registrar</a>	Students can start adding courses to their Crimson Cart and submitting petitions on 8/25. Please note that once the instructor has approved the petition, you will be able to finalize enrollment on 8/31 starting at 12:01am.

**Contact Us**

If you have any questions, please contact us at [registrar@gse.harvard.edu](mailto:registrar@gse.harvard.edu).

Thank you,

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