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Subject: Important Information about Summer and August Term Foundations Courses



Dear Ed.M. student,

As we reach the end of Spring Term, many of you are starting to think ahead to your second year as an Ed.M. student. We are writing to share some important information about Summer and August Term Foundations courses to help you plan for the months ahead.

Course dates and modalities

Dates for required Foundations courses in 2023-24 are as follows:

- How People Learn: June 1–July 19
- Leading Change: August 3–9
- Equity & Opportunity: Identity in Context: August 7–16 (no class on August 11; date reserved for Program events)
- Evidence: August 14-25

How People Learn will take place entirely online. You can be anywhere in the world during HPL as long as you will have reliable and consistent access to the course Canvas site. The course is primarily asynchronous; synchronous events via Zoom are optional.

The August courses will take place entirely in person in 2023. There will be no online sections. You should plan to be on campus for any August courses you intend to take.

Enrollment

Those who are eligible to take How People Learn will receive enrollment guidance from the Registrar in May. Those planning to take Equity & Opportunity: Identity in Context will be invited to participate in a lottery in mid-summer to rank your preferred course topics; more information on the available topics and on the lottery process will be available at that time. Those taking either Leading Change or Evidence will receive enrollment instructions in July.

Class times

We are aware that, as part-time students, you may be working or attending to other commitments while taking courses this summer and August. More information about the Summer and August courses is available on the [Registrar's website](#) to help you plan ahead.

Broadly, those of you taking How People Learn should know that there are no required synchronous events (all optional), but there are weekly assignments; there is some built-in flexibility described in the [informational page about HPL](#) on the Registrar's website. You should plan to spend 10-15 hours per week on the course.

The daily schedule for August classes is still coming together, but you should anticipate that there will be sections for each course available in both the morning and afternoon (roughly between 8 am – 1 pm and 1:30 pm – 6 pm). You will be placed in a section as part of the enrollment process this summer. If you are placed in a section time that conflicts with your work or family commitments, please contact the Registrar's Office as soon as possible to request a switch. We cannot guarantee placement in a specific section, but we will do our best to accommodate these requests.

Additional information and support

If you have questions about the courses, you are welcome to contact the Foundations office (foundations@gse.harvard.edu). For questions about registration or enrollment, please reach out to the Registrar's Office (registrar@gse.harvard.edu) at any time.

Best wishes for a fulfilling end to your Spring Term!

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