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International Student Online Chat Transitioning to Graduate Study at HGSE

Harvard Graduate School of Education
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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Student Affairs and HIO
- Housing, Student Life,
- Graduate Study
- Peer Advice
- Questions and Answers
- Important Dates

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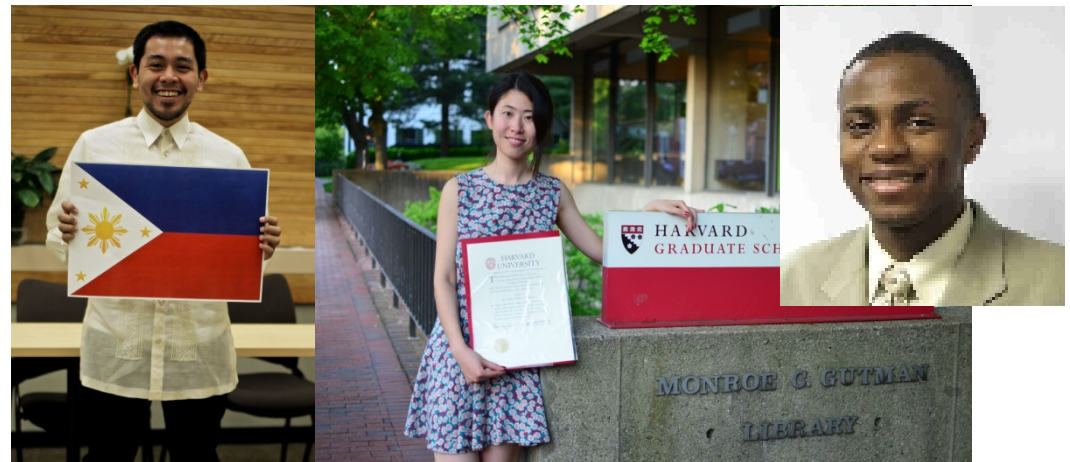
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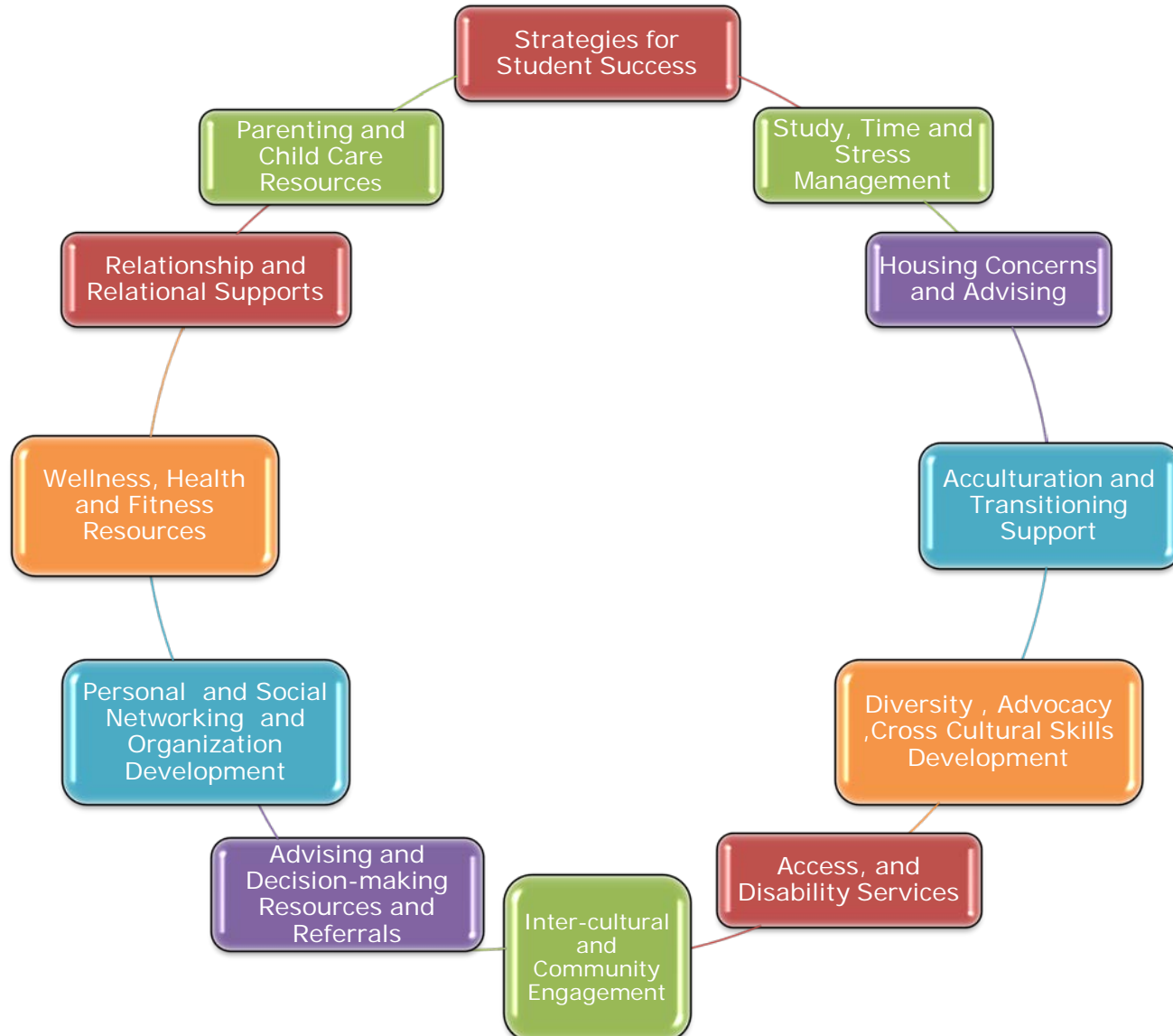


Hi everyone! We here in Cambridge on a typical New England summer day and many are joining us remotely.

Where are you logging in from? Please feel free to type a greeting, too!

(Let's take a moment to read each other's comments)

Office of Student Affairs





Harvard
International
Office



You must register at the HIO soon after your arrival at Harvard. See HIO website for details:

<http://www.hio.harvard.edu/settlinginatharvard/hioregistration/>

HIO Orientations for students and scholars throughout the year, including:

Getting Started Orientations banking, telephones, transportation & safety, health care, Harvard resources (athletics, libraries, etc.), housing, taxes, and visas.

Spouse and Partner Orientations

Walking/Shopping Tours

HIO Orientation schedule:

<http://www.hio.harvard.edu/settlinginatharvard/orientation/schedule/>

HIO Host Program for International Students is an opportunity for friendship to occur between Harvard international graduate students who have never lived in the United States and residents who live in the Boston area.

<http://www.hio.harvard.edu/hostprogramforinternationalstudents/>

Adjusting to a New Culture and Other Guides: <http://www.hio.harvard.edu/guides/fornewstudents/>

Housing

- Harvard Real Estate Services

<http://huhousing.apartmentsource.com/roommate/>

- Harvard Affiliated Housing

<http://www.huhousing.harvard.edu>

- Off-campus housing



Private market apartment listings posted by area landlords and real estate agents:

<http://huhousing.apartmentsource.com/>.

- Non Harvard Affiliated Websites containing listings:

Boston.com or Craigslist.org

(Use caution: these are community resources but not Harvard housing)

- Contact Alex Galindo in OSA with additional questions and assistance:

osa@gse.harvard.edu

Getting Around

- HGSE is accessible on **the Red Line** (Harvard station) and many buses.
- T prices: Subway = \$2; Bus = \$1.50

Sign up for reduced student priced monthly pass—check [prematriculation site](#) for more info and note upcoming deadline (early August).



- Bicycling
- Walking
- Zipcar



If bringing a car, remember that Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville require a parking permit through the local municipality

- There is very limited parking near HGSE

Explore Cambridge and Boston

- Great Walking Cities!
- Squares in Cambridge—Harvard Square, Kendall Square, Union Square, Inman Square
- Boston neighborhoods
- Lots to do at Harvard, in nearby areas—museums, cultural centers, concerts, parks, museums
- Easy access with mass transport:

Visit MBTA – www.mbta.com for maps and information



Student Life

- Cambridge and Boston
- Harvard University
 - *Cross-registration at other schools*
 - *Access to libraries, museums, and other resources*
 - *For cultural, university-wide news see, The Harvard Gazette:
<http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/>*
- HGSE Community
 - *Program Cohort*
 - *Student Affinity Organizations*

Additional Resources available online in the Multicultural Resource Guide:

<http://my.gse.harvard.edu/fs/docs/icb.topic773355.files/Multicultural%20Resource%20Guide.pdf>

Student Life: Organizations

- ❖ **Many benefits** to being a registered student organization including: use of on-campus facilities, funding sources for host speakers, programs, and public events, as well as support from the Office of Student Affairs, which can assist with program planning and funding.

- ❖ **Sampling of Student Groups and Organizations:**
 - African, Latino/a, Asian, Native America Association (ALANA)*
 - Alumni of Color Conference (AOCC) Planning Committee*
 - Asian Coalition for Education (ACE)*
 - China Education Symposium*
 - Comunidad Latina*
 - Critical Race Theory at HGSE*
 - South Asian Students Association*
 - HGSE African Education Initiative*
 - HGSE Black Student Union (BSU)*
 - HGSE Korean Cultural Society (KCS)*
 - International Higher Education and Disabilities*
 - Latin American and the Caribbean Education (LACE)*
 - Pakistani Student Initiative*
 - QueerEd (LGBTQ student organization)*

- ❖ **Additional Multicultural Committees:**
 - Multicultural Advisory Council (administers the Dean's Diversity Innovation Fund)*
 - Dean's Committee on Equity and Diversity (DACED)*

Integrating Cross Cultural Studies and Courses

At Harvard, there is a broad range of courses that include a cross-cultural or multicultural component.

- **HGSE Courses on Diversity and Equity**

The courses below can be found at this link:

http://gseweb.harvard.edu/academics/catalogue/courses/subject_courses_by_num.shtml?vsubdept=Diversity+and+Equity

Additionally, since HGSE students can cross register at other Harvard schools, we suggest that you check course listings at other Harvard schools, with a key word search for specific topics of interest:

Harvard University Course Catalogue:

- <http://coursecatalog.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do>

Transitioning... Study and Coursework

Adapting to varied classroom and dynamic learning environments

- Faculty
- Teaching Fellows (TF's)
- Peers
- Class Participation
- Group collaboration
- Writing
- Formality vs. informality
- For more useful tips, see

<http://www.hio.harvard.edu/settlinginatharvard/orientation/academiclife/>



Transitioning... Weather and Clothing

New England= changeable weather conditions

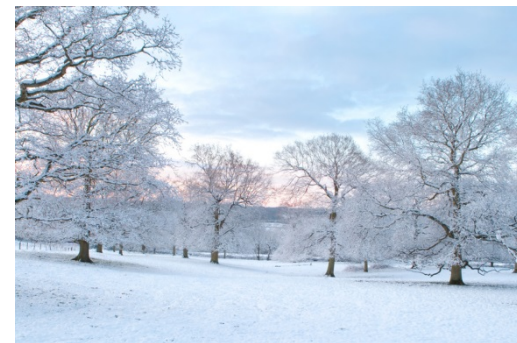
- Wind chill factor

What to pack and what to get here

- Cold Weather Gear
- Layering
- Trip to Outlets

Seasonal Events and Student Activities

- Multicultural Festival
- Lunar New Year
- Parties and Mixers



Your Questions...

Feel free to type in any questions that you may have and we will do our best to provide you with answers.



Student to Student Advice

- Adapted from the HGSE Multicultural Resource Guide:

Take care of your housing situation as soon as possible.

Try to live close to a T station; it will make life so much easier for you.

To ease costs, try to find a roommate—one you can get along with.

Invest in a warm winter jacket and some warm, waterproof boots!

Be open-minded. Try new things that challenge you; associate with diverse groups.

Be entrepreneurial when choosing courses. Ask questions. Reach out to peers, faculty, and staff.

Talk with an advisor-assigned or otherwise—who can offer insight to courses and new ways of framing coursework, especially if you are struggling

Find a community within the school.

Take every opportunity to get to know your fellow HGSE classmates outside of class.

Take advantage of the resources at Harvard. Attend lectures of all sorts.

Carve out regularly scheduled time periods to plan your career path. Begin in the fall speaking with Career Services, advisors, and professors.



Important Dates to Remember

- MBTA reduced fare pass deadline: Early August
- International Orientation on August 22 and 23
Gutman Conference Center
- All-school Orientation begins August 26
- First Day of Classes at HGSE: September 2
- Post Orientation sessions for International Students (dates TBA)
- Academic Calendar:
<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/academics/calendar/>



Thank you for chatting today. We look forward to seeing you at HGSE soon!

Questions?

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