

HGSE Orientation Week Schedule

Items recommended for all students are bolded.

Monday, August 29th

11 – 11:30 a.m.

Dean's Welcome Ceremony
Radcliffe Yard Tent, behind Longfellow Hall

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Diversity Session
Radcliffe Yard Tent, behind Longfellow Hall

Session Description Forthcoming

1 - 2 p.m.

Grab-and-go Lunch Available for All Students
Radcliffe Yard Tent, behind Longfellow Hall

1 – 2 p.m.

Courses and Offerings on Entrepreneurship at HGSE and Harvard
Askwith Hall, Longfellow Hall First Floor

In this session, faculty members will provide an overview of the landscape of learning opportunities at HGSE and Harvard more broadly for students interested in starting, leading, working in, or studying nonprofit organizations in the education sector. The goal of the session is to acquaint students with the range of courses and other activities related to education-sector nonprofits and to help them in mapping a pathway through HGSE's and the University's varied offerings. This session is convened by faculty member James Honan, and faculty colleagues Monica Higgins, Chris Dede, Fernando Reimers, Jennifer Cheatham, John Richards, and Angela Jackson. Information about HIVE, the HGSE student organization affiliated with educational entrepreneurship, as well as information about opportunities and resources to become involved outside of the classroom will be shared.

2 – 3 p.m.

Math Refresher for Students Interested in Taking S-012 or S-040
Askwith Hall, Longfellow Hall First Floor

This session, offered jointly by the instructors of S-012 and S-040, is intended to provide a refresher for the math skills needed to succeed in introductory quantitative methods classes at HGSE, including S-012 and S-040. The concepts that will be covered include the order of operations, plotting, and basic mathematical functions. This session is not intended to prepare students for more advanced quantitative methods classes at HGSE or in other schools at Harvard. Rather, it is meant as a refresher, an introduction to some of the quantitative faculty, and a resource to help you decide which statistics course you may want to enroll in this semester. You should take this session if you want to take S-012 or S-040 but you're concerned that you lack the mathematical preparation; the instructors will try to convince you otherwise!

3 – 4 p.m.

Career Services Quick Questions Tabling
Gutman Library Lobby

2 – 4 p.m.

Education Innovation Studio (EIS) Open House
Gutman Library, Room 320 (Third Floor)

The Education Innovation Studio (EIS), located in Gutman 320, is a hands-on space for designing and tinkering, giving HGSE students and faculty the chance to invent and experiment with new kinds of educational experiences and technologies, and to explore the maker-based approaches now becoming common across all levels of education.

4 – 7 p.m.

Welcome Back Cookout
Radcliffe Yard Tent, behind Longfellow Hall

Come celebrate with friends and classmates at the welcome cookout! Lots of good eats, complimentary soft drinks, an open bar (beer and wine), DJ and mingling with HGSE faculty and staff.

Sponsored by the Office of the Dean, Office of Student Affairs and the Administrative Council on Engagement (ACE).

*NOTE: You must be 21 years of age to consume alcoholic beverages. Please have a valid photograph ID with date of birth – your student ID cannot be accepted as valid proof of age.

Tuesday, August 30th

8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Course Preview Q&A Sessions
Multiple Locations (see Course Preview Q&A Schedule)

In-person sessions hosted by faculty to provide further information and answer questions you may have about their courses. In years past, students have found this to be an incredibly valuable opportunity to get to know faculty and learn more about each course's approach and expectations.

12 – 2 p.m.

HGSE Freecycle
Gutman Café, Gutman Library First Floor

Come by Gutman Café for our bi-annual event to pick up something new-to-you or drop off items you no longer need, giving our HGSE community a chance to reuse rather than buy new. Items you'll commonly find include office, school and kitchen supplies. We donate remainders to Harvard Recycling for future Freecycle events at the University or to be shared with other charitable organizations.

Wednesday, August 31st

8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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1 – 2 p.m.

Career Services Quick Questions Tabling
Gutman Library Lobby

2 – 3:30 p.m.

Student Organizations and Resources Fair
Longfellow Hall, Rooms 319 and 320

Learn more about ways to get more involved during your time at HGSE and get introduced to a number of resources available to you. Student Organizations from HGSE will be represented, as well as a number of helpful resources and groups from across HGSE and Harvard University, including the HGSE Student Experience Team (SET), Gutman Writing Services and Communications Lab, the Harvard iLabs, Harvard Museums of Science and Culture, and many more!

Thursday, September 1st

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

EdVising
Gutman Library, First Floor Reading Area

Is your course cart overloaded? Suffering from FOMO? Not sure how to cross-register? Contemplating an internship? Wondering which stats course is best for you? Please join degree program staff, program assistant directors, HGSE Guides, statistics course faculty, Career Services, and the Office of the Registrar for personalized advising conversations to help you firm up your fall plans.

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2 – 3 p.m.

Career Services Quick Questions Tabling
Gutman Library Lobby

2:30 – 4 p.m.

Project Zero Information Session
Gutman Conference Center, Event Areas 4 and 5

Session Description Forthcoming

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

HGSE Alumni Office Tabling
Gutman Library Lobby

All day

Individual and Group Student Advising Sessions
Location and modality (virtual or in-person) will be determined by individual faculty members

Friday, September 2nd

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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10 – 11 a.m.

Career Services Quick Questions Tabling

Gutman Library Lobby