

HGSE Orientation Week Schedule

Items recommended for all students are bolded.

Monday, August 29th

11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

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

The Dean will launch Orientation Week with opening remarks, followed by greetings from Tycie Coppett, Director for Master's Studies, and Clara Lau, Director for Doctoral Studies, and the introduction of members of the senior leadership team. Then, we will have several faculty give Ted-like talks on their research and practice insights to help give a sense of the variety of work happening at HGSE.

12:30

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

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Drop-In Hours for Questions about Course Registration
Gutman Conference Center, Event Space 4

Bring your questions about fall registration, the course lottery system, and cross registration to the office hours being held by Miguel Sahagun, HGSE Registrar, and Brendan Russell, Assistant Dean for Learning and Teaching.

12:45 – 2 p.m.

Belonging at HGSE: Diversity, Identity, and Community Resources
Joint Session with the HGSE DEI Office and the Office of Student Affairs
Gutman Conference Center, Event Spaces 1, 2, and 3

In this session, co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and the Office of Student Affairs, students will learn more about what it means to belong in this amazing and diverse community as we review important concepts, such as imposter syndrome, and students hear from DEI and OSA staff about how their different identities and experiences shape their work at HGSE and the support they provide all students.

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, though it also serves as 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 attend this session if you want to take S-012 or S-040 but are concerned that you lack the mathematical preparation; the instructors will try to convince you otherwise!

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.

3 – 4 p.m.

Career Services Quick Questions Tabling
Gutman Library Lobby

3 – 4 p.m.

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

Faculty members will provide an overview of the landscape of learning opportunities 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 and to help them in mapping a pathway through HGSE's and the University's varied offerings. 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.

4 – 4:30 p.m. Opportunities and Courses Focused on Learning About and Addressing Climate Change at HGSE and Harvard

Gutman Conference Center, Event Area 1

This session offers a brief overview of opportunities at HGSE and the wider Harvard Community for learning about and addressing climate change. The session will alert students to a range of opportunities including discussion groups, courses, curriculum development possibilities, and internships at Harvard and Harvard-affiliated organizations. The session is convened by faculty member Tina Grotzer and is intended to orient students to the many existing, but distributed opportunities that otherwise may be missed. Following the presentation, students are invited to stay to ask questions and are encouraged to interact with other attendees to get to know each other as a community.

4:30 – 7:30 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 (Course Preview Q&A Schedule to be confirmed)

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.

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Drop-In Tabling with the Office of the Registrar
Gutman Library Lobby

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.

2 – 4 p.m.

Drop-In Tabling with the Office of the Registrar
Gutman Library Lobby

Wednesday, August 31st

8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Drop-In Tabling with the Office of the Registrar
Gutman Library Lobby

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!

2 – 4 p.m.

Drop-In Tabling with the Office of the Registrar
Gutman Library Lobby

Thursday, September 1st

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

EdVising
Gutman Conference Center, Event Areas 4 and 5

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.

12 – 2 p.m.

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2 – 3 p.m.

Career Services Quick Questions Tabling
Gutman Library Lobby

2:30 – 4 p.m.

Zeroing in on Thinking and Learning: Engaging with Project Zero Research
Gutman Conference Center, Event Areas 4 and 5

Researchers at Project Zero, a HGSE research center that leads work around the globe on thinking, learning, creativity, ethics, and other human potentials, will be hosting a drop-in session on Thursday, September 1, 2:30-4:00 pm in the Gutman Conference Center Areas 4 and 5.

In this interactive session, students will get a broad overview of some organizing themes of Project Zero's work and explore a few selected tools from current PZ projects. They will also have opportunities to talk with researchers from PZ projects in small group discussions to learn how they might engage with PZ during their year at HGSE.

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.

Individual and Group Student Advising Sessions

Location and modality (virtual or in-person) will be determined by individual faculty members

10 – 11 a.m.

Career Services Quick Questions Tabling

Gutman Library Lobby

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Drop-In Tabling with the Office of the Registrar

Gutman Library Lobby

2 – 4 p.m.

Drop-In Tabling with the Office of the Registrar

Gutman Library Lobby