



# HDS Registration Information - Spring 2024

Below is a summary of important dates, deadlines, and procedures for Spring 2024 registration. Please also see the full [HDS Academic Calendar 2023-2024](#).

| DATE              | EVENT   |
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| October 25, 2023  | <b>CRIMSON CART OPENS</b><br>Students can begin adding courses to their Cart in my.harvard.   |
| November 6, 2023  | <b>HDS PRIOR TERM ENROLLMENT OPENS</b><br>Students with no holds (advising, immunization, etc.) may begin enrolling in classes and petitioning for limited enrollment courses.  |
| November 15, 2023 | <b>HDS PRIOR TERM ENROLLMENT CLOSES</b><br>No changes can be made until enrollment reopens in January.  |
| January 8, 2024   | <b>SPRING SEMESTER CHECK-IN OPENS</b>   |
| January 16, 2024  | <b>SPRING SEMESTER ADD/DROP OPENS VIA CRIMSON CART</b><br>Students may make changes to their enrollment directly in the crimson cart.   |
| January 22, 2024  | <b>SPRING SEMESTER HDS COURSES BEGIN</b>  |
| January 29, 2024  | <b>DEADLINE FOR ADD/DROP CHANGES VIA THE CRIMSON CART FOR HDS STUDENTS</b><br>After this date, the crimson cart is closed to HDS students. Any course changes (add/drop) require submission of the Course Change Form available in my.harvard and advisor approval. |
| February 9, 2024  | <b>ADD/DROP/CROSS-REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR HDS STUDENTS</b><br>Last day to add courses, cross-register, or change enrollments from credit to audit and vice versa. Dropped courses after this date carry a grade of "W" on the transcript.                         |
| March 1, 2024     | <b>LAST DAY TO CHANGE GRADE OPTION OR WITHDRAW FROM COURSE</b><br>Last day to change grade option (Letter Grade or SAT/UNSAT) or to withdraw from course with a grade of "W."   |



## Guidance about Selecting Courses

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Students are encouraged to formally enroll by November 15, 2023. However, we acknowledge that students might not be able to register for all of their intended courses for a variety of reasons. Some impediments to planning include:

- Results for HDS limited enrollment courses may not be known
- For affiliate schools with prior term enrollment, they may delay or limit cross-registration until after their own students are enrolled
- Other affiliate schools may not open cross registration until January

Therefore, we recommend that HDS students present their “best guess” of their enrollment plans. The resulting enrollment data will be used by faculty and staff to adequately prepare offerings. However, students should remember that they are allowed to make changes to their enrollment during the add/drop period in January.

## January Term Courses

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At HDS, we consider January Term (or “J-Term”) courses to be a part of a student’s Spring courseload. Students are limited to a 20 unit courseload in a given semester (Fall and January/Spring). Therefore, if a student takes a 4-unit J-Term course at another school, they are allowed to take a maximum of 16 units in the Spring semester, resulting in 20 units overall. Non-HDS J-term courses are counted towards cross-registration limits (no more than half of courses may be outside HDS in January/Spring).

HDS does not offer any J-Term courses, however, courses like HDS 2032 have course meetings during the winter session period.

Students interested in cross-registering into J-Term courses offered by another school should carefully review the dates and deadlines for application and enrollment at the affiliated school. If the school uses my.harvard for registration, students will be allowed to directly enroll in these courses when the enrollment period is open. If students are not able to directly enroll in my.harvard, they should follow alternate instructions from the affiliate school’s Registrar, and reach out to the HDS Registrar’s Office as needed for technical assistance ([registrar@hds.harvard.edu](mailto:registrar@hds.harvard.edu)).

## Navigating Registration in my.harvard

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### HARVARD UNIVERSITY IT HELP ARTICLES

[Course Registration/Enrollment in my.harvard](#)

[Permission Required to Enroll in my.harvard](#)

[How to Cross Register in my.harvard](#)

[Edit, Drop, Swap enrolled courses in my.harvard](#)

[Validating Courses in your Crimson Cart in my.harvard](#)

[Enrolling in a course using my.harvard](#)

### HDS GUIDES

[Selecting an Art of Ministry Section](#)



## Cross-Registration

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HDS students may begin to cross-register into affiliated schools when their cross-registration periods open.

FAS will generally allow HDS students to petition and enroll in their courses during their prior term enrollment period. However, instructors may decide to privilege FAS students or delay decisions for cross-registrants until the regular enrollment period.

In cases where an HDS course is cross-listed with another school at Harvard, HDS students must register for the HDS section.

Students interested in cross-registering into a particular school should review their academic calendar and cross-registration policies online for up-to-date information. We have compiled links to calendars and schools below.

## Links to Resources at Other Harvard Schools

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| HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL - HBS                    | <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a><br><a href="#">Cross-Registration Information</a> |
| HARVARD T.H. CHAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH - HSPH | <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a><br><a href="#">Cross-Registration Information</a> |
| HARVARD FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES - FAS       | <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a><br><a href="#">Cross-Registration Information</a> |
| HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN - GSD          | <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>   |
| HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION - HGSE      | <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a><br><a href="#">Cross-Registration Information</a> |
| HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL - HKS                     | <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a><br><a href="#">Cross-Registration Information</a> |
| HARVARD LAW SCHOOL - HLS                         | <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a><br><a href="#">Cross-Registration Information</a> |
| HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL - HMS                     | <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>   |