



What is January Term?

January Term at HGSE (also referred to as “J-Term” and more officially as “Winter Session”) is part of a University-wide initiative to create meaningful for-credit and noncredit opportunities for student learning and development during a three-week period between the Fall and Spring semesters. As part of the implementation of a new University academic calendar two years ago, each school at Harvard may now offer innovative programming for its students and the larger University community. HGSE is proud to have one of the most vibrant January Term environments at Harvard.

What will be offered at HGSE during the January Term?

HGSE will offer a range of for-credit and noncredit learning experiences in January 2012, including:

- Twelve for-credit modules (and one full course) designed as immersive learning experiences and taught by HGSE faculty members
- Workshops and sessions for exploring your career options and continuing your job search
- A wide array of research, writing, technology, and media production skill-building workshops
- A three-part, noncredit lecture series for all students hosted by Howard Gardner, *John H. and Elisabeth A. Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education* at HGSE
- Outings and social events sponsored for all students by the Office of Student Affairs
- Other special community-wide events, panels, and learning opportunities

In addition, HGSE students also have options to enroll in courses at other Harvard Schools and to participate in University-wide programs.

Is participation in January Term required?

Some programs require students to participate in course and field work during January (e.g., Ed.M. licensure programs with January practicum requirements). However, for most HGSE students, participation in January programs is entirely optional.

Are there additional costs associated with participating in January Term?

Participation in winter term modules for full-time students is included in Fall semester tuition. Tuition for part-time students is assessed on a per-credit basis, but requires Fall enrollment. Noncredit activities at HGSE are generally included in regular tuition. Some activities and off-campus travel opportunities offered by other Harvard Schools may have additional costs.

May I take more than one January Term module?

Winter term modules are highly intensive and require concentrated work over a brief period of time. For that reason, students are permitted to enroll in only one January Term course (including courses through cross-registration). Exceptions to the policy are possible only with the written consent of your adviser and your program’s director or dean.

When will I need to be back on campus to participate in January Term?

The dates of this year’s January Term are January 3 through January 20; most January courses meet during the first two weeks of that period (January 3 to January 13). However, as different activities will take place at various times, your return to campus will depend upon your individual selections. Please note that whether or not you choose to participate in January Term, all students are expected back in Cambridge on January 17 for Spring course shopping, advising, and registration.

How and when will I enroll for January Term courses and activities?

The schedule of January Term modules and courses is available online [in the HGSE Catalogue](#). **Please Note: Shopping sessions for January courses take place at the same time as Fall shopping sessions (August 25 and 26).** However, enrollment in January Term courses works differently for open-enrollment courses (those that do not require the instructor’s permission) and limited-enrollment courses (those that require application and admission by the instructor). In general, open-enrollment courses may be added anytime August 25 through December 2. Limited-enrollment courses have their application process later in the Fall term—in November—and cannot be added to a student’s schedule until after obtaining explicit instructor permission through the November process. These two processes are summarized on the next page. The complete schedule of January Term *noncredit* activities offered at HGSE will be released online in early November.

Can students from other schools cross-register into HGSE January Term courses?

Cross-registrants are welcome to enroll in HGSE January Term courses. They must follow all the same process steps (e.g., application for course admission, meeting enrollment deadlines, etc.) as HGSE students, in addition to any requirements for cross-registration into *any* University course (such as obtaining an instructor signature in order to enroll).

Key Dates for Enrolling in HGSE January Term Courses

Type of January Course	Shopping Classes	Application Deadline	Admission Notification	Enrollment Opens	Enrollment Deadline	"Late-Add" / Drop Deadline [†]
Open Enrollment	8/25-8/26	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	8/25	12/2	Before Second Class Meeting
Limited Enrollment	8/25-8/26	11/14	11/18	11/14	12/2	Before Second Class Meeting

Open Enrollment Courses: A101 Kalt, A111J Hehir, A310G Boudett, H110G della Chiesa, H811A Capotosto, HT123 Blatt, S010B Gehlbach, T210X Levinson | **Limited-Enrollment Courses:** A011M Murphy, A310E Peterkin, A710J Miller, A810D Velez, H310W Weissbourd. Limited-Enrollment Courses are "starred" (*) in their online HGSE *Catalogue* entries.

[†]Students may add January Term courses after 12/2, but only with the instructor's permission and signature.