

What is January Term?

January Term at HGSE (also referred to as “J-Term” and more officially through Harvard 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 several years ago, each school at Harvard may now offer innovative programming for its students and the larger University community. At HGSE, we are proud to have one of the most vibrant January learning 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 2018, including:

- Fifteen for-credit modules and courses designed as immersive learning experiences and taught by HGSE faculty members
- *Special Topics Seminars* – noncredit, active-learning mini-courses typically spanning three sessions or a concentrated workshop
- A wide array of communications technology, research, media-production, entrepreneurship, and other skill-building workshops
- Workshops and sessions for exploring your career options and continuing your job search
- Outings and social events sponsored for all students by the Office of Student Affairs
- Other special community-wide events and learning opportunities

In addition, HGSE students are able 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-Term programs is optional.

Are there additional costs associated with participating in January Term?

For full-time students, participation in January for-credit modules and courses is included in Spring-semester tuition. Noncredit activities at HGSE are generally included in regular tuition but may have fees for materials or for no-shows or late cancellations in popular offerings. Some activities offered by other Harvard Schools may charge additional fees.

May I take more than one January Term module or course?

January Term modules are intensive and require concentrated work over a brief period of time. For that reason, students are encouraged to enroll in only one January Term module or course at a time (including courses through cross-registration). Students may choose to enroll in more than one course during January Term if the faculty members of the courses they plan to take allow students to take additional courses concurrently, but under no circumstances will students be permitted to miss class meetings due to a conflict of class times. Students may enroll in no more than 4 credits during January Term.

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

The dates of this year’s January Term are January 2 through January 21. (See the visual calendar below.) Most January for-credit modules and courses meet during the first and second weeks of that period (Tuesday, January 2 to Friday, January 12). However, as different activities and Special Topics Seminars will take place at different times, your return to campus will depend upon your individual selections. Please note that whether or not you choose to participate in January Term, students are expected back in Cambridge on January 16 for Spring course previews, 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: Preview sessions for January courses takes place on November 6.** 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 up to December 1. Limited-enrollment courses have their application process in mid-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, including the options and enrollment process for *Special Topics Seminars*, 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 permission in order to enroll).

HGSE January Term 2017 at a Glance

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
12/31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Vacation	Vacation	For-Credit Modules and Courses at HGSE				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	For-Credit Modules and Courses at HGSE					
	Special Topics Seminars and Workshops					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Holiday	Special Topics Seminars and Workshops				
		Spring Previews	Spring Previews	Advising Day	Enrollment Day	
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Key Dates for Enrolling in HGSE January Term Courses

Type of January Course	Preview Classes	Application Deadline	Admission Notification	Enrollment Opens	Enrollment Deadline	"Late-Add" / Drop Deadline [†]
Open Enrollment	11/6	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	M 11/6	F 12/1	TH 1/4
Limited Enrollment	11/6	M 11/13	F 11/17	M 11/6	F 12/1	TH 1/4

Open-Enrollment Courses:

A101 Kalt, A111R Mapp, A310G Boudett, HT107 Star, HT123 Blatt, S305 Tishman, T210M Sommers, T211T Mahoney

Limited-Enrollment Courses Which Require Advance Permission of Instructor:

A111G Hess, A613 Bridwell-Mitchell, H110G della Chiesa, H310W Weissbourd, HT113 Grotzer, S010J Tivnan, T517 Dede

Limited-Enrollment Courses are "starred" () in their online HGSE Catalogue entries. Most of these courses will only be limited if student demand exceeds the number of available spots; otherwise all interested students are admitted.*

[†]Students who wish to add or drop January Term courses via the Student Portal after the 12/1 registration deadline must have the instructor's and advisor's permission and will incur a \$50 fee. This fee will not be charged if enrollment for a course is completed on time (by 12/1) at HGSE and then that course is dropped because the student receives 1) notification of acceptance to an HGSE limited-enrollment course after 12/1 or 2) notification of acceptance to a cross-registered course after 12/1. Please contact the Office of the Registrar for details.