Welcome Class of 2022!

Congratulations on your admission to Harvard! We look forward to talking and corresponding with you, and we hope to have the honor of greeting you in August and introducing you to the exciting first-year traditions at Harvard.

The Freshman Dean’s Office (FDO) is responsible for the well-being of students in their first year at the College. I work closely with four Resident Deans who have special responsibilities in academic and co-curricular affairs. With the support of 70 resident Proctors, the deans advise students in four designated dorm clusters—Crimson, Elm, Ivy, and Oak Yards. The FDO also coordinates orientation (Opening Days) and pre-orientation programs. All staff welcome the opportunity to discuss your questions and concerns, academic or personal.

Helpful information for the Class of 2022 can be found on the FDO website: fdo.fas.harvard.edu. Staff members are also available between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Eastern Time, Monday to Friday, at (617) 495-1574 or fdo@fas.harvard.edu. If we don’t know the answers to your questions, we will work hard to find out who does.

Please carefully review the important deadlines for the Class of 2022 that you and your family need to meet.

May the remainder of your final year of high school be satisfying and productive.

With all good wishes,
Thomas A. Dingman
Dean of Freshmen
Important deadlines for the Class of 2022

Checklist for May to August

Please complete the following tasks by the stated deadline. Items marked with 1 are required.

May

1 □ May 01: Reply to Admission Offer (college.harvard.edu/reply)

1 □ May 01: Memorize Harvard University ID Number

Consider this to be private, personal information, and commit to memory. The HUID number can be accessed on the admitted students website.

□ May 01: Register with the Accessible Education Office (aeo.fas.harvard.edu)

Students seeking residential and/or academic accommodations due to a documented disability must submit appropriate clinical documentation directly to the AEO, which will review requests, schedule appointments with students to discuss options for reasonable accommodations, and notify the FDO. Requests submitted after the deadline can result in service delays.

1 □ May 01: Activate HarvardKey, Two-Step Verification, and @College Email

Claim your HarvardKey (key.harvard.edu) and activate two-step verification (huit.harvard.edu/twostep) to access protected Harvard online resources and applications (e.g. to pay your bill, upload ID photo, submit housing questionnaire). In addition, be sure to establish your @college email account, which will be the official address that Harvard will use to contact you (visit huit.harvard.edu and select Get Started and Students).

□ May 05: Return Foreign Student Visa Survey (if applicable)

The Admissions Office will contact non-United States citizens/permanent residents by email in mid-April with instructions.

□ May 10: Register for One or More Pre-Orientation Programs (if desired)

(fdo.fas.harvard.edu/pages/pre-orientation)

See the Pre-Orientation at Harvard insert for more information.

1 □ May 15: Update Address and Parent Contact Information (my.harvard.edu)

Ensure College records are updated and verify your address for summer mailings. Visit the “Personal Information” tab in my.harvard.

1 □ May 15: Submit Freshman Family Information Form

(available in April, fdo.fas.harvard.edu/pages/deadlines)

Provide key family information to ensure you and your parents receive important updates and mailings from the Office of Parent and Family Programs as well as the Harvard College Fund Parent Engagement Programs Office.

1 □ May 25: Upload Photo for Harvard ID Card

(campusservicecenter.harvard.edu/photo-submission)

Submit a photo that meets passport specifications and Harvard size restrictions. Students who recently received a Harvard ID card (e.g. at Harvard Summer School) are not required to upload new photo.

1 □ May 25: Complete Housing Questionnaire

(available May 01; fdo.fas.harvard.edu/pages/deadlines)

The Resident Deans of Freshmen (RDFs) use information provided on this form to match roommate and entry groups. Please describe yourself, your habits, and your preferences frankly and completely. Harvard cannot honor requests for particular dorms, type of room, or roommates, though RDFs try to respect preferences for rooming group size whenever possible. Housing and roommate assignments are emailed the first week of August.
May 25: Complete Advising Questionnaire  
(available May 01; fdo.fas.harvard.edu/pages/deadlines)

Every first-year student is assigned a team of advisers (Resident Dean of Freshmen, Proctor, Freshman Academic Adviser, and Peer Advising Fellow). On the advising questionnaire, students note their academic interests, challenges they suspect they may encounter in transitioning to college, and post-graduate educational or career plans they may be considering. Using these responses, the Advising Programs Office (APO) will assign students a Freshman Academic Adviser and Peer Advising Fellow, and notification of each will be sent mid-August. Students’ questionnaire information is available to members of the advising team.

May 25: Submit Family Introduction to the FDO

Families may introduce the student to the Freshman Dean’s Office staff and help set the stage for a successful transition to Harvard. While letters may address academic background, also helpful are experiences that have shaped the student’s personality outside the classroom (e.g. frequent family moves, recent divorce or remarriage, serious illness or recent death), knowing how a student responds to new situations, medical concerns, inclination to seek help from adults, and reaction to challenges.

Introductions are not limited to parents; another family member (sibling, aunt, uncle, or grandparent) or trusted adviser (teacher, coach, or clergy) may write to the FDO. One letter may be submitted per student, with a suggested length of one to two pages. If writing is not convenient, families may instead leave a voicemail of up to four minutes. Letters received by the deadline will aid in the rooming process, but are welcome any time over the summer.

Email: fdo@fas.harvard.edu
Mail: Freshman Dean’s Office; 6 Prescott Street; Cambridge, MA 02138
Fax: 617-496-1624
Voicemail: 617-870-3729

May 25: Submit Photo and Bioform for the Harvard Freshman Register  
(harvardyearbook.com/freshmen)

The Harvard Freshman Register is a hardbound yearbook published each August containing the photos, hometowns, and secondary schools of all incoming freshmen. This is the only tangible historical record that captures your entry to Harvard—copies are available for purchase and each edition is entered into the Harvard Archives. Do not miss this chance to be a part of Harvard history.

June

Early June: Complete Required Online Mathematics and Writing Placement Exams  
(placement-info.fas.harvard.edu)

Watch your @college email for notification of your assigned exam window.

Mid-June: Complete Online Biology, Chemistry, French, and Spanish Placement Exams  
(optional but highly encouraged)

Exams provide course level recommendations. Any student interested in studying the life or physical sciences, or in medical school, should take both biology and chemistry. It is also recommended that students take the placement exam in any language with which they have prior experience. In addition to the online exams above, additional language and music placement exams will be offered on campus during Opening Days.

June 15: Submit Immunizations History to Harvard University Health Services (HUHS)  
(huhs.harvard.edu/immunizations)

Massachusetts requires enrolled students to submit forms proving immunizations. Students should review the list of required immunizations, receive any missing ones, and submit their immunization history to HUHS. Non-submission and/or missing any of the required immunizations will place a hold on your account, and you will not be able to register for classes in August.
July

- **July 01:** Submit Final School Report and Transcript  
  Ask your high school to submit the form and transcript through the Common or Universal Application, or by mail.

- **July 15:** Request Complete Advanced Placement Score Report (collegeboard.org, if applicable)  
  Contact the College Board to request an AP score report that includes all scores, using school code 3434. Harvard uses AP scores to provide course placement recommendations.

- **July 31:** Evaluate the Student Health Insurance Plan and Decide Whether to Waive  
  (available May 01, hushp.harvard.edu/waive)  
  The Harvard University Student Health Program is comprised of the Student Health Fee (required of all undergraduates and guarantees access to most medical services including internal medicine and specialty care) and the Student Health Insurance Plan (provides major medical coverage throughout the United States and abroad). Since Massachusetts requires all enrolled students to have health insurance, undergraduates are automatically enrolled in and charged for the Student Health Insurance Program, which may be waived if another form of insurance offers the same or comparable coverage. Students and families should review coverage and, if applicable, waive the Harvard insurance. Waivers are not automatically renewed and must be completed either each term or academic year. Dental insurance is available; enrollment and renewal are not automatic.

August

- **August 01:** Select and Purchase a Personal Computer (huit.harvard.edu/personal-purchases)  
  If you are considering a computer or software purchase, Harvard offers educational discounts on select computer hardware and software. Microsoft Office (mso.harvard.edu) and anti-virus software (go.eset.com/us/Harvard) are available to students free of charge, along with other software (downloads.fas.harvard.edu).

- **August 01:** Complete NCAA Eligibility Center Registration  
  (ncaaeligibilitycenter.org, if applicable)  
  Verification of eligibility takes at least two weeks after the NCAA receives documentation; therefore registration prior to attending Harvard is imperative. Required only for freshmen wishing to compete on a varsity or junior varsity intercollegiate team. Those wishing to compete for men’s crew, men’s and women’s squash, and men’s and women’s sailing do not need to register with the NCAA.

- **August 15:** Pay Fall Charges (sfs.harvard.edu/student-accounts)  
  A link to your student account will be sent to your Harvard email address in mid-July. Parents and others may view the account and pay charges if established as delegates.

- **August 27:** Move-in Day for the Class of 2022  
  Most freshmen will move in on August 27; those participating in pre-orientation will arrive on the date specified by the program. All students must be in residence by 3:00 pm; required orientation activities for students begin at 7:00 pm. Move-in instructions will be emailed in late July, and programming will be offered for families during the day. Families should depart in the evening.

- **August 31:** Complete Athletic Interest Form (athletics.harvard.edu/prefrosh, if desired)  
  For students who wish to contact varsity coaches and discuss athletic interests.

**Parents and families, mark your calendars for Freshman Family Weekend, held November 2 and 3, 2018.**