



HARVARD COLLEGE

Dean of Students Office

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE

CLASS OF 2024

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

MAY 1 [REPLY TO OFFER OF ADMISSION](#)

Reply to admission offer and confirm your place in the Class of 2024.

MAY 6 [ACTIVATE HARVARD KEY, TWO-STEP VERIFICATION, AND @COLLEGE EMAIL](#)

Claim your HarvardKey and establish your @college email account. Next, activate two-step verification to access protected Harvard online resources and applications. Your @college email account will be the official address that Harvard will use to contact you. Please wait two business days after committing to claim your HarvardKey and establish your email account. During this two-day period your name and HUID activate in Harvard's databases.

MAY 8 [PRE-ORIENTATION](#)

Register for one of six pre-orientation programs if desired.

MAY 10 [REGISTER WITH THE ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION OFFICE](#)

If you seek residential and/or academic accommodations due to a disability or health condition, register online and attach any available documentation. After completing the online form, you will be contacted by the AEO to schedule an appointment to discuss options for reasonable accommodations. Requests made after the deadline can result in delays in implementation and availability.

MAY 15 **FOREIGN STUDENT VISA SURVEY**

The Admissions Office will contact non-United States citizens and permanent residents by email with instructions for those who need to submit this form.

MAY 15 [UPDATE ADDRESS AND PERSONAL INFORMATION](#)

Update your mailing address and your emergency contacts by visiting the personal information tab in my.harvard.

MAY 15 [SUBMIT THE FAMILY INFORMATION FORM](#)

Review and update contact information for your family in my.harvard to ensure your parents, guardians, and/or family members receive important information regarding family-specific events and communications from the Office of Parent and Family Engagement. This contact information is separate from emergency contacts.

- MAY 22** **UPLOAD PHOTO FOR HARVARD ID CARD**
Submit a photo that meets passport specifications and Harvard size restrictions. Students who recently received a Harvard ID card are not required to upload a new photo.
- MAY 22** **HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE**
The Resident Deans of First-Year Students 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, but staff try to respect preferences for rooming group size whenever possible. We will release housing and roommate assignments the first week of August.
- MAY 22** **ADVISING QUESTIONNAIRE**
Every first-year student receives a team of advisers based on responses in the advising questionnaire. Students will receive notification of their advisers in mid-August.
- MAY 22** **FAMILY INTRODUCTION LETTER**
Families may introduce their student through a letter to the First-Year Experience Office staff. Letters may address academic background, but it is also helpful to include 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. One letter may be submitted per student, with a suggested length of one to two pages (mail to 6 Prescott Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; e-mail to firstyear@fas.harvard.edu; or fax to 617-496-1624). Or, families may choose to leave a voicemail of up to four minutes at 617-495-1574.
- MAY 22** **SUBMIT PHOTO AND BIOFORM FOR THE HARVARD REGISTER**
The Harvard Register is a hardbound yearbook published each August. It contains the photos, hometowns, and secondary schools of all incoming first-year students. This is the only tangible historical record that captures your entry to Harvard. Copies are available for sale and each edition is entered into the Harvard Archives. Do not miss this chance to be a part of Harvard history.

JUNE **MATHEMATICS & WRITING PLACEMENT EXAMS**

1 Watch your @college email for details on these required online exams. All students are encouraged to complete their exams during the first exam window, which runs June 1 to June 18.

JUN 15 **SUBMIT IMMUNIZATIONS HISTORY TO HARVARD UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES (HUHS)**

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

JUNE **ONLINE BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, FRENCH, & SPANISH PLACEMENT EXAMS**

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These 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. The exam window runs from June 19 to July 24.

JUL 1 **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.

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JULY** **SUBMIT AP SCORE REPORT**

Contact the College Board to request an AP score report that includes all scores, using school code 3434. Advanced Placement exams can be useful for placement recommendations, but are not required.

JUL 31 **EVALUATE THE STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND DECIDE WHETHER TO 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.

- AUG 14** [PAY FALL TUITION AND CHARGES](#)
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.
- AUG 26** **MOVE-IN DAY FOR THE CLASS OF 2024**
Most first-year students will move in on August 26. Those participating in pre-orientation will arrive on August 20. 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. Programming will be offered for families during the day. Families should depart in the evening.
- AUG 31** [ATHLETIC INTEREST FORM](#)
If interested in a varsity sport, contact the appropriate head coach.