

ORIENTATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When does orientation begin?

1. For new international students, Wednesday, August 26.
2. For new non-international students, Thursday, August 27.

When will I register?

In the morning of your first day of orientation (see above); it will be the first thing that you will do.

Do I register for classes at that time?

No, you will be given a study card in your registration materials. You will have a week to go to classes before filling out your study card and turning it in at Student Services with your final course selections on Wednesday, September 9.

When will I receive my ID card?

You will be given a permanent ID card if you have uploaded your picture, and if you have not done that, a temporary one on your first day of orientation. We will be taking pictures of those of you who did not upload one during orientation (see orientation schedule for details). You will receive an email during the last week of September from the registrar when your permanent ID card is ready to be picked up.

When will I receive my student bill (known as the “term bill”)?

You should have received an email message from the Student Receivables Office in mid-July with a link to your term bill (through the use of your Harvard ID number and PIN). Instructions about how to pay your bill are available on your term bill page.

How do I enroll in limited-enrollment courses?

You must first enter your limited-enrollment lottery choices on-line (the link will be posted on the GSD's Courses web page on Tuesday, August 18). The results will be posted at the same link on Tuesday evening, September 1. If you lottery into a course successfully, you must be sure to attend the first class session AND write the course on your study card.

How does the studio option lottery work?

For those eligible for the studio option lottery, please see the [GSD studio lottery guidelines](#) on the summer mailing web page.