

Calculus and Physics Prerequisites

Options for completing the calculus and physics prerequisites

1) PROOF OF PRIOR COURSE WORK:

- a) If you believe that you may have completed one or both of these prerequisites with previous course work, submit documentation by April 20, 2015, to calculusphysics@gsd.harvard.edu.
- b) In order for a course to be evaluated, the documentation must include a course description and syllabus along with a transcript that includes the course. A grade of B- or above must be achieved. The documentation will be reviewed by the Architecture department and a decision will be communicated via email. Any updates also will appear on your application status page.

2) ENROLLING IN PREREQUISITE COURSES:

You may enroll in online or traditional-classroom courses via the following options:

- a) Enroll in an online summer course that has been preapproved by the GSD. The applicant must submit proof of enrollment in the course no later than **May 1, 2015**. A grade of B- or better is required. An official transcript, sent directly from the institution to the GSD, must be received by the GSD no later than **August 15, 2015**. *Please note that many online courses require a mandatory 90-day course period.*
- b) Enroll in a summer course of your choice (online or traditional-classroom), but such a course requires approval. For approval, applicants must submit a course description and/or syllabus to the GSD by **April 20th, 2015**. Upon approval, the applicant must submit proof of enrollment in the course no later than **May 1, 2015**. A grade of B- or better is required. An official transcript, sent directly from the institution to the GSD, must be received by the GSD no later than **August 15, 2015**.

While online courses work well for some students, the format is not necessarily the best for all students. Please evaluate and consider your learning style when signing up for a course.

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT FULLFILLING THE PREREQUISITE:

Should an admitted student, for rare and extreme reasons, not fulfill the prerequisite(s) prior to the fall semester per the options defined above, the student **may have her or his admission rescinded and not be allowed to enroll at the GSD**. Each situation will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Alternatively, the GSD will require a student who has not fulfilled the prerequisite(s) to enroll in only 16 units of GSD course work during the spring semester of the 2015-16 academic year. In light of the demanding workload associated with the core curriculum, the 4-unit course reduction is mandatory and will enable the student to enroll in a physics or calculus course through the Harvard Extension school, online (upon approval), or through Harvard College during spring semester 2016, at the student's own expense*. Accordingly, the student will postpone a required first-year GSD course, to be made up in a subsequent semester. If completed satisfactorily, the calculus and/or physics course will fulfill the prerequisite but *will not count* toward the GSD degree as it cannot be counted twice (as fulfilling both a prerequisite and a degree requirement). **Please note carefully: this is a very undesirable consequence and should be assiduously avoided.** It places the student out of sequence in the core curriculum and requires that she or he take a course overload, or multiple course overloads in a future semester, which can be difficult. The student must achieve a B- or above, as with all other prerequisite courses. *Note: Enrolling in an online course during the fall or spring semester concurrently with the full load of the core curriculum is not allowed. Once a student has failed to fulfill the prerequisite, the GSD course reduction is mandatory.*

**Students may register for a Harvard College course through cross-registration, meaning the student would not pay extra for the course. It would appear on the GSD transcript but would not count as allowable credit toward your degree. This, however, would be the least desirable option as Harvard College courses are extremely challenging and will likely conflict with the GSD course schedule, which is at the student's risk and responsibility to ameliorate.*