The New Gen Ed Enrollment Process: A Step-by-Step How-To

Step 1: Submit a petition for any and all Gen Ed courses you’d like to take.

a.) Add Gen Ed courses to your Crimson Cart.
b.) Click “Enroll/Validate/Delete.” A new screen will pop up displaying all courses; select your Gen Ed courses and click the “Validate” button. Once your courses are validated, a “Submit” button will appear in the Permissions column of your Crimson Cart.
c.) Click “Submit” to enter a petition to enroll in the course. After you click the button, you’ll still need to click through a few more screens. Once your petition is successfully submitted for a course, an orange clock icon will appear. That says that your petition is pending; once a decision is reached, your icon will update to reflect if your petition was approved or denied.

Step 2: Enter the lottery.

Your first completed petition for a Gen Ed course tells my.harvard to put you in the group of students entering the Gen Ed enrollment process lottery. To move to the ranking part of the process, click “enter lottery.” Shortly, a lottery event banner will appear in my.harvard directly over your Crimson Cart. Please note that it can take up to 15 minutes for this “enter lottery” event box to appear in my.harvard.
Step 3: Add your courses to your lottery list.

You’re now in the lottery! Congrats! You’ll see all the Gen Ed courses on offer this term – not just the ones you’ve petitioned for. If a course has a plus sign next to it, that means you have successfully petitioned for it and may add it to your ranking list. Click the plus sign to move that course into your personalized ranking list.

Step 4: Rank those courses!

Once you’ve added up to 5 courses to your personalized list and ranked them, click “submit.” Once your list is submitted, you can shuffle the order based on your preferences as much as you want – use the up and down arrows to move your choices up or down your list. Make sure to finalize your rankings by 11:59 p.m. Friday, August 21. After that, you can’t make any changes.

Step 5: Register for your chosen course(s).

Check my.harvard Monday, August 24 to see which petitions have been approved and which have been denied. You’ll see a red X appear by courses you didn’t get into and a green check by courses in which you’re approved to enroll. Once you’re approved for a course, you may complete the registration process. Be sure to register by the course registration deadline of 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, August 26 – after that, your seat isn’t guaranteed. Good luck!