The Gen Ed Lottery: A Step-by-Step How-To

Step 1: Submit a petition for up to 3 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.

d.) **NOTE**: You don't have to enter anything in the blank box that pops up when you submit a petition. It won't improve your lottery chances, so feel free to click through the box.

Look for the orange clock to confirm that you've successfully submitted a petition.

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 up to 3 courses to your lottery list.

You're now in the lottery! Congrats! You'll see <u>all</u> 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.

Added to Lottery
You must select at least 0 but no more than 5 courses.

Rank	Course	Title	Faculty	Department	Day	Time

Clear All **Submit**

Available Courses

Course	Title	Faculty	Department	Day	Time
GENED-1003	Designing the American City: Civic Aspirations and Urban Form	Alex Krieger	FAS Lottery	TTh	09:00-10:15
GENED-1008	Power and Identity in the Middle East	Melani Cammett	FAS Lottery	TTh	01:30-02:45
GENED-1010	Satire	Ambrogio Camozzi Pistoja	FAS Lottery	W	12:00-02:45
GENED-1014	Ancestry	Maya Jasanoff	FAS Lottery	MW	12:00-01:15
GENED-1021	The Stories We Tell	Martin Puchner David Damrosch	FAS Lottery	MW	01:30-02:45
GENED-1023	Ignorance, Lies, Hogwash, and Humbug	Christopher Robichaud	FAS Lottery	MW	03:00-04:15
GENED-1027	Human Evolution and Human Health	Daniel Lieberman	FAS Lottery	TTh	01:30-02:45
GENED-1031	Finding Our Way	John Huth	FAS Lottery	TTh	10:30-11:45
GENED-1035	Dissent and Disobedience in Democracies	Arthur Applbaum	FAS Lottery	MW	03:00-04:15

Step 4: Rank those courses!

Once you've added up to 3 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. Tuesday, August 24.** After that, you can't make any changes.

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⊖ ⌄	1	GENED-1031	Finding Our Way	John Huth	FAS Lottery	TTh	10:30-11:45
⊖ ⌃	2	GENED-1098	Natural Disasters	Brendan Meade	FAS Lottery	TTh	10:30-11:45
⊖ ⌃	Classes added to the lottery		Prediction: The Past and Present of the Future	Alyssa Goodman	FAS Lottery	W	03:00-05:45

Clear All **Submit**

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

Check my.harvard the afternoon of **Wednesday, August 25** 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. Thursday, August 26 –** after that, your seat isn't guaranteed. **Good luck!**

NOTE: The **red X** will disappear after any update to your Crimson Cart (you validate it, you enroll in something, etc.), and it will be replaced by a **"resubmit"** option. This does **not** mean that you should resubmit for the lottery - it is just a function of the system. Therefore, if after the lottery has concluded (check for the update that the lottery is over on https://gened.fas.harvard.edu/fall-2021) you see anything other than a **green check** by your course in your Crimson Cart, you were **not** granted a seat in the course.