A Guide to Sectioning, Fall 2015

A "section" at Harvard is small-group instruction, either as a part of a larger course or as the primary division of some courses. Many courses have a lecture several times per week, with an additional discussion section. Other courses are taught entirely "in section," with small groups assigned to different instructors and meeting times. Students generally do not “shop” the courses that meet entirely in section; rather, the meeting time and location are provided to students through the online sectioning program for that particular course. The following are guides to common freshman sections.

Expository Writing
- Meets entirely in sections. Students select and rank courses based on content. Not first-come, first-served.
- See the Expos registration calendar on the Expos website, and keep the calendar at hand when meeting with students: writingprogram.fas.harvard.edu/pages/registration
- **When to Section:** Friday, 9/4/15 @ noon – Sunday, 9/6/15 @ 11:59 p.m.
- **Section Assignment Notifications:** Monday, 9/7/15 (evening)
- **Section Change Requests:** Tuesday, 9/8/15 – Thursday, 9/10/15
- **Expos Classes Begin:** Wednesday, 9/9/15
- **Available Expos 20 Courses:** Fall 2015 Expos 20 Course Descriptions (the Expos 20 courses page will be updated through August 2015)

Math
- Most freshman-level calculus courses meet entirely in sections.
- Note in *Courses of Instruction:* Math Ma, 1a, 1b, 21a, 21b have a required first meeting at beginning of term; sectioning/course structure outlined at that meeting:
  - Math Ma will meet on Wednesday, September 2, at 8:30 am in Science Center
  - Math 1a will meet on Wednesday, September 2, at 8:30 am in Science Center
  - Math 1b will meet on Wednesday, September 2, at 8:30 am in Science Center
  - Math 21a will meet on Wednesday, September 2, at 8:30 am in Science Center
  - Math 21b will meet on Wednesday, September 2, at 8:30 am in Science Center
- Instructions for sectioning can be found at math.harvard.edu/sectioning.
- Sectioning ends Wednesday, September 2 at noon; section assignments will be emailed by 5:00 pm Thursday, September 3; classes begin Friday or Monday.

Languages
- Many introductory/intermediate classes meet in sections.
- Romance Language sectioning online: Go to the course website (see *Courses of Instruction*)
  - May begin sectioning when placement scores posted – sectioning deadlines vary;
  - After sectioning, students receive email/go to course website for time/location of first class.
- German A and Ca: No longer need to section for these, just go to the desired class time.
- Other languages: see *Courses of Instruction* online, or go to Languages Advising Fair, Monday, August 31, 1 - 3:30 pm, on Science Center plaza.

Science Courses
- Many standard introductory courses in chemistry, biology, and physics have lecture 2-3 times/week PLUS a regular lab/section meeting. Sectioning info provided in class.
- Students should attend the science academic fair on Monday, August 31, 1 - 3:30 pm, Science Center.

Gen Ed Courses
Many have 1-3 weekly lectures PLUS a weekly discussion section with Teaching Fellow.

Lotteries
Courses may be “lottered” because of size or other resource limits; shop some back-ups.

Freshman Seminars
- All info at: http://www.freshmanseminars.college.harvard.edu
- Applications due online Wednesday, August 26 at 9am.
- Students learn of acceptance on Friday, August 28 and must accept/decline by 9 am on Monday, August 31. Should have a few back-up classes in case not accepted. Seminars with remaining openings posted 12 noon on Monday, August 31.