ABOUT THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

The Office of Student Services team supports students by providing a range of programs and services to enhance their HKS student experience. Learn more below.

**Disability Accommodations**

Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard University are committed to the full inclusion of all students in our communities. Disabilities come in many forms, and may be permanent or temporary. We provide accommodations and support to our students with documented disabilities on an individual, case-by-case basis. Contact us for details about accommodations.

**Student Organizations, Publications, and Conferences**

There are more than 80 active student organizations for students to share a skill or learn something new—be it in policy or government, different professional development areas, politics, sports, or geographic regions or cultures. Student organizations and their events are open to all HKS students.

The 11 student-run policy journals and The Citizen, our student newspaper, are ways for students to research, write, and learn about policy and publish their experiences and opinions.

Between 8 and 10 student-led policy-driven conferences are held in the spring to bring together participants, practitioners, and experts from the Harvard community and elsewhere to listen, learn, and engage in an academic setting.

**MBTA Discount Pass Program**

HKS students have the option to buy discounted semester-long passes for the MBTA, the Boston area’s public transportation system.

**Take a Faculty Member to Lunch**

Through this Student Services-funded program, small groups of students have the opportunity to take HKS faculty members out for lunch in Harvard Square and get to know them outside of the classroom.
HKS Serves
This annual community-wide day of service is a celebrated event. Students, faculty members, staff, and HKS alumni come together at the start of the fall term to volunteer at organizations in the Boston-Cambridge area. They have the option to work with local community partners involved with home energy efficiency projects, community schools and centers, municipal parks, or community relief organizations.

Quorum Calls
This weekly event is a loved tradition among HKS students. Held most Fridays at 4 pm, Quorum Call is an informal gathering for students to unwind after the week and connect with their classmates over light food and beverages. Students’ families are welcome to join.

Student Travel Safety
We coordinate with Harvard’s Global Support Services (www.globalsupport.harvard.edu) to support HKS students who are traveling on HKS funding to ensure that they’re trained on general and region-specific travel safety.

The Student Lounge
The Student Lounge is a comfortable spot for students to get together on campus and socialize, study, or watch TV. The lounge also includes two team rooms that students can reserve, the Kennedy School Student Government (KSSG) and Student Public Service Collaborative (SPSC) office space, and the Office of Student Services team. Vending machines and complimentary hot beverages are available daily for students in addition to a phone charging station.

> Trick-or-Treat in the Student Lounge
Students, faculty members, and staff are all invited to bring their families to the HKS campus for this fun and favorite annual community event. Children arrive in their Halloween costumes and go “trick or treating,” office to office, in the Student Lounge.

> De-Stress for Success
Snacks and a wellness/self-care activity are available to students during exam periods to help them unwind and de-stress.

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