
RE: Fall 2026 Course Registration

From Hassett, Kristen <khassett@Central.UH.EDU>
Date Thu 7/30/2026 1:26 PM
To Chang, Daniel <dchang4@Central.UH.EDU>

Thanks, Daniel – having the updated degree plan really helps me! Let's keep you in the two classes you're currently enrolled in. Yes, the 8397 counts as a specialization elective. We will make sure we have the correct courses that you need for spring 2027 too, without all the headaches you've had to endure this semester!

Warmly,
Kristen



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Hello Dr. Hassett,

First, thank you so much for your help! I also greatly understand the challenges of getting things done in the summer with so many people out of office...

To be honest, I (maybe delusionally) feel I am in a good place for my dissertation (Chapters 1-3 materials and framework for Chapters 4 and 5 ready for Dr. Zou's review when she returns from break), so I am not sure how much more help any particular class will provide. Therefore, my primary concern is to ensure I satisfy the course requirements for the program.

To date I have completed the following courses from the [2024-25 PHD Handbook](#):

"A. PROGRAM CORE REQUIREMENTS (30 HOURS)

Students in the HELPS doctoral program are required to complete a Program Core consisting of 10 courses (30 hours). The 10 required courses are listed below.

COURSE NUMBER COURSE NAME

CUST 8378 Current Issues in Education (SUMMER 2025)
CUST 8375 History and Philosophy of Higher Education (FALL 2024)
ELCS 7371 Higher Education Law (FALL 2024)
ELCS 8331 Finance in Higher Education (FALL 2025)
ELCS 8332 Student Development in Postsecondary Institutions (SUMMER 2026 - In progress)
ELCS 8335 Seminar in Adult Education
ELCS 8338 Administration of Higher Education in Multicultural Settings (SUMMER 2025)
ELCS 8355 Policy, Politics, and Governance of Education (SPRING 2026 - but course was ELCS 8380 Higher Education Policy)
ELCS 8360 Studies in Postsecondary Education (SPRING 2025)
ELCS 8397 Seminar Topics in Educational Leadership and Cultural Studies (SUMMER 2026 - In progress)

B. RESEARCH METHODS CORE REQUIREMENTS (15 HOURS)

Students in the HELPS program are required to complete a Research Methods Core consisting of 5 courses (15 hours).

COURSE NUMBER COURSE NAME

EDRS 8380 Research Methods in Education (FALL 2025)
EDRS 8382 Statistical Analyses in Education (SPRING 2026)
SAER 8320 Ethnographic Methods (SPRING 2025)
ELCS 8330 Statistical Analyses
ELCS 8322 Advanced Ethnographic Methods

Students may substitute ELCS 8330 and ELCS 8322 for other Advanced Methods Courses with Advisor Approval"

I have not completed any of the following from the handbook:

"C. INDEPENDENT RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS (9 HOURS MIN)
D. SPECIALIZATION ELECTIVES (MINIMUM 12 HOURS)"

My understanding is that for Fall 2026, CUIN 8377 would have fulfilled the ELCS 8322 requirement and ELCS 8397 would be considered a specialization elective?

So to summarize, I have no strong interest in any particular class for the Fall 2026 semester. However, since TAing for a class fulfills one of the requirements for program completion, I was intending to complete that with TAing for Dr. Louis for ELCS 7371 Higher Education Law which is Thursday evenings this fall.

That would mean I could only attend two classes this fall semester if held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, or asynchronously. Avoiding extra expenses such as the GHL \$1500 executive fee would also be greatly appreciated...

I am happy to follow any direction you see fit.



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Hi Daniel,

I've been working with the staff on everything but see that you're in Dr. Zou's class now. Do you want to stay in her class, or do you want me to have them swap you out? We now have SPEC 8394 University Teaching Practicum with Dr. Louis on the schedule (hidden), so I can have them swap you out of ELCS 8397 into SPEC 8394, or we can keep you enrolled as is.

Again, my apologies for how long this entire process has taken! It seems like all the program managers in the college are out this week.

Warmly,
Kristen



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Thank you so much, Dr. Hassett!

Yes, I give permission to be manually enrolled in another class, independent study, etc. Whatever is most convenient!

Just to clarify, I will be TAing for Dr. Louis, but Dr. Zou is my advisor.

Please have a great weekend!



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Hi Daniel,

Thanks for reaching out directly, and my sincerest apologies for all this confusion in the department!

Let me reach out directly to Dr. Lee, the instructor, and I'll ask if we can enroll you over the class cap. That would be the simplest solution. A backup option could be an independent study or teaching practicum class (we can put my name in it for now and then talk to Dave ASAP).

With your permission, I'll make sure Norquezdan manually enrolls you in another course on Monday. I'll update you as soon as I can.

Thanks,

Kristen



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Hello Dr. Hassett,

Sorry to bother you, but I was hoping for some guidance about this upcoming semester.

When the initial email for Fall 2027 went out on 3/6 (first attachment), I followed the instructions and enrolled in the following classes:

Fall 2024 Cohort – Part-Time

- ELCS 8397: Special Topics | 20254 | Face to Face | Wednesday, 5:30-8:30pm | Dr. Yali Zou
- CUIN 8377: Qualitative Inquiry in Education I | 25458 | Face to Face | Mondays, 5:30-8:30pm | Dr. Mimi Lee

This also allowed me to receive permission from Dr. Louis and confirm a TA position for Higher Education Law on Thursdays for the Fall (which is a program requirement):

- ELCS 7371: Higher Education Law | 20253 | Face to Face | Thursday, 5:30-8:30pm | Dr. Dave Louis

Then I received the email from Norquezdan on 07/13 saying that there was no room for enrollment in CUIN 8377 and to choose a different elective (second attachment).

The third attachment then recommended I enroll in GHL 8307, which I did. However, I noticed there was a \$1500 Executive Fee.

Then today, I received the email (fourth attachment) asking I withdraw from that course and speak with my advisor to discuss alternative options.

I hope this is a safe space and can stay between us, but my advisor has been...unreachable during the summer break.

I am growing concerned because I have secured a staff tuition scholarship from HR and a staff tuition scholarship from Staff Council. Both scholarships require that I am enrolled in a minimum of two courses for the Fall semester.

I understand situations change, but I am very worried that my scholarships and secured TA position are at risk.

Any advice would be sincerely appreciated.



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Subject: Re: Fall 2026 Course Registration

Good afternoon, Daniel,

Thank you for letting us know.

We are currently working to identify another course option for you in place of GHL 8307 Qualitative Data Analysis. Unfortunately, we initially overlooked that GHL 8307 is an executive course.

For now, please unenroll from the course and contact your academic advisor to discuss alternative course options. The department will continue to search for other options as well.

We apologize for the confusion and appreciate your understanding.

Thank you,



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To Whom it May Concern,

I noticed that by enrolling in GHL 8307, my projected tuition costs include a \$1500 DGHL Executive Fee:

Term Detail Fall 2026 - Academic Fees

Term	
2300	Fall 2026
Description	
Academic Fees	
Description	
DGHL Executive Fee	

Could you please let me know if this will be adjusted/waived? It would be a significant unexpected expense to my Fall 2026 tuition costs.

If not, would it be possible to change to a different course?



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Understood, thank you for the clarification. I have swapped the courses as instructed.



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Good morning, Daniel,

Yes, instead of enrolling into CUIIN 8377 *Qualitative Inquiry in Education*, please swap that course with **GHL 8307, Qualitative Data Analysis**.

We apologies for the miscommunication on the course registration email.

Thank you,



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To Whom It May Concern,

Hello, my name is Daniel and I received the email below yesterday stating I should be enrolled in the following for the Fall 2026 semester:

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- ELCS 8397: Special Topics | 20254 | Face to Face | Wednesday, 5:30-8:30pm | Dr. Yali Zou
- CUIIN 8377: Qualitative Inquiry in Education I | 25458 | Face to Face | Mondays, 5:30-8:30pm | Dr. Mimi Lee

I am currently enrolled in both classes. However, I also received the attached email on Monday stating:

"...the course has reached its enrollment capacity, and we have first-year students who require the course as part of their degree plan."

Could you please advise?



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Dear Higher Education PhD Students,

We hope your Summer is going well! Attached to this email, you will find a registration guide to assist you with enrolling in courses. Below are the courses you should register for the Fall 2026 semester. We encourage you to enroll in your courses as early as possible.

Classes begin on **August 24th, 2026**. The last day to add a class is **August 31st, 2026**.

FALL 2026

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- Elective
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Fall 2025 Cohort – Full-Time

- ELCS 7371: Higher Education Law | 20253 | Face to Face | Thursday, 5:30-8:30pm | Dr. Dave Louis
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