

Yale

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Academics

Yale combines the immense scope of a world-class university with the close-knit community of a liberal arts college. Physically and philosophically, the College is at the heart of the University, which means that our undergraduates have ample access to the vast array of resources on campus. Yale students find that their classmates are as supportive as they are ambitious, and renowned faculty make time to be dedicated educators. Yalies experience their education both in and out of the classroom, through extracurricular pursuits, through study, service, and internships abroad, and through various meaningful relationships with peers, faculty, mentors, and alumni.

The Yale Curriculum

Of the 36 course credits required for graduation, about a third will fulfill requirements for the major, a third will fulfill distributional requirements, and a third will be elective courses. There is no core curriculum at Yale, but students fulfill distributional requirements by taking courses in three study areas (the humanities, the sciences, and the social sciences) and three skills areas (writing, quantitative reasoning, and foreign language).

2,000+ courses	76% of courses enroll fewer than 20 students; 31% enroll fewer than 10	
6:1 student-to-faculty ratio	800+ science, math, and engineering labs at Yale College and the graduate and professional schools	
66% of students participate in international study, research, and/or internships abroad	80+ majors	\$6 million available for undergraduate international experiences
2 weeks to “shop” for courses before registering each semester		70 undergraduates each year for the past 5 years have coauthored published research
53 foreign languages offered	35 varsity sports teams	
87% of undergraduates live on campus	500+ active student organizations	75 performance groups



Residential Colleges

Yale’s residential college system guarantees students both a strong sense of community and broad diversity from day one of their undergraduate careers. Before arriving freshman year, each student is randomly assigned to one of twelve residential colleges - smaller living communities that combine the intimate feel of a small college with the diversity of a larger student body. Each residential college includes dormitory suites, a dining hall, community spaces, a gym, and a library. Because residential college life is so central to the Yale experience, 87% of undergraduates live on campus. Students remain affiliated with the same residential college for all four years of study, and alumni still claim that their college is the best long after graduation.

Financial Aid

Yale admits students for their academic and personal promise without regard to their ability to pay. The University meets 100% of every undergraduate's demonstrated financial need with an aid package that does not require any student to take out loans. To estimate your Yale financial aid award, use our Net Price Calculator online: admissions.yale.edu/financial-aid.

The total cost of attendance at Yale for 2015-2016 is **\$65,725**, which includes tuition (\$47,600), room and board (\$14,600), and books and personal expenses (\$3,525). The average annual grant from Yale to its students receiving financial aid for 2014-2015 was **\$43,230**, or about two-thirds of the cost of attendance.

\$0 parent contribution for households with less than \$65,000 in annual income and typical assets

\$11,950 median net cost for students receiving financial aid in 2014-2015

\$43,230 average Yale need-based scholarship in 2014-2015

84% of the Class of 2014 graduated with zero loan debt on graduation day

100% of financial need is met with a Yale financial aid award that does not include loans

\$119 million estimated Yale College financial aid budget

Who Qualifies for Financial Aid? (2014–2015)

Annual Income Range	% of aid applicants who qualified	Avg grant award (from all sources)*	Avg Parental Contribution	Number of families at Yale
<\$65,000	100%	\$54,850	\$0	639**
\$65,000 - \$100,000	100%	\$50,800	\$5,600	511
\$100,000 - \$150,000	99%	\$42,850	\$12,650	728
\$150,000 - \$200,000	99%	\$28,700	\$27,500	428

*All sources include Yale's need-based scholarship and other need-based aid sources such as Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and state grants.

**Due to either extraordinary assets or University policies related to the calculation of incomes earned in currencies other than U.S. dollars, an additional 220 families who had estimated incomes below \$65,000 did not qualify for a \$0 parental contribution. These families' unique circumstances resulted in significantly varied parental contributions.

Who Goes to Yale?

5,400 total undergraduates

55% from public schools

50 states represented

43% identify as members of a minority group

10% international students

14% will be the first in their family to graduate from a 4-year college or university

80+ countries represented

What Comes After Yale?

74% of the Class of 2014 entered the workforce, **17%** went to graduate or professional school, **4%** pursued independent research

91% of Yale students and alumni who apply to law school are admitted

88% of Yale students and alumni who apply to medical school are admitted

100+ workshops and presentations offered at Undergraduate Career Services during the academic year

60% of 2014 graduates found their job through a Yale resource

Admissions

Each year, Yale receives applications from many thousands of highly qualified candidates and can only admit a small percentage of these students. While academic strength is our first consideration in evaluating candidates, no one is admitted to Yale according to a formula. We look at each student holistically, with the aim of gathering together an extraordinary variety of interesting individuals who will challenge and inspire one another, and who will enrich their communities in college and beyond. We also make a special effort to bring to Yale students who have exhibited great promise but who may have had limited access to resources for college preparation.

Application Requirements

- The Common Application and Yale-Specific Questions (available online at commonapp.org)
- \$80 Application Fee or Fee Waiver
- Two teacher recommendations
- Counselor Recommendation and School Report (including transcript)
- Standardized test results from either the SAT (Critical Reading, Math, and Writing) or the ACT with writing
- Mid-Year Report (due when first semester or trimester senior grades become available at your school)

Application Deadlines

Single-Choice Early Action*

Application: November 1
Financial Aid Forms: November 1

Regular Decision

Application: January 1
Financial Aid Forms: March 1

*Review the single-choice early action policies online at admissions.yale.edu/scea

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