

Yale University

General Information

Yale University is a private research university located in New Haven, Connecticut, and it is part of the Ivy League group of universities. It is one of the oldest universities in the United States, founded in 1701. Yale University offers a total of 80 different majors and the school is organized into fourteen constituent schools.

History

Yale was originally founded in Saybrook, CT in 1701 as the Collegiate School. It is the third oldest college in the United States, and one of the nine Colonial Colleges created before the American Revolution. In 1716, the school was moved to New Haven, CT where it stands today. In 1718 the school was renamed to Yale College in honor of Elihu Yale's donations to the school. In the 1800s, the college expanded into professional instruction, awarding its first PhD in 1861 and becoming a university in 1887. At the end of the 19th century, Yale expanded its campus and scientific research, drawing in many more students.

Student Statistics

- 5,939 Undergrads
- 6:1 Student to faculty ratio
- Fewer than 25 people per class
- 80% Out-of-state students, 12% International, 8% in-state
- 50% Male undergraduates, 50% Female undergraduates

Location

Yale University is located in New Haven, Connecticut. Its central campus is located in downtown New Haven and covers 260 acres of land. The university's athletic facilities are located in west New Haven and cover 500 acres of land. The city around Yale is dense, and there are many restaurants, stores, and entertainment nearby.

Academics

Yale offers many education programs including undergraduate study, graduate and professional study, international education, summer sessions, and online learning. There are about 2000 courses and 80 majors to choose from at Yale. The bachelor's degree 4 year graduation rate is about 87%, the 5 year graduation rate is 95%, and the 6 year graduation rate is 97%. The most popular majors at Yale are Economics, History, Political Science, Cellular Biology, and English. Yale is divided into 14 schools including Yale College, Yale School of medicine, Yale Divinity School, Yale Law School, Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Sheffield Scientific School, Yale School of Fine Arts, Yale School of Music, Yale School of the Environment, Yale School of Public Health, Yale School of Architecture, Yale School of Nursing, Yale School of Drama, Yale School of Management, and the planned Jackson School of Global Affairs.

Application Info

Yale is one of the hardest universities to be accepted to in the United States, with an average 6% acceptance rate. High SAT / ACT scores are needed to get in, 89% of the class of 2024 had composite SAT scores of over 1400. The ACT composite score range for the class of 2024 was 33-35. The average weighted GPA of Yale students is 4.14, making it very challenging to be accepted to. The application deadline for 2021 was January 12th. Yale also accepts Common App. In order to be admitted to Yale, applicants will need to submit:

- A high school transcript
- Two teacher recommendations and one counselor letter
- SAT and two SAT subject test scores, or ACT scores
- Yale supplementary writing questions ([Essay Info](#))
- A mid-year report
- \$80 application fee (can be waived)

List of Majors

First-year students at Yale are not required or expected to choose a major. Although students intending to major in a STEM field may do so in their second semester. Students majoring in STEM are expected to declare their major in sophomore year, while students majoring in other subjects declare their major no later than the start of their junior year.

B.A Degrees

- African American studies, African Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Applied Mathematics, Archaeological Studies, Architecture, Art, Astronomy
- Chemistry, Classical Civilization, Classics, Cognitive Science, Comparative Literature, Computer Science, Computer Science and Psychology, Computing and the Arts
- Earth and Planetary Sciences, East Asian Languages and Literatures, East Asian Studies, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Economics, Economics and Mathematics, Engineering Sciences (Electrical), Engineering Sciences (Environmental), Engineering Sciences (Mechanical), English, Environmental Studies, Ethics Politics and Economics, Ethnicity Race and Migration
- Film and Media Studies, French
- German Studies, Global Affairs, Greek Ancient and Modern
- History, History of Art, History of Science Medicine and Public Health, Humanities
- Italian Studies
- Judaic Studies
- Latin American Studies, Linguistics
- Mathematics, Mathematics and Philosophy, Modern Middle East Studies, Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology, Music
- Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Neuroscience
- Philosophy, Physics and Philosophy, Political Science, Portuguese, Psychology
- Religious Studies, Russian, Russian East European and Eurasian Studies
- Sociology, South Asian Studies, Spanish Special Divisional Major, Statistics and Data Science
- Theater and Performance Studies

- Urban Studies
- Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies

B.S Degrees

- Applied Mathematics, Applied Physics, Astrophysics
- Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Cognitive Science, Computer Science, Computer Science and Economics, Computer Science and Mathematics
- Earth and Planetary Sciences, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Electrical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Engineering Sciences (Chemical), Engineering Sciences (Electrical), Engineering Sciences (Mechanical), Environmental Engineering, Environmental Studies
- Mathematics, Mathematics and Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Molecular Biophysics and Chemistry, Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology
- Neuroscience
- Physics, Physics and Geosciences, Physics and Philosophy, Psychology,
- Special Divisional Major, Statistics and Data Science

Double Major

If a student wants to complete the requirements for two separate majors, they must talk with their residential college dean. Each major must be completed independent of each other. Students must petition the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing to be granted permission to complete two majors.

Internships

Students can apply to internships through Yale's Office of Career Strategy. Career advisors will help you with resumes, interview preparation, and searching for opportunities.

Core Curriculum

Yale's undergraduate curriculum offers a liberal arts education, and because of this there are no specific courses that Yale makes you take, but you are required to "learn broadly and deeply".

Yale's academic requirements are:

- Two course credits in the humanities and arts
- Two course credits in the sciences
- Two course credits in the social sciences
- Two course credits in quantitative reasoning
- Two course credits in writing
- Course(s) to further foreign language proficiency

Students must choose a major to graduate with a B.A or B.S degree, and students choosing to major in science or engineering are expected to state their major at the beginning of sophomore year. Students seeking other majors are expected to state their major by the end of sophomore year.

School Strengths

One of Yale's major strengths is its business school, AKA the School of Management. The school is consistently ranked as one of the best universities for business education in the United States, and the total enrollment for the class of 2022 is 350 students. The School of Management offers many classes and departments including but not limited to accounting, economics, HR management, international business, marketing, and quantitative analysis/statistics.

Another one of Yale's strengths is the Yale Law School. The school offers the J.D, LL.M, M.S.L, and the J.S.D degrees in law. Students can also pursue a Ph.D in law if they choose. Almost all students that graduate from Yale's law school work in full time, long term jobs and the mean beginning salary of graduates is \$115,000.

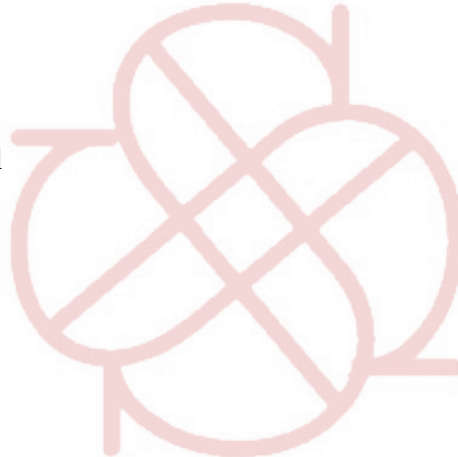
Athletics

Yale is a part of the Ivy League athletic conference and offers 35 varsity sports. They compete in Division 1 of the NCAA and their mascot is the Bulldog. Yale also has over 40 club sports and intramural programs. [More Information](#)

Yale's varsity sports include:

Women's Sports

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball
- And more



Men's Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Golf
- Cross Country
- Football
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Track and Field
- Tennis
- Swimming
- And more

Athletic Facilities

- Yale has many athletic facilities separate from the main campus. The Ingalls Rink is an ice rink that hosts not only Yale's hockey teams, but also Yale's intramural hockey, club hockey, and university skating.
- Yale Bowl is one of Yale's oldest sports facilities, opened in 1914. The Bowl is the home to the Yale varsity football team, and it has also hosted NFL games, international soccer, lacrosse, tennis, and more.
- The John J. Lee Amphitheater was named after alumnus John Lee, who helped lead Yale to the first official Ivy League Championship. The amphitheater is the home of Yale's basketball teams, volleyball, and gymnastics.
- The Reese Stadium houses Yale's lacrosse and soccer teams, and the facility includes field turfs, stadium seating, and team rooms. The stadium has hosted many international soccer teams.
- The Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center is one of the most exceptional tennis facilities in the nation, including eight courts, locker rooms, offices, viewing areas, and scoreboards. This facility is home to the Yale tennis teams.
- The Yale Golf Course was designed by Charles Blair McDonald and Seth Raynor in 1923, and opened for play in 1926. The golf course features 18 holes and the William S. Beinecke Golf House. The course is home to Yale's golf teams, and is also a practice venue for Yale's cross country teams.
- Yale Field and the 5K Corral Field are home to Yale's baseball and softball teams, respectively. Yale Field was renovated in 1927, and added bleachers and seating to the field. The 5K Corral Field is used for Yale Softball, and includes a 350-seat stadium.
- The Dwyer Track and Frank Field facility houses an 8-lane track, shot put circles, discus cages, and javelin runways. The infield of the track is named Frank Field, and serves as a practice field for the Yale varsity football team.
- The Kiphuth Exhibition Pool, named after Robert Kiputh, is the home of Yale Swimming. The pool is 25 yards long and six-lanes wide, and was designed for intercollegiate Competition.

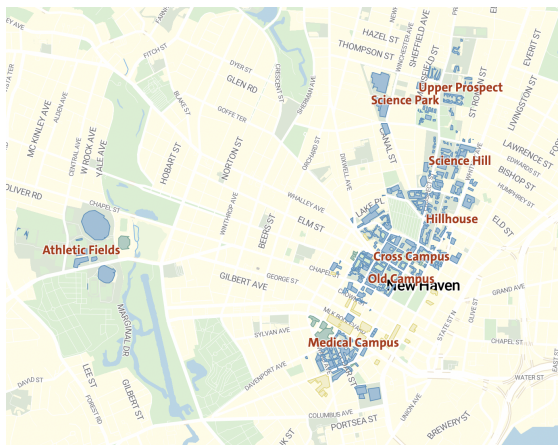
Campus

The main Yale campus is divided into seven parts - Upper Prospect, Science Park, Science Hill, Hillhouse, Cross Campus, Old Campus, and the Medical Campus. The entire campus size is around 372 acres.

- The Upper Prospect is in the upper north part of the campus and comprises Yale's Divinity School, Fisher Bellamy and Curtis Hall, Prospect Garden Apartments, Whitehall Apartments, and Ivy Manor apartments. The south end of Upper Prospect includes apartments, greenhouses, and meeting halls.
- Science Park is west of the Upper Prospect and Science Hill. This space is used for corporate offices, research labs, and some retail stores. The main buildings here include 344 Winchester Avenue, Science Park Garage, the Central Campus Chiller Plant, 25 Science Park, and 2 Science Park.
- Science Hill is located north of Hillhouse, in the upper part of the campus. This section of the campus houses the School of the Environment. Notable buildings here include the Yale Science Building, Class of 1954 Environmental Science Center, Sloane Physics Laboratory, Sterling Chemistry Laboratory, the Wright Laboratory, and the Bass Center. The Ingalls Ice Rink is also close to this part of the campus.
- The Hillhouse occupies the middle part of the Yale Campus, and incorporates the School of Management, School of Engineering & Applied Sciences, Yale College, the Graduate School, and residential colleges. There are two residential colleges located here, the Benjamin Franklin College and the Pauli Murray College. Evans Hall is home to the School of Management, and the Dunham and Mason laboratories are used by the School of Engineering. This section of the campus also includes the Becton Center and Davies Auditorium.
- The Cross Campus is the main gathering place of the Yale campus, and includes the Law School, the School of Music, libraries, residential colleges, the humanities quadrangle, the central power plant, and a gymnasium. The Sterling Law Building is used by the Law School, and was designed by James Gamble Rogers in the collegiate gothic style. The cross campus also houses the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, and contains rare collections from many different sources. The library does not circulate, and all materials must be read in the reading room. The Cross Campus also includes many of

Yale's residential colleges, including Morse College, Silliman College, and Berkeley College (south).

- The Old Campus is located south of the Cross Campus and contains the School of Drama, School of Art, and School of Architecture. This part of the campus is home to five of Yale's residential colleges - Pierson College, Davenport College, Saybrook College, Branford College, and Jonathan Edwards College. The University Theatre in the Old Campus is used by the School of Drama and the Yale Drama Association for plays and rehearsals. The Battell Chapel is used for almost all church services at Yale, like Christian Sunday service, Muslim Iftar meals during Ramadan, and Jewish high holiday services. Another notable building here is the Yale University Art Gallery, which houses a major encyclopedic collection of art.
- The Medical Campus accommodates Yale's School of Public Health and School of Medicine. This chunk of the campus is based in the lower south part of the campus and encompasses many medical buildings. These buildings include the Sterling Hall of Medicine, the Clinic Building, the Yale Physicians Building, the laboratory of Epidemiology & Public Health, and other smaller buildings. The Yale New Haven Hospital is located just west of the Medical Campus, and so is Connecticut Mental Health Center.
- The Athletic Fields at Yale are separate from the main campus, located west of it. Almost all sports programs at Yale practice and play games here. Athletic Facilities here include Yale Bowl, Bush Field, Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center, Coxe Cage, and Reese Stadium. The Yale Golf Course is found northwest of the Athletic Fields.



Clubs and Extracurriculars

Yale has over 200 campus organizations, including athletic teams, performance groups, and cultural associations. Notable Yale clubs include Mock Trial Association, Club Sports, Yale Film Society, Yale Entrepreneurial Society, American Red Cross at Yale, Berkeley College Orchestra, Yale Farm, Ivy Council, Code4Good, and the Yale Drama Coalition.

Any student can register to create an organization of their own, and must submit an Intent to Register form before September 15th.

Club Sports

The Club Sports program was started in the 1950s by Edward Migdalski, and only seven sports were recognized at the time. Since 1984, Tom Migdalski has directed the Club Sport program and oversees intramurals and competitions.

Most Club Sports at Yale are highly competitive, although some remain solely recreational. National college championships have been won by rugby, men's basketball, women's volleyball, and other sports. Club Sports are open to all undergraduate and graduate students, and most clubs are coed.

Greek Life

- 14 Fraternities
- 4 Sororities
- Freshmen rush in the Spring
- Smaller than most state schools but active
- Frats are usually divided into groups, some are sports frats and some are unassociated

Housing / Dorms

Students in their first four terms of enrollment must live on campus at Yale, unless they are married or at least 21 years old.

First year students at Yale are assigned randomly to one of fourteen residential colleges. These residential colleges include, Benjamin Franklin college, Branford college, Ezra Stiles college, Jonathan Edwards college, Puali Murray college, Saybrook college, Timothy Dwight college,

Berkeley College, Davenport college, Grace Hopper college, Morse college, Pierson college, Silliman college, and Trumbull college.

Most freshmen lodge on Old Campus in dormitories designated to their college, and students live in their college starting sophomore year. However, if a freshman is assigned to Silliman, Timothy Dwight, Benjamin Franklin, or Pauli Murray they will live in their college from their first year. Each residential area has its own head and dean, who live in the college with their families and students. The head of college is responsible for the well being and safety of the students as well as hosting special meals, study breaks, and College Teas. College Teas are gatherings where students have the chance to meet with renowned guests from the government, popular culture, or the academy. The dean serves as a personal and academic advisor to students in their residential college. The dean oversees academic decisions of the students in his or her college, such as course schedules and drop courses. The college dean is also responsible for connecting the student with tutors and giving academic advice.

Each residential college has a dining hall, recreational facilities, a Master's house, 250-400 student rooms, and apartments for guests and Dean. Each college also has its own gym, library, and activity spaces. Some colleges have movie theatres, recording studios, basketball courts, and even printing presses. Students also plan events and social activities within their college, and intramural sports championships are held yearlong against other residential colleges.

Students are permitted to live in their residential college for all four years throughout their undergraduate study, but students in their junior and senior years live off campus if they choose to. There are also apartment buildings located on the Yale campus, but limited spots are available.

Off Campus Housing

The average monthly rent in New Haven, CT is \$1,809 for a 777 sq ft apartment. The typical price for a house in New Haven is around \$216,000. Keep in mind that only juniors and seniors are permitted to live off campus, but are not required to.

Food and Dining

The dining experience is one of the best things about Yale, as it's very different from most other colleges. There is a dining hall in each residential college on campus, making up a total of 14 different dining halls. There are set times that the dining halls are open, during breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Classes at Yale usually try to avoid these times so students can gather and eat lunch with their friends. Each dining hall typically has a different menu than the others, and they change everyday. While most colleges tend to have a more limited menu (pizza, burgers, cereal, etc), the menu options at Yale are far more diverse. For example, the dinner entrees at Benjamin Franklin college in the past week have been: Herb-Crusted and Roasted Leg of Lamb, Chermoula Shrimp, Chicken Thigh Lemon Herb with Broccoli Rabe Pesto, Spiced Turkey Chili with Sofrito and Black Beans, Coconut and Red Curry Pork, Chicken Provençale, and Cheeseburger on Brioche. Yale also offers vegan entrees every meal, examples being Vegan Harvest Stew with Fava Beans, Moroccan Spiced Tofu, and Ratatouille Nicoise. During breakfast, fruit and yogurt is also offered along with morning sweets. During lunch and dinner, soup or salad, sides, and a desert is included with the meal.

All students living in residential colleges at Yale must purchase the year plan for the respective term and year. This meal plan offers 21 meals a week (three meals per day, seven days a week) in the students' residential college. It also includes five lunch transfers at the Ground Café in Becton Hall. Students can also pre order SmartMeals for lunch and/or dinner. The price for the spring 2021 meal plan is \$3,725. Students living off campus have the option of buying a lunch meal plan which can be used at Café Med and Ground Café. The prices for the lunch meal plan are:

- 5 meals for \$55
- 10 meals for \$110
- 20 meals for \$210
- 40 meals fro \$400

Surrounding Area

Yale is located in the city of New Haven, CT, with a population of around 130,000. New Haven is situated on the coast of New Haven, so there are many beach activities to do in the summer. The weather in New Haven is typical for an east coast city, with warm and humid summers, and cold and wet winters. Over the course of the year, the temperature usually varies from 23° F to 82° F.

New Haven is full of popular restaurants. If you're craving a specific type of food or just want to go out for a quick bite to eat there's a restaurant for everyone in New Haven. Some top rated restaurants in New Haven are Modern Apizza, Olea, Zinc, Union League Cafe, and Atticus Bookstore and Cafe.

While Yale itself has countless coffee shops on its campus, there's also some unique and popular coffee shops in the surrounding area. Popular coffee shops in the area include The Coffee Pedaler, Pistachio Cafe, and East Rock Coffee.

There are many outdoor activities to do in Yale, such as visiting parks in the area and going on hikes. One of the most popular parks in New Haven is East Rock Park. You can hike to the top of the East Rock ridge and see the whole city from the top of it.

New Haven is also close to a lot of major cities in the US. From New Haven to New York City it's about a 2 hour drive along the east coast. It also takes about 2 hours to get to Boston, MA.

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