



A BRIEF PROFILE  
OF THE CLASS OF 2025

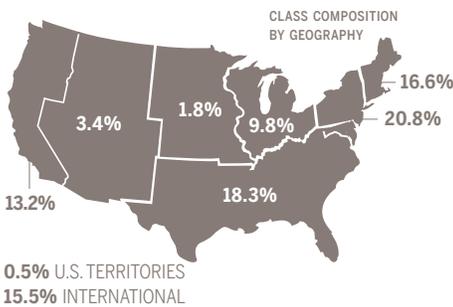
**2,318**

of **57,786 applicants** were admitted to the **Class of 2025**.

1,951 MATRICULANTS

84.2% YIELD

0 ADMITTED FROM WAIT LIST



- **18.3%** Biological Sciences
- **8.2%** Computer Science
- **10.3%** Engineering
- **15.3%** Humanities
- **6.0%** Mathematics
- **7.6%** Physical Sciences
- **28.1%** Social Sciences
- **6.3%** Undecided

15.9% AFRICAN AMERICAN

25.9% ASIAN AMERICAN

12.5% HISPANIC OR LATINO

1.1% NATIVE AMERICAN

0.5% NATIVE HAWAIIAN

**Dear Colleagues,**

As you advise your students on the next chapters of their education, we want to be helpful in any way we can, especially in the face of the continued uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Harvard College will allow students to apply for admission to the Class of 2026 without requiring standardized test scores. We understand that the pandemic has continued to create challenges in scheduling tests for all students, particularly those from modest economic backgrounds, and we believe this temporary policy addresses these challenges. Consistent with Harvard's whole-person admissions process, standardized tests are only one factor among the many considered. Students who do not submit standardized testing this coming year will not be disadvantaged in the application process.

Harvard remains steadfast in its commitment to our revolutionary financial aid program, which provides need-based assistance to all Harvard undergraduates regardless of their citizenship status. Our office stands ready to help, and students can use our [net-price calculator](#) to get an estimate of the aid their families may receive.

In light of the continuing public health risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges presented by its variants, our office will remain closed to visitors this fall. Please direct your students to our [virtual tour](#) and [online information sessions](#) as a great introduction to Harvard.

We wish you a healthy and safe fall and look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

**William R. Fitzsimmons**

*Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid*

*September 2021*

# ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

## COURSES

**3,700+**

Courses available (including cross-registration at Harvard graduate Schools and MIT).

50 FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION (MAJORS)

50 SECONDARY FIELDS (MINORS)

120+ FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS

80+ LANGUAGES

## FACULTY



12 Median class size.



**7:1** Average student/faculty ratio. In the **Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences**, the student/faculty ratio is **5:1**.



Each first-year student has **three advisers**.

Practically **all faculty teach undergraduates**.

# STUDENT LIFE

## CAMPUS RESOURCES

**97%**

of students traditionally choose to live **on campus for all four years**, and they enjoy an **unlimited meal plan**.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION OFFICE

OFFICE OF BGLTQ STUDENT LIFE

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

OFFICE OF GENDER EQUITY AND INCLUSION

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

WOMEN'S CENTER



## CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

### Liberal arts education

- Concentration [12-14 courses]
- General Education [4 courses]
- Distribution [3 courses]
- Electives + Secondary Field [6-11 courses]
- Students must also fulfill requirements in language, expository writing, and quantitative reasoning.

## GRADUATES

**98%**

of our students **graduate**, one of the highest graduation rates in the nation.

**66%**

of students normally have some **international experience**—study abroad, research, or another opportunity—during their time at Harvard.

## COMMUNITY AND ACTIVITIES

**1,665**

of our **6,700 undergraduates** are typically **first-year** students.

**50+ colleges and universities** and **75+ historical landmarks** span Cambridge and Greater Boston.

Harvard students come from **all 50 states** and **more than 100 countries**.

**450+**

**student organizations** of all kinds, including arts, public service, cultural, and pre-professional.

Harvard undergraduates can participate in athletics at the **club, intramural, or varsity level**. Please direct students who are interested in one of our 42 Division I teams to the following website for more information:  
[college.harvard.edu/athletics](http://college.harvard.edu/athletics)

# ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

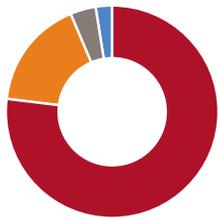
## ADMISSIONS: WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Some applicants demonstrate extraordinary promise in academic or research endeavors. Some show uncommon talent in other areas, such as leadership, performing arts, or athletics. Most of our students combine the best of both scholastic and extracurricular achievement. Personal qualities—integrity, maturity, strength of character, and concern for others—also play an important part in our evaluations.

## DEADLINES

	EARLY ACTION	REGULAR DECISION
Common Application, Universal College Application, or Coalition Application	November 1	January 1
Secondary School Report and two letters of recommendation	November 1	January 1
Financial aid application materials	November 1	February 1
Notification date for applicants	Mid-December	Typically, late March

## TYPICAL FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE



- Scholarships [\$59,100]
- Parent Contribution [\$12,700]
- Student Term-Time Work [\$2,600]
- Student Asset Contribution [\$250]

Our aid is entirely need-based, and grant eligibility is determined in the same manner for all admitted students regardless of nationality or citizenship status.

## FINANCIAL AID: REMOVING ECONOMIC BARRIERS

Applying for financial aid does not jeopardize any student's chance for admission, including international applicants. Indeed, the Admissions Committee may respond favorably to evidence that a candidate has overcome significant obstacles, financial or otherwise. All of Harvard's financial aid is awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need—there are no academic, athletic, or merit-based awards. Harvard meets the demonstrated need of every student for all four years.

Our financial aid program requires no contribution from Harvard families with annual incomes below \$65,000; asks no more than 10 percent of income for those with incomes up to \$150,000; and expects proportionally more from families with incomes more than \$150,000. Families at all income levels who have significant assets are asked to pay more than those without. Our financial aid officers work closely with families to ensure that Harvard is accessible to all admitted students. We do not require students to take out loans, although they are asked to cover their personal expenses through term-time work.

We value our relationships with our school and CBO counselors. To be put in touch with your regional admissions officer, simply contact us at:

617-495-1551

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college.harvard.edu/  
school-counselors

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# 90%

of American families would pay the same or less to send their children to Harvard as they would their state university.

# 20%

of our students' families **pay nothing** for their children to attend Harvard.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS' INCOME LEVELS



- \$0-40,000
- \$40,000-80,000
- \$80,000-120,000
- \$120,000-160,000
- \$160,000-200,000
- \$200,000+

# 100%

of our students can **graduate debt-free**.

*Your students can get an estimate of their financial aid on our Net Price Calculator, también en español.*

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## APPLICATION

For undergraduate study, students apply to Harvard College as a whole. While applicants can indicate an interest in a particular academic area, they do not apply to a specific School or department. Harvard students declare their concentration (field of study) at the end of their third semester.

Students may submit additional materials, such as art, music, or research, using the instructions in their **Applicant Portal**.

**HARVARD COLLEGE**

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