Traditionally, first-year students live together to develop bonds with their classmates as they begin their studies at Harvard. As upper-level students, they then spend three years in one of twelve undergraduate Houses, tight-knit communities of students and faculty members. Under normal conditions, Harvard guarantees on-campus housing to undergraduates for all four years, and all students enjoy an unlimited meal plan.

International students are welcome to apply to Harvard College. Our admissions process and financial aid policies are the same for all applicants, regardless of nationality or citizenship.

Harvard offers undergraduates more than fifty fields of study, from which they choose a concentration in their third semester. Students here experience a broad liberal arts curriculum taught by faculty who are renowned leaders in their fields.

Each student’s academic program is tailored according to interest and preparation. Students can choose from more than 3,700 undergraduate classes, as well as classes at Harvard graduate Schools and MIT.

12 median class size
98% of our students graduate.

Student activities are an important part of the undergraduate experience. Hundreds of clubs and organizations allow students to pursue non-academic interests, gain real-world experience and skills, and have fun.

450+ student groups offering a wide variety of activities
We know that financial aid is an important concern for our applicants, particularly this year. We want to reassure you that our commitment to financial aid is unwavering. As always, we award scholarships in the same way to international and domestic students: based solely on the needs of students and their families. We have no limit to the number of students—domestic or international—whom we can support with financial aid. Similarly, there is no limit to the amount of aid we can award; no matter how many students need financial help in a given year, all will be given funding that meets their need. Applying for financial aid does not negatively affect one’s chances of admission.

You can afford a Harvard education.

We seek promising students who will contribute to the Harvard community during their college years and to society throughout their lives. While academic accomplishment is important, the Admissions Committee considers many other factors—strong personal qualities, achievements of all kinds, and perspectives formed by unusual personal circumstances.

100% of our students can graduate debt-free.
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Applicants to the Class of 2025 are not required to take standardized tests. The submission of test scores is entirely optional, and a lack of test results will not affect students’ chances of admission.