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Academic Opportunities



98%

OF OUR STUDENTS
GRADUATE

“My classes have helped me learn more about myself and introduced me to new ways of seeing the world.”

RAYMOND '25

Courses

3,700+

courses available (including cross-registration at Harvard graduate schools and MIT).

50 FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION (MAJORS)

49 SECONDARY FIELDS (MINORS)

120+ FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS

80+ LANGUAGES

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 foreign language, expository writing, and quantitative reasoning.

Faculty

12

Median class size.

7:1

Average student/faculty ratio.

3

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

+

Practically **all faculty teach undergraduates**.

Resources

On-campus **museums**, countless **laboratories**, **research centers**, a **3,000-acre research forest**, the Innovation Labs, the Pagliuca Harvard Life Lab, and the ArtLab

World's largest university library system—**70+ libraries** and **17 million volumes**

All students who wish to conduct research have the opportunity to do so.

\$7 million available for undergraduate research

Student Life

Community

1,650

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

All first-years live in **first-year-only dorms** in and around Harvard Yard.

98%

of students choose to live **on campus**.

Cambridge & Boston: Together, half college town, half metropolitan hub

66%

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

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

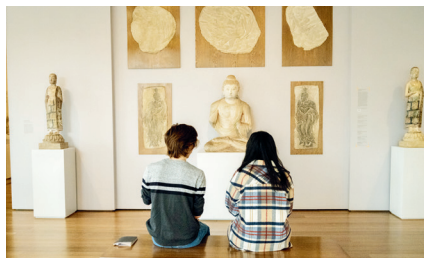


Activities

550+

student groups offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities.

- 5 FULL ORCHESTRAS
- NUMEROUS MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS
- 80+ COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS
- 42 DIVISION I SPORTS
- 50+ CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS



“I have found an environment [at Harvard] where I feel cared for by my residential community, supported by my friends, and encouraged as well as inspired by the faculty.”

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Athletics

80%

of students **participate in some kind of athletics**, including Division I varsity sports, intramural or club sports, and recreational fitness.



Dining

Students enjoy **unlimited meal plans**. First-years eat in Annenberg Dining Hall and upper-level students eat in their House dining halls.



Admissions & Financial Aid

Admissions: What Are We Looking For?

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, special talents or excellences of all kinds, perspectives formed by unusual personal circumstances, and the ability to take advantage of available resources and opportunities.

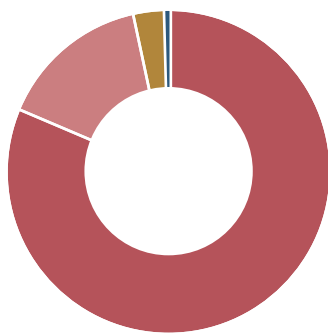
Typical Financial Aid Package

SCHOLARSHIPS \$68,700

PARENT CONTRIBUTION \$12,800

STUDENT TERM-TIME WORK \$2,700

STUDENT ASSET CONTRIBUTION \$200



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.

100% of our students can graduate debt-free.

>55% of our students receive Harvard need-based scholarships.

>90% of American families would pay the same or less to send their children to Harvard as they would their state university.

>25% of our students' families pay nothing for their children to attend Harvard.

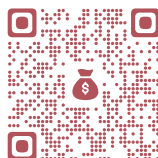
Financial Aid: Removing Economic Barriers

Applying for financial aid does not jeopardize any student's chance for admission, including international applicants. 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 100% of demonstrated need of every student for all four years.

Our financial aid program requires no contribution from Harvard families with annual incomes below \$85,000. 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.

Deadlines	Restrictive Early Action	Regular Decision
Common Application or Coalition Application by Scoir	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	Late March

YOU CAN GET AN ESTIMATE OF YOUR FINANCIAL AID ON OUR NET PRICE CALCULATOR (TAMBIÉN EN ESPAÑOL)
college.harvard.edu/npc | college.harvard.edu/npc-espanol



Watch this video to learn more about Harvard's financial aid.

<https://bit.ly/4c7sVeD>

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