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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

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

Countless ways to interact with professors including student-faculty dinners, office hours, Classroom to Table, thesis advising and more

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.

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
10+ MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS
80+ COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS
42 DIVISION I SPORTS
50+ CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS
80+ ACADEMIC AND PRE-PROFESSIONAL GROUPS



“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.



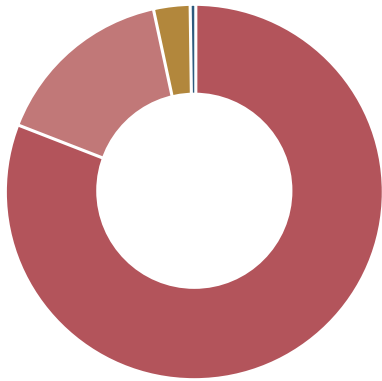
Admissions & Financial Aid

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—your contribution to community, special talents or excellences of all kinds, varied perspectives, and the ability to take advantage of available resources and opportunities.

Typical Financial Aid Package

- SCHOLARSHIPS \$71,150
- PARENT CONTRIBUTION \$13,800
- STUDENT TERM-TIME WORK \$2,750
- STUDENT ASSET CONTRIBUTION \$200



100% of our students can graduate debt-free.

24% of our students attend Harvard College for free.

85% of American families would qualify for free tuition.

\$0 is the total parent contribution for families with typical assets and an income of under \$100,000.

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.

Beginning in the 2025-2026 academic year, Harvard College will be free (including tuition, fees, food, housing, and more) for students from families with annual incomes of less than \$100,000 with typical assets.

Students from families earning \$200,000 or less with typical assets will qualify for free tuition and may qualify for aid to cover additional billed expenses, depending on their financial circumstances. Many students from families earning more than \$200,000 will also qualify for aid.

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

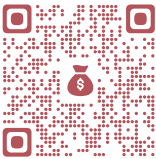
Mid-December

Late March

* We are also a QuestBridge partner institution. See college.harvard.edu/admissions/apply/questbridge for more information on the process and timeline for QuestBridge applicants.

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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