

# Discover Harvard

## Transfer

**Each fall, we welcome** a small number of transfer students to Harvard College. Because these students enter Harvard partway through their undergraduate careers, our admissions committee selects applicants whose previous academic experience will prepare them to flourish immediately in our challenging liberal arts program and active community.

In particular, we seek:

- a clearly defined academic need to transfer
- a proven record of achievement at one's current institution
- strong faculty recommendations

In recent years, we have received more than 2,000 transfer applications annually. The number of qualified applicants has far exceeded the dozen students whom we have been able to welcome to campus each year. As transfer admission to Harvard is competitive, we encourage you to explore a variety of colleges in your transfer search.

### What We Look For

Beyond strong grades, test scores, and recommendations, the admissions committee considers other factors such as significant extracurricular talents and life experiences—capacity for leadership, creativity, resilience, intellectual curiosity, and independent thinking.

### Eligibility

You may be eligible for transfer admissions if your previous coursework meets the following requirements:

- Will have completed one full year (Fall to Spring semesters), but not more than two, by the time you would be enrolling at Harvard
- In-person coursework
- Full-time course load
- Liberal Arts curriculum

For more information regarding transfer eligibility, please visit the eligibility section of our website: [college.harvard.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-applicants](https://college.harvard.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-applicants)

### Making the Transition

We are committed to supporting transfer students throughout their time at Harvard. We offer a fall transfer orientation program, a dedicated transfer dean, academic advisers, and transfer peer mentors. Transfer students are immediately eligible for on-campus housing with other upper-level students in our House system.

### 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.

### Transferring Credits

All transfer students enter Harvard College as either sophomores or juniors. Our Registrar's Office carefully reviews each admitted student's prior coursework to grant credit and determine class standing.



**86%**  
OF U.S. FAMILIES  
WOULD QUALIFY FOR  
FINANCIAL AID.

**Transfer Application Requirements**

- Transfer application from the Common Application or Coalition Application powered by Scoir
- Harvard College Questions for the Common Application or Coalition Application Harvard supplement
- Application fee (or request a fee waiver by sending an email to adm-tran@fas.harvard.edu)
- Standardized testing\*: The SAT or ACT is required of all transfer applicants. In exceptional cases, when those are not accessible for a student, one of the following can meet the requirement:
  - AP exam results
  - IB Actual or Predicted Scores
  - GCSE/A-Level Actual or Predicted Results
  - National Leaving Exam Results or Predictions
- College, dean's, or registrar's report
- Official college transcript
- Two college instructor recommendations
- Official high school transcript

**The deadline for all transfer application and financial aid materials is March 1. Admissions decisions are released by June 1.**

**Financial Aid**

Bringing promising students to Harvard is our main objective, and we believe your financial circumstances should never stand in the way. International students receive the same financial aid as domestic students. Our revolutionary financial aid program ensures that every admitted student can afford to attend Harvard.

**Families with annual incomes and typical assets:**

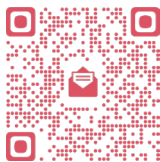
- \$100K\* and under:** Families with total incomes \$100k and under will pay nothing to attend Harvard.
- \$100K-\$200K\*:** Families with total incomes between \$100K-\$200K\* receive free tuition, and may qualify for aid to cover additional billed expenses, depending on their financial circumstances.
- \$200K\* and over:** Families with incomes above \$200K\* may still qualify for financial aid, depending on individual circumstances.

\*All amounts are in USD.

In addition to Harvard's scholarship funds, we will help you find and navigate supplemental types of aid, such as student employment, loans, and outside awards. We are proud to help veterans continue their education by participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program. Additional educational benefits, including the Post 9-11 GI Bill and Military Tuition Assistance, may be available for veterans, their families, and active military personnel through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. We suggest contacting the VA directly to confirm eligibility.

**“To me, the veteran community at Harvard fosters diversity and excellence.”**

**QUINN '25**  
SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY, THEN TRANSFERRED FROM BELLEVUE COLLEGE



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