



Admissions

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Where to Apply: All correspondence on matters of admission should be addressed to yuadmit@yu.edu or Yeshiva University, Office of Admissions, 500 West 185th Street, Furst Hall, Suite 101 New York, NY 10033-3299; 646-592-4440.

How to Apply: Online applications are available at: www.yu.edu/apply. There is a \$65 application fee.

When to Apply: Candidates may apply at any time after completion of their junior year of high school. Please check our website www.yu.edu/admissions for application deadlines.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- Personal Essay.** Students should attach the personal essay to the online application.
- Resume/Extracurricular List.** Students should upload a resume or extracurricular activity list that details extracurricular involvement, internships and work experience at school and in your community.
- Transcript.** Students should arrange to have a transcript of their high school record sent directly from their high school to the YU Office of Admissions.
- Standardized Test Scores.** Students should arrange for their scores on either the Scholastic Assessment Test I (SATI) or the American College Testing examination (ACT) to be forwarded to the YU Office of Admissions. The YU school code is 2990 for SAT and 2992 for ACT.
- Letter of Recommendation.** Students should identify a teacher who can comment on their academic ability as well as potential, personality, creativity and leadership qualities to help the Admissions Committee understand why the student is worthy of admission
- Interview.** Applicants are required to schedule an interview in order to complete the application process. Interviews are conducted in cities and schools throughout the country during the first semester of an applicant's senior year. Students who are unable to have an interview in their city or school should call the Office of Admissions at 646-592-4440 to schedule an on-campus or remote interview with a member of the Admissions staff. Applications will only be considered complete after an interview has been conducted and all supplemental information has been received.



REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL ADMISSION 2022

The high school scholastic record, which can include the results of SAT/ACT exams and/or state exams such as New York State Regents' exams, is of primary importance in determining a student's qualifications for admission. The Committee on Admissions also considers the applicant's character, potential, and contributions to school and community life. The committee will also consider the essay, students' out of school activities, and interview performance.

High School Average: To qualify for admission, a candidate must present a high school average of at least 85 or its equivalent. The Committee on Admissions may require higher averages from students who come from schools whose academic standards are not known to the committee.

Tests: While submitting test scores is *not required* for 2022 general admissions applicants, students who wish to send scores may do so, but must know it will be factored into the application. Honors applicants **will** be required to submit test scores.

The results of SAT/ACT exam tests supplement the high school grades. Most successful general admissions applicants have a combined score of at least 1170 in one sitting, on the critical reading and math sections of the SAT I or an equivalent score of 24 on the ACT. Most successful honors applicants have scores in the range of a 1460 on the SAT or a 32 on the ACT.

Optionally, applicants may also take subject-matter achievement tests such as those of the SAT II testing program of the College Board.

Applicants should take the SAT I/ACT in the spring of the junior year of high school or fall of the senior year. If these tests are only given on Saturday, Sabbath- observing students may take them on Sunday by special arrangement with the test administrators. Full information is available from the Office of Admissions or college guidance counselor at the student's high school.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL ADMISSION 2021

~~For the 2021 admissions cycle YU will be test optional for all applications applying directly from high school. The Committee on Admissions will consider the applicant's character, potential, and contributions to school and community life. The committee will also consider the essay, students out of school activities and interview performance.~~

~~**High School Average:** To qualify for admission, a candidate must present a high school average of at least 85 or its equivalent. The Committee on Admissions may require higher averages from students who come from schools whose academic standards are not known to the committee.~~



Tests: While submitting test scores is not required for 2021, students who wish to send scores may do so, but must know it will be factored into the application.

HONORS PROGRAMS

Yeshiva College

The Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Honors Program at Yeshiva College offers advanced coursework and other opportunities that challenge and stimulate students while enlarging their perspectives and future prospects. Honors students work closely with faculty and stellar classmates, benefit from cultural programming, participate in summer internships and research, and have the opportunity to collaborate with a professor on an intensive thesis project.

Students typically apply to and are accepted into the Honors Program prior to their arrival at Yeshiva College. The application process is very competitive, and the average standardized test score in a cohort of applicants is a 1460 on the SAT (Critical Reading and Math), or 32 ACT Composite Score, and a high school average of 94. Students applying for the Honors Program are considered for one of the academic scholarships available to applicants who show outstanding promise.

In addition, a limited number of spaces are available each year for students already on campus; such students may apply in early June for acceptance the following fall. To be eligible for consideration, students must have a GPA of at least 3.70, promising writing samples, and strong recommendations. Students should only apply if they will be able to participate in the Honors Program for at least four semesters. There are no financial awards given to students already enrolled at YC who join the Honors Program.

Sy Syms School of Business

The Business Honors and Entrepreneurial Leadership Program at Sy Syms School of Business offers advanced coursework and other opportunities that challenge and stimulate students while enlarging their perspectives and future prospects. Honors students work closely with faculty and stellar classmates, benefit from cultural programming and participate in summer internships and research.

Students typically apply to and are accepted into the Honors Program prior to their arrival at Sy Syms. The application process is very competitive, and the average standardized test score in a cohort of applicants is a 1460 on the SAT (Critical Reading and Math), or 32 ACT Composite Score, and a high school average of 95. Admission to the Sy Syms Business Honors and Entrepreneurial Leadership Program requires Sy Syms honors students to exhibit excellent academic achievement as well as evidence of significant entrepreneurship and leadership potential. Students applying for the Honors Program are considered for one of the academic scholarships available to applicants who show outstanding promise.



In addition, a limited number of spaces are available each year for students already on campus; such students may apply in early June for acceptance the following fall. To be eligible for consideration, students must have a GPA of at least 3.600, and submit the special application for on-campus students available from the director of the Honors Program. Students should only apply if they will be able to participate in the Honors Program for at least four semesters. There are no financial awards given to students already at Sy Syms who join the Honors Program.

HONORS PROGRAMS 2021

For both Yeshiva College and Sy Syms School of Business YU will be test optional. Students may submit scores if they have, but the committee will factor them in when considering admission.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

International students must file the Admission Application 4-6 months prior to the fall semester in which they wish to attend to allow sufficient time to complete the admissions, immigration, and visa processes. International students can obtain information about the immigration and visa process from the International Students webpage at www.yu.edu/Student-Life/Resources-and-Services/International/.

- Application:** Complete the online application form available at: www.yu.edu/admissions, including all required essays, and submit it along with the \$65 application fee payable to Yeshiva University in U.S. dollars.
- Transcripts:** All transcripts, both high school and college if applicable, must be submitted by the school(s). Transcripts submitted by the applicants are not considered official. A student who attended a Jewish high school should submit a Jewish studies transcript as well. All transcripts and copies of certificates qualifying the applicant for admission to university study that are not in English or Hebrew must be officially translated into English and evaluated by a [NACES](#) approved agency, and sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The student is required to submit results of any and all exit exams taken upon completion of the foreign high school (i.e., Baccalaureat, Bagrut, etc.).
- Course Evaluation:** Courses taken in a college/university need to be evaluated in order to be considered for transfer credit. The student must submit syllabi and course descriptions for all such courses taken. **Please note that your course work can only be evaluated for transfer of credit once you have submitted the official transcripts, course descriptions and syllabi. The evaluation may not be completed by the time you register for classes if the documents are not received by the application deadline.** All documents must be officially translated into English.
- Standardized Tests:** International students must take the TOEFL or the Duolingo exam if either of the following two criteria apply: 1) the student is a citizen of a non-English speaking country, or the student's first and/or dominant language is not English; or 2) the



student has resided in the United States for less than three years and the student's first and/or dominant language is not English. Yeshiva University requires a minimum TOEFL score of 82 on the Internet-based test, to include a minimum score of 21 in both reading and writing. The minimum Duolingo score is 110. Scores must be submitted directly by the testing service (school code 2990). For information on the TOEFL, visit www.toefl.org and for the Duolingo exam visit www.englishtest.duolingo.com.

- Interview:** It is the candidate's responsibility to schedule the interview by calling the Office of Admissions at 646-592-4440. Interviews are conducted at our New York and Israel offices or may be conducted remotely. Applications will only be considered complete after an interview has been conducted.
- Resume/Extracurricular List:** Students should upload a resume or extracurricular activity list that details extracurricular involvement, internships and work experience at school and in your community.
- Letters of recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation are required; preferably one from a teacher and another from a clergyman.
- Financial aid:** International students in need of financial assistance must fill out the International Undergraduate Student Financial Aid Application, which is available at www.yu.edu/osf, or through the Office of Student Aid (212.960.5399).
- Student Visa:** International students should not arrive in the U.S. until after they have received their I-20 certificate of eligibility from the International Student Advisor.

TYPES OF ADMISSION

Each admitted student is classified under one of the following categories. Not all schools admit under all categories.

General Admission: Students admitted with permission to work toward degrees or diplomas. A student admitted appending condition must resolve it within the time limit set by the Office of Admissions in order to maintain regular student status.

Provisional Admission: Students admitted without meeting the full requirements for regular status. While classified as provisional, students take a limited program and must consult with the Office of Academic Advisement each semester before registration. This process ensures that the students' progress be reviewed and that they receive approval of their class schedules and proposed programs. Provisional students who demonstrate satisfactory progress and maintain a 2.000 GPA after one semester of full-time attendance can be re-evaluated for a status change.

Non-matriculated/Visiting Admission: Students who enroll only to take specific classes without pursuing a program for a degree or diploma at Yeshiva University. Applicants may be admitted as non-matriculated/visiting students with the permission of their home institution and the specific approval of the school of Yeshiva University to which they have



applied. For the semester(s) attended, non-matriculated/visiting students must be enrolled exclusively at Yeshiva University (i.e., they cannot take individual courses while continuing their studies at the home institution).

Transfer Students: Applicants who have attended another college must satisfy the same requirements as applicants who matriculate directly from high school. Applicants must have maintained a B average or its GPA equivalent at the institution from which they are transferring. Students who have completed 30 or more credits will only need a college transcript (and completed application) to apply **and will not need to submit their high school record**. In order to have their previous course work evaluated, all transfer students should forward updated transcripts, syllabi and course descriptions prior to their arrival on campus.

Early Admission Program: An applicant must complete the junior year of high school, with a minimum of six regular academic-year terms in residence. Fifteen units must be completed, including the following 11:

- English Language- 3
- Additional Language- 2
- Social Studies- 2
- Mathematics- 2
- Science-2

A student applying to the Early Admission Program, under which the student may take a full college program, must present a high school average of at least 90 or its grade point average (GPA) equivalent, and a combined score of 1300 on the SAT I critical reading and mathematics sections or a composite score of 28 on the ACT.

An official letter of recommendation is required from the applicant's principal or college guidance counselor for admission into the Early Admission Program.

Applicants who are not high school graduates: Applicants who have not completed high school (or foreign applicants who do not have the equivalent diploma or cannot produce records) may be admitted if they pass the High School Equivalency examination administered by New York State (commonly called the "GED test") in addition to satisfactory performance on the College Board tests. Full details about the GED may be secured from any high school in New York or, in other states, from the Department of Education.

All students, regardless of their status, must meet all standards and comply with all regulations and requirements



ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

Application Components

AP credit may be used to fulfill major and general education requirements. Students who have taken the Advanced Placement Examination in high school may qualify for college credit. A student who earns credit in any discipline must consult with the department chair before registering for advanced courses in that discipline.

AP credit is applied automatically once the Office of the Registrar receives an official score report from the College Board. Students must request that their scores be sent to Yeshiva University (code 2990), which they can do online. Students need not fill out any additional forms.

Credit and Exemption

Credit for AP exams are awarded for scores of 5 and in some instances, a score of 4. Scores lower than 4 do not earn credit. This includes the AP Jewish History as well. No credit is given for AP English Literature.

Pre-med students: Pre-med students who have taken the AP Biology course and examination, especially those not planning to major in Biology, should be aware that they may not be prepared at a sufficient level for serious consideration by medical schools unless they take biology courses in college.

Students who do not take advanced biology electives are advised to retake Principles of Biology I & II instead (but will not be allowed to count both the AP and these courses retaken at the college for credit).

AP Examination Equivalence Chart

Test	YC Course Equivalent	Credit	AP Score	YC CORE Equivalent
American Government & Politics	POL 1101	3	4	HBSI
Art: History of Art	ART Elective	3	4	
Art: Studio Art	ART Elective	3	4	
Biology	BIO 1011C, 1012C	6	4	NAWO
Chemistry	CHE 1045C, 1046C	6	5	NAWO
Computer Science A (1)	ELEC (Elective only)	4	5	
Computer Science Principles (1)	ELEC (Elective only)	3	5	
Economics: Macro	ECO 1010 (or Elective)	3	4	HBSI
Economics: Micro	ECO 1010 (or Elective)	3	4	HBSI
English: Literature & Comp (2)	General elective	3	5	
European History (3)	HIS 1102	3	4	CUOT
French Language	FRE 1201, 1202	6	4	CUOT + INTC
French Literature	FRE 2101, 2102	6	4	
Human Geography	ELEC (Elective only)	3	4	
Mathematics AB or AB Subscore	MAT 1412	3	4	



Mathematics BC	MAT 1412, 1413	6	4	
Music: Theory	MUS ELEC (Elective only)	3	4	
Physics 1	PHY 1031 Lecture only	3	5	NAWO
Physics C: Mechanics	PHY 1051 Lecture only	3	5	NAWO
Psychology	PSY 1010	3	4	
Spanish: Language	SPA 1201, SPA 1202	6	4	CUOT + INTC
Spanish: Literature	SPA 2101, SPA 2102	6	4	
Statistics	STA 1021	3	4	EXQM
US History (3)	HIS 1201, 1202	6	4	
World History (3)	HIS Electives	6	4	

- (1) Elective credits only. Does not count towards the Computer Science major.
- (2) General elective credits only. Does not count towards the English major or minor.
- (3) A maximum of 6 credits of AP work may be applied to the major. Those receiving credit in European History for HIS 1102, must take HIS 1101 to complete the major.

* *Currently, we do not award credit for the "English Language and Composition" AP exam. Beginning with those taking this exam in May 2021, students who earn a score of 5 may receive 3 general credits. These credits will not apply toward the major/minor or General Education requirements.*

Duplication of AP and Yeshiva College Courses

Students may not claim both AP and Yeshiva College credit for the same course. A student may choose not to accept credit for an AP course on his transcript and elect to take the Yeshiva College course instead; however, once he does take the course he must accept the Yeshiva College grade.

The Bechinah Yerushalmit (Jerusalem Examination)

The Bechinah Yerushalmit is an AP-like test in Hebrew language and literature administered by Hebrew University in various locations around the world. The Bechinah Yerushalmit is only awarded credit if taken before the student graduated high school. Transfer credit and/or Hebrew Language exemptions are awarded as follows:

- Students who receive **75% through 84%** on the Jerusalem Exam scaled score (including both sections) will receive 3 credits for the Jerusalem Exam. These 3 credits will be listed at the beginning of the transcript as transfer credit and will be recorded as Hebrew Elective – 3 credits. Additionally, the student is required to take the regular Hebrew Placement Exam. These tests are administered by the Hebrew Department during Orientation.
- In addition to receiving the aforementioned credits for Hebrew Elective – 3 credits, students who score **85% and higher** on the Jerusalem Exam scaled score are automatically exempt from one semester of the Hebrew requirement. They do NOT have to take the Placement Test, but they are required to take **one** semester of Hebrew – either Advanced Hebrew I (Hebrew 1305) or Advanced Hebrew II (Hebrew 1306). (To be placed directly into HEB 1306 the student would need to pass the 1305



exemption test.) They may attempt the 1306 Exemption Test if they wish to be exempted from the requirement to take any Hebrew course. These tests are administered by the Hebrew Department during Orientation.

- Students who wish to receive credit for the Jerusalem Exam should submit to the registrar the documents issued by the WZO Jerusalem Exam office to determine the scaled score. The registrar will also forward a copy of the document for those students who scored 85% and above to the Hebrew Program Coordinator.

International Examinations

1. Credits and Scores:

Upon presentation of official documentation, a maximum of 12 credits may be awarded for an approved exam with the scores below.

French Baccalaureate: A score of at least 14 and a coefficient of at least 5 is required.

International Baccalaureate: A score of at least 6 is required.

Matura (Austria): A score of 1 or 2 is required.

A-Level (Britain): A score of B or higher is required.

Other international exams will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

2. Language exams:

Students will not be awarded credit for language exams in their native or dominant languages.

Students will not be awarded credit for language exams assessing Hebrew or English.

3. Application of credits:

The student must present official documentation and course syllabi to the Admissions Office. That office, in conjunction with the Registrar's Office, will forward all material to the relevant department for review. The department will decide whether the exam may apply toward the major, minor, or specific General Education requirement or will be applied as elective credit.

COLLEGE COURSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Yeshiva University High School seniors with good records may take individual undergraduate courses for college credit at Yeshiva College or the Sy Syms School of Business. Although these courses do not count toward undergraduate residency requirements they do appear on the students' permanent record. Students need approval from both the high school principal as well as the Dean of the school. For information on availability of courses, contact the Office of the Registrar.