

YU GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Experience
Explosive Growth





U's graduate enrollment surged in fall 2023, increasing by at least 13% from fall 2022, the highest rate of growth on record — driven by a huge rise in applications year over year. These increases continue a massive upward trend in recent years: YU has seen an 88% rise in graduate enrollment between 2016 and 2023 in contrast to a mere 6% national growth in graduate school enrollment between 2010 and 2020. In fact, between 2021 and 2022, national graduate enrollment actually declined.

With over 25 new cutting-edge graduate school programs ranging from Artificial Intelligence to Biotechnology, Yeshiva University continues to solidify its status as a preeminent academic institution grounded in Core Torah Values, preparing students for rewarding and meaningful careers in today's most sought-after professions.

THE KATZ SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH

Now the third largest graduate school at YU, Katz School enrollment has skyrocketed nearly 400% since 2017, over 200% since 2019 and over 50% since 2022. This phenomenal increase is thanks to YU's commitment to creating programs that meet today's educational landscape in STEM and health, providing students with the skill sets necessary to succeed in the most in-demand careers. New master's degree programs include Artificial Intelligence, Biotechnology Management & Entrepreneurship, Cybersecurity and a fully online M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology. Six of its 11 grad programs prepare students for careers that land in the top 10 of *U.S. News & World Report's* 2022 best jobs.

Recognized for its phenomenal success rate, Katz was ranked No. 2 on *Fortune* magazine's list of the best online master's in cybersecurity programs in 2022. In addition, 95% of its graduates land high-wage jobs within six months of graduation, and half are offered jobs before they graduate at companies including Amazon, Meta, Deloitte, Ernst and Young, Google, IBM and JPMorgan Chase.

WURZWEILER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

With enrollment increasing over 30% in the past two years and more than 300% since 2017, Wurzweiler is seeing record growth that shows no signs of slowing down.

Respected across the world for its wide-reaching innovations, Wurzweiler, in partnership with Amudim Israel, opened the Mental Health Therapy Center in Jerusalem to fill a critical need for affordable, English-language mental health services. The center is staffed by Wurzweiler graduate students, recent graduates and other professionals who specialize in a variety of modalities and concentrations.

On the home front, Care Café, Wurzweiler's community-based program providing psychoeducational pop-up support 'cafés' throughout the New York metro area, created a variety of initiatives this year based on the needs of the New York City community. These included a mental health awareness walkathon as well as onsite care for Holocaust survivors and conferences on such subjects as aging support services, which drew members of the Washington Heights community as well as healthcare providers.



Bruce Bryan, right, is pictured with Josh Dubin, Executive Director of The Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice at Cardozo School of Law, following his release. Bryan is the Perlmutter Center's first client and was granted clemency thanks in part to the Center's efforts.

CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW

The Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law continues to attract the highest credentialed students in its history, with a 3.79 average college GPA and LSAT scores of 164. The success is part of a multiyear trend. The graduating class of 2023 saw 91% of students hired into the ranks of top-tier full-time legal jobs as measured by the American Bar Association. In fall 2023, the LL.M master's program in law attracted 70 students from 28 countries, comprising the school's largest LL. M. class ever.

New programs at the law school include the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice, created with a \$15 million grant, the largest in the law school's history, to train lawyers in

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the use of forensic evidence in courts. The Perlmutter Center hosts the Freedom Clinic at Cardozo, working directly with clients on clemency and other cases. Both build on Cardozo's tradition as the birthplace of the Innocence Project, where clinic students have helped in the exoneration of over 240 wrongfully convicted people from prison.

In 2023, the law school and Yeshiva University worked together to provide a safe haven for professor Dr. Dmytro Vovk and his family when their hometown of Kharkiv, located thirty miles from the Russian border, came under attack. This fall, Dr. Vovk will teach Cardozo students about religious freedom and war.

FERKAUF GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

Ferkauf enrollment has increased by almost 25% in the last three years. Always working to meet the evolving needs of today's job market for the communities it serves, Ferkauf will offer a remodeled master's degree program in Psychology in 2023–24.

In 2022, in partnership with Achieve Behavioral Health, Ferkauf launched a new master's degree program in Mental Health Counseling specifically for the Heredi and Chassidic communities.

And in April 2023, Ferkauf professor Dr. Elizabeth Seng's migraine prevention research on mindfulness was featured on CBS News and more than 200 of its affiliated TV and radio stations across the nation.



RABBI ISAAC ELCHANAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (RIETS)

The Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) is the Western Hemisphere's leading center for Torah learning and for the training of the rabbinate. For over a century, it has provided an unsurpassed educational experience in the classic mold of the great yeshivot.

More than 3,000 of the world's most distinguished Orthodox rabbis, scholars and teachers have been trained there, and 80% of all major Orthodox congregations are led by the school's alumni. On October 29, 2023, the YU community will celebrate Chag HaSemikhah 5784, when 130 newly ordained rabbinic graduates will join the illustrious community of RIETS alumni worldwide.

In an increasingly complex world, RIETS accepts the challenge of preparing its students to face the multifarious issues of today's society and has developed programs to meet the communal and personal needs of our time and place. New among them are its pastoral counseling graduate program, offered jointly with YU's Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, a certificate in Jewish Bioethics and a master's degree in Hebrew Literature.

SY SYMS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Enrollment continues to rise along with the addition of exciting new programming, new master's degrees and partnerships with other YU schools.

Completing its second year, enrollment in the Syms online MBA program more than doubled from 2021-22 and is expected to grow by a further 50% in the 2023-24 year. In the works is a Real Estate concentration that will leverage the core courses from the Mitzner MS in Real Estate program.

A new Semikha+MBA program with RIETS is also debuting in the 2023-24 academic year, while a new Non-Profit Leadership elective is slated to debut in early 2024 and may grow into a concentration; more high-demand concentrations are on the way.

Also, completing its second year, enrollment in the online MS in Accounting program grew 50%, which included growth in the number of undergraduate Accounting students continuing into the MS program via our BS/MS Pathway. A new taxation track will soon be added to the program.

ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Yeshiva University Honors Programs and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine enthusiastically announce a new partnership that provides a select number of exceptional high school seniors early assurance to an honors undergraduate education and medical school training.

High school senior applicants with a demonstrable interest in medicine who are certain that medicine is the lifetime career they want to pursue are encouraged to apply.

This year's cohort of only 10 students from across the country include Aaron Sisser, Yeshiva University High School for Boys' 2023 valedictorian and Rivka Sullivan, Yeshiva University High School for Girls (Central) 2023 salutatorian.

During their expected time at YU, these exceptional students and their program peers will be encouraged to explore a wide range of Yeshiva liberal arts and sciences



Aaron Sisser



Rivka Sullivan

majors in order to acquire a broad-based education that can be applied to the study of modern medical science.

BERNARD REVEL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH STUDIES

Revel continues to see strong growth in enrollment, increasing its student body by 96% since 2016 and developing a range of cutting-edge initiatives. Meeting the demand for rigorous but accessible coursework, Revel has created a program in partnership with the Philos Project, a nonprofit organization that promotes positive Christian engagement with Judaism. The students will learn Hebrew, Jewish thought, and history from a Jewish perspective.

Graduates of the one-year program will earn a master’s degree in Jewish Studies from YU and a certificate in Hebraic Studies from the Philos Project.

AZRIELI GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JEWISH EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION

Attracting Jewish educators and aspiring educators from around the world, Azrieli graduated a special cohort of master’s degree students from South Africa in 2022–23, recruited as part of a partnership with various South African Jewish educational organizations.

For the second year in a row, Azrieli received a grant from the Mayberg Foundation for its innovative On The Move professional development program that uses technology to bring participants into innovative classrooms across the country. The program has been so successful, it is currently being adapted as an Azrieli elective course.

Recognizing the critical need for Jewish educators worldwide, Azrieli partnered with RIETS in the development of the Chinuch Incubator – a program designed to identify and guide potential Jewish educators at both the high school and college level. One Chinuch Incubator program, the MafTEACH fellowship, grew from serving 20 students to engaging over 50 in various models of teaching in day school settings.

THE EMIL A. AND JENNY FISH CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST & GENOCIDE STUDIES: MORE FIRSTS

The Fish Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies started a new Advanced Certificate in Holocaust Education, a first-of-its kind program uniquely designed for public and private school educators, administrators and librarians in grades 6–12 who seek effective, age-appropriate methods and materials for teaching about the Holocaust.

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED TALMUDIC STUDIES FOR WOMEN (GPATS)

Since 2016, enrollment has doubled in GPATS, providing women with an exceptional level of Torah and Talmudic learning. Building on its success and responding to demand, GPATS has added a third-year track, as well as a new online “Inside the Beit Midrash” series of faculty teaching online courses. In 2022, GPATS also added a fast-growing Scholars-in-Training Shabbaton program, bringing the women of GPATS to share their Torah at 12 communities near and far.

A new incubator fund from Micah Philanthropies will fund three teaching projects of current students, in which they will be running two summer learning programs and a Washington Heights Beit Midrash.

Rooted in the timeless and transcendent principles of the Torah and led by a world-renowned faculty, a graduate education at YU uniquely qualifies students to become experts in their fields and the leaders of the future. ■