

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Marks a Year
of Record
Enrollment





Yeshiva University closed its academic year with record success — not only in a double-digit increase in enrollment that has continued

through 2023, but with an increased competitiveness for admission: current YU applicants present stronger and more dynamic academic achievements than ever, including honors classes and high GPAs and test scores. These increases — in both quantity and quality — are in striking contrast to a nationwide drop in college enrollment of 8% from 2019 to 2022 — the worst plunge in enrollment ever recorded. Indeed, with a nearly 40% increase in applications to YU from 2020 to 2023, students and parents across the globe are clearly recognizing the unique value of a Yeshiva University education, which combines a world-class yeshiva with a world-class university.

“Everything we do at Yeshiva is to empower our students to find their purpose and higher calling, said Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, President and Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshiva University. “Our growth in enrollment and philanthropy reflects the belief of our supporters and academic

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community in our students and their future. We are humbled and honored to serve our community and society by educating the leaders of tomorrow with character and excellence.”

RISING IN WORLD-CLASS TORAH STUDY

Central to YU’s stellar student undergraduate experience is the exposure to great Torah faculty. Yeshiva University is the proud home of world-class Roshei Yeshiva and Torah educators who regularly interact with and teach undergrads. The depth and breadth of YU’s Torah faculty is unrivaled; whatever the student’s level of study or area of Judaic interest, there is a warm and caring teacher ready to provide individual attention. This is important for all students but especially for those returning from intensive Torah study in Israel. YU provides them with unique learning and growth opportunities so they can continue to progress in their religious studies and Jewish lives.

RISING IN EMPLOYER DEMAND AND GRAD SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE

Employers are taking notice. Graduates are placed in world-class companies, including Amazon, Twitter, Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan and Google. In fact, nearly 98% of YU students for whom data is available have reached their destination within six months of graduation, including accepting offers for employment and/or admission to grad schools.

Yeshiva University also launched several new pathway programs into great careers in the medical, allied health,



Rav Hershel Schachter, rosh yeshiva at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) addresses students at YU's Glueck beit midrash.

social work, psychology and education fields. Students can complete their undergraduate degree and seamlessly continue to YU's highly ranked graduate schools while building their credits toward both degrees. This includes a new double admission program in which 10 top honors students are accepted straight out of high school to Albert Einstein College of Medicine. This new YU/Einstein program provides these elite prospects from our communities with the assurance of a premier medical education, including additional research opportunities at Einstein all throughout their undergraduate years.

RISING IN MULTIGENERATIONAL COMMITMENT

A testament to the fact that graduates — parents and grandparents — have found lifelong success both after and as a direct result of their Yeshiva University education is that YU has one of the highest multigenerational admissions of any university in the country. These alumni not only encourage the next generation to attend YU, but also volunteer to help our students throughout their careers, forming an active YU

network of over 70,000. Our alumni work closely with our newly formed Shevet Glaubach Center for Career Strategy and Professional Development, which offers an extensive range of resources from personalized counseling and career planning to workshops, networking events and first-rate internships.

Thanks to the continued success of the Rise Up Campaign — which has raised over \$350 million toward its \$613 million goal — YU has been able to increase its scholarship programs to ensure greater affordability to its growing student body. Both in value and values, YU presents a priceless educational opportunity that is driving more and more students to make YU their home.

RISING IN OPPORTUNITY

Once on campus, undergraduate students take up a rigorous course of study in a wide range of fields, from delving into the Torah and other key texts of Judaism to exploring cutting-edge research in business, entrepreneurship, psychology, pre-medicine, cybersecurity, history and much more.



SPOTLIGHT ON: SY SYMS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

With rising enrollment, Sy Syms is seeing tremendous growth in many areas. Students are increasingly building broader and stronger foundations, further enabling them to develop into Torah-grounded professionals who excel in the workplace and in the community. This year, a record 74% of students chose “duals” — double majoring, double minoring and double majoring+minoring — up from 54% five years ago. New programs include Business Communications, focusing on soft skills; an expansion of the Jewish Values curriculum to include Jewish Public Policy; and the YU Israel Summer Internship program.

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For example, Yeshiva University’s Bachelor’s in Computer Science features an innovative curriculum that is tailored for students to step out of the program and walk into top-shelf jobs in the New Economy, and YU degrees in health-related fields are also highly attractive and a good value to YU’s undergraduates.

Additionally, YU offers a growing number of minors, which help guide students toward the academic course of study that is right for them.

RISING IN STUDENT LIFE

Warm and welcoming, YU offers an enriching student life that gives students a close-knit sense of community. Over 150 student-run organizations and clubs provide opportunities to get involved in politics, Holocaust education, journalism, medical ethics, music, the arts and many other extracurricular activities. Holiday events and Shabbat programming bring hundreds of students together in an inspirational community setting of shared values as they enjoy great food, thought-provoking speakers, profound discussions and new friends, while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

THE FLAGSHIP JEWISH UNIVERSITY

Together with world-class academics, vibrant student life and impactful career services, YU is the most effective bridge to students' future lives of enormous professional and personal success.

“Parents are recognizing that a Jewish education and a Jewish environment are vital as young people forge their identity as adults,” said Geri Mansdorf, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment. “These are formative years, and the environment that a person has in their college years is extraordinarily impactful to who they become as an adult. Also, with growing antisemitism both here and abroad, there is a desire to come closer to the Jewish community, and for their children to be in a safe place.”

A YU education opens doors to success, while helping students ground their study in Core Torah Values and become intellectually curious innovators – deeply rooted in a 3,000-year-old heritage infused with meaning – who are changing the world for the better. The value of a YU education has never been clearer, and a record number of new students are poised to discover what makes YU the flagship Jewish university.

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