



## Admissions

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### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

**Where to Apply:** All correspondence on matters of admission should be addressed to [yuadmit@yu.edu](mailto:yuadmit@yu.edu) or Yeshiva University, Office of Admissions, 500 West 185th Street, Furst Hall, Suite 101 New York, NY 10033-3299; 212-960-5277 (telephone); 212-960-0086 (fax).

**How to Apply:** Online applications are available at: [www.yu.edu/admissions](http://www.yu.edu/admissions). There is a \$65 application fee.

**When to Apply:** Candidates may apply at any time after completion of their junior year of high school before February 1, for admission in the September following their graduation. Application for admission in the spring semester must be complete by October 15.

### APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- **Personal Essay.** Students will attach the essay in the online application.
- **Transcript.** Students should arrange to have a transcript of their high school record mailed 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 (SAT I) or the American College Testing examination (ACT) to be forwarded to the YU Office of Admissions. Scores will also be accepted if included by the high school on the high school record.
- **Interview.** Applicants are required to schedule an interview at the university by calling 212-960-5277. Applicants can also arrange in advance to sit in on classes and tour the campus with a current student. Applicants who live outside the tri-state area may arrange for an interview with a university representative in their vicinity.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

The high school scholastic record, SAT I or ACT scores, and results of statewide tests such as the New York State Regents Examinations are 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.

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**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:** All applicants must take either the SAT I or ACT exam. The results of these tests supplement the high school grades. Most successful applicants have a combined score of at least 1100 in one sitting, on the critical reading and math sections of the SAT I or an equivalent score of 24 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. Although these tests are normally 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.

## INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

### Students whose high school ends at Grade 11, should apply as Early Admission candidates and must meet all criteria for Early Admission

- **Application:** Complete the application form, 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 that are not in English or Hebrew must be officially translated into English and sent directly to the Office of Admissions (for more information, please visit [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)). 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:** In order to evaluate college courses and have them considered for transfer credit, the student must submit syllabi and course descriptions for all 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, and may not be completed by the time you register for classes if it is not received by the application deadline.** All documents must be officially translated into English.
- **Standardized Tests:** The SAT I is required for international students applying from Canada. International students must take the TOEFL if either of the following two criteria apply: 1) he or she is a citizen of a non-English speaking country, or the student's first and/or dominant language is not English; or 2) he or she has resided in the United States for less than three years and the student's first and/or dominant language is not



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English. Yeshiva University requires a minimum score of 82 on the Internet-based test, to include a minimum score of 21 in both reading and writing. Scores must be submitted directly by the testing service (code 2990). For information on the TOEFL, visit [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org).

- **Interview:** It is the candidate's responsibility to schedule the interview by calling the Office of Admissions at 212.960.5277. Interviews are conducted at our New York and Israel offices, or with a local representative where possible. Applications will only be considered complete after an interview has been conducted.
- **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](http://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.

International students are advised to apply for admissions early because it can take 2 to 3 months to complete the admissions, immigration, and visa processes before the start of the Fall semester. International students can obtain information about the immigration and visa process from the Student Affairs webpage at [www.yu.edu/studentaffairs](http://www.yu.edu/studentaffairs)

### TYPES OF ADMISSION

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

**Regular Admittance:** Students admitted with permission to work toward degrees or diplomas. A regular student admitted with a condition must resolve it within the time limit set by the Office of Admissions to maintain regular student status.

**Provisional Admittance:** 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 to review their progress and receive approval of their proposed programs. Provisional students who demonstrate satisfactory performance after one semester of full-time attendance may petition the dean to be reclassified as regular.

**Transient Admittance:** Students who enroll only to meet particular needs as they pursue a degree at other institutions without pursuing a regular program leading to a degree or diploma at Yeshiva University. Applicants may be admitted as transient 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, transient students must be enrolled exclusively at Yeshiva University (i.e., they cannot take individual courses while continuing their studies at the home institution).



**Visiting Students:** students who register for a limited number of courses in a school of Yeshiva University while enrolled with regular or provisional status in another YU school. Students must have the permission of both schools to register as visiting.

**Transfer Students:** Applicants who have attended another college must satisfy the same requirements as applicants who come directly from high school. They must have maintained a B average or its GPA equivalent at the institution from which they are transferring. In order to have the credits evaluated, transfer student 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

The applicant must present a high school average of at least 90 or its grade point average (GPA) equivalent and a combined score of 1270 on the SAT I critical reading and mathematics sections or the ACT equivalent for admission under the Regular Early Admission Program, under which the student may take a full college program (normally 15 credits a semester).

**Limited Early Admission Program:** An applicant must present a high school average of 85 or its grade point average (GPA) equivalent and a combined score of 1220 on the SAT I critical reading and mathematics sections or the ACT equivalent. Such students may take a maximum of 6 courses at the college each of the first two semesters.

A letter of recommendation is required from the applicant's principal or college guidance counselor for admission into both the regular Early Admission Program and the Limited 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 performing well on the College Board tests. While the passing mark is a 45 average, the minimum required for admission to Yeshiva University is 50, with a minimum of 40 on each test.

Full details about the GED test may be secured from any high school in New York or, in other states, from the Department of Education. A diploma from a correspondence school is not acceptable for admission purposes. Students with such diplomas are required to pass the GED test, as described above.

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, which they can do so online. Students need not fill out any additional forms.

### Policy on Credit for the AP Examinations (as of 2012)

1. A score of 1, 2, or 3 does not earn credit or exemption.
2. A score of 4 or 5 earns credit for the equivalent SCW course. In Computer Science A, a score of 5 is required to earn credit.

Test	SCW Course Equivalent	Towards SCW General Ed. Requirement	Credits
Art History	ARTS 1051, 1052	Interpreting Literature and the Arts	6
Biology (1)	BIOL 1011, 1012 (Lecture only)	Science and Technology	6
Calculus AB	MATH 1412	Quantitative skills	3
Calculus BC	MATH 1412, 1413	Quantitative skills	6
Chemistry (1)	CHEM 1045, 1046 (Lecture only)	Science and Technology	6
Computer Science A	COMP 1300	Quantitative skills	3
Computer Science AB	COMP 1300	Quantitative skills	3
Economics: Micro	ECON 1031 (1021)	Foundations	3
Economics: Macro	ECON 1041 (1011)	Foundations	3
English Lang & Comp	No equivalent	Not toward any requirement	3
English Lit & Comp	No equivalent	Not toward any requirement	3
Environmental Science (1b)	SCIE ELEC	Science and Technology: Non-Science	3
European History	HIST 1002	Foundations	3
	HIST Elective	Foundations	3
French Language (2)	FREN 1201, 1202	Interpreting Literature and the Arts	6
French Literature	FREN 2101, 2102	Interpreting Literature and the Arts	6
Gov't and Politics	POLI 1501	Contemporary US & Global	3
Gov't and Politics: US	POLI 1101	Contemporary US & Global	3
Human Geography	No equivalent	Elective	3
Music Theory	MUSI 2111, 2112	Elective	6
Physics B (1) (1a) (3)	PHYS 1031, 1032 (Lecture only)	Science and Technology	6
Physics C (1) (1a) (4)	PHYS 1041, 1042 (Lecture only)	Science and Technology	6
Psychology	PSYC 1010	Foundations	3
Spanish Language (2)	SPAN 1201, 1202	Interpreting Literature and the Arts	6
Spanish Literature	SPAN 2101, 2102	Interpreting Literature and the Arts	6
Statistics	STAT 1021	Quantitative skills	3
Studio Art	ARTS 2001	Elective	3
US History	HIST 2005	Foundations	3
	HIST 2006	Foundations	3
World History	No equivalent	Contemporary US & Global	3
	No equivalent	Elective	3



### Notes

- (1) Up to two additional credits may be granted for laboratory experience. Submit a detailed syllabus to the Registrar.
- (1a) If the high school lab is not approved and if the lab is not taken at SCW, the course will be listed as a Physics elective.
- (1b) One additional credit may be granted for laboratory experience. Submit a detailed syllabus to the Registrar.
- (2) Students may not take a foreign language AP examination in their native language.
- (3) Physics 1031, 1032 is a non-calculus based Introductory Physics.
- (4) Calculus-Based course. A student may earn 3 credits for each part of the Physics C examination.
- (5) Science elective toward Science and Technology requirement for non-science majors only.

### **The Bechinah Yerushalmit (Jerusalem Examination)**

The Jewish Agency, in conjunction with the Hebrew University, annually administers the Jerusalem Examination (Bechinah Yerushalmit) at various locations throughout the world, including New York. The examination, usually given in May, is a two-part test of proficiency in Hebrew language and literature. Credit is awarded depending upon the score earned and only if it was taken before the student graduated from high school.

A combined score on Parts I and II of 150 earns 3 credits of a Hebrew elective.  
A combined score on Parts I and II of 160 or above earns 6 credits of Hebrew electives.  
Regardless of the credits earned, the number of Hebrew courses to be taken at SCW is determined by the SCW Hebrew Placement Exam.

Further information about the Jerusalem examination is available from The Jewish Agency, Department for Jewish Zionist Education, 6333 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, New York, NY 10017, phone: 1-866-835-0430.

### **THE YU COLLEGE LEVEL TEST IN JEWISH HISTORY**

YU has developed examinations in Jewish History that test the student's knowledge of the political, social, economic, and cultural currents in the history of the Jews from the Second Commonwealth to the Modern Era. There are three examinations: Classical, Medieval, and Modern Jewish History, any one of which may be taken for credit.

The tests are prepared and read by Yeshiva University Jewish Studies faculty and are graded on a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high). Scores of 4 or 5 earn 3 credits for each examination in lieu of the equivalent college course. Neither credit nor exemption is granted for scores of 1, 2, or 3. Credit is only awarded if the exam is taken while the student is still enrolled in high school.

For further information about this examination (including a suggested reading list) consult with your high school guidance office or with the course coordinator, Rabbi Dr. Rosensweig.

### **UNIVERSITY RESOURCES**

Undergraduate students have many opportunities to benefit from Yeshiva University's



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graduate and professional schools. These include academic programs such as funded summer internships at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and joint degree programs with the Wurzweiler School of Social Work and the Cardozo School of Law.