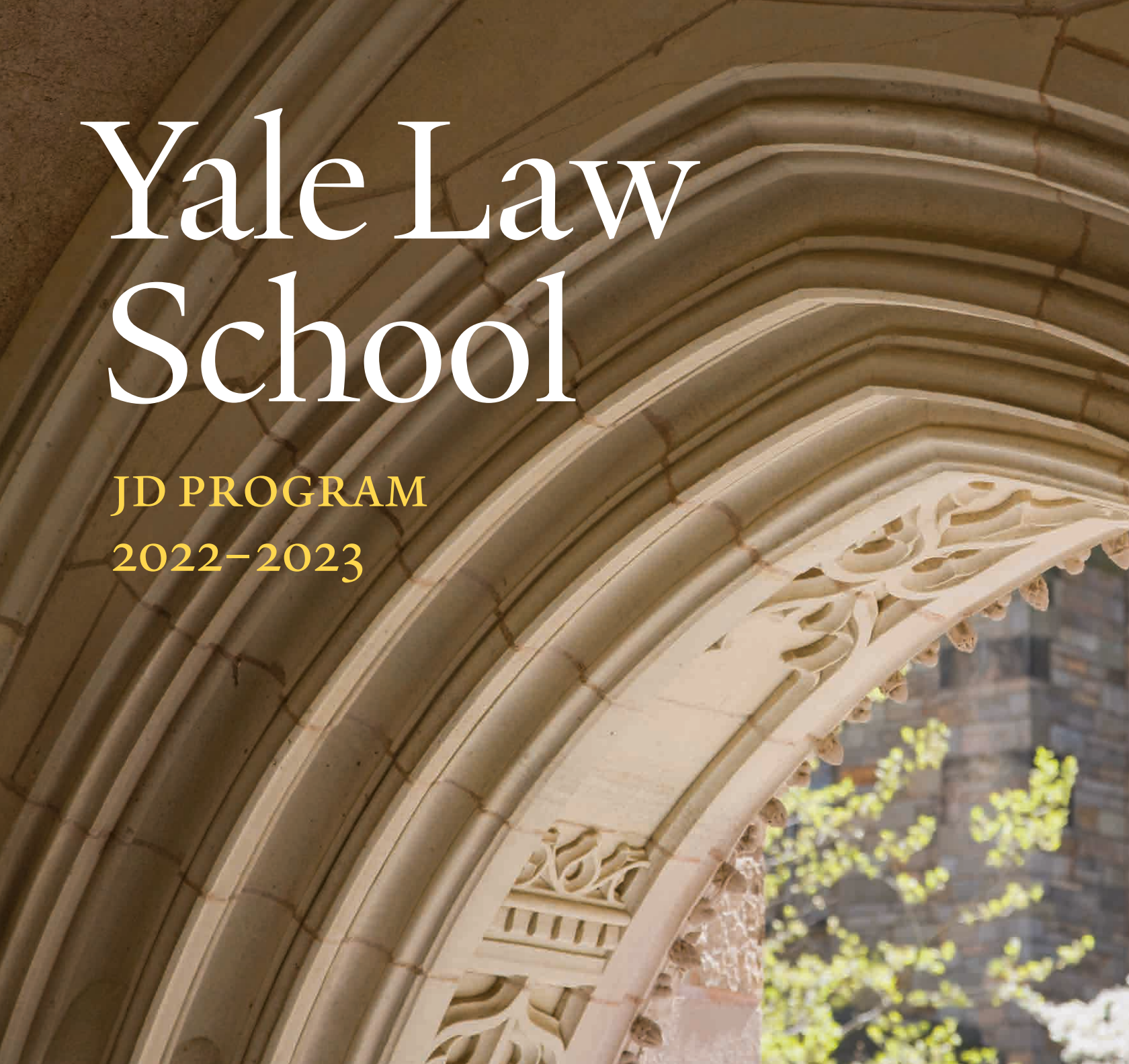


Yale Law School

JD PROGRAM

2022–2023



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192 doctrinal courses

152 under **25** people

2
significant
faculty-supervised
papers before
graduation

No curve
No class rank
Ever

The freedom to choose your path

at a law school that is small by design
with limitless opportunities

5 to 1
student to
faculty ratio

nearly **30 clinics** covering
everything from criminal justice and
veterans' rights to economic development
and financial markets

Design Your Academic Experience

[Yale Law School](#) is an extraordinary community in which to study law. Our world-renowned faculty members teach a wide array of courses both highly theoretical and intensely practical. There are also countless opportunities for independent research, writing, and student-organized reading groups.

Students are encouraged to learn deeply and investigate their own ideas about the law. Every student works closely with the faculty to complete two major research papers, and many students go on to publish their work.

Outside of the classroom, students have the opportunity to work with faculty members as research and teaching assistants. Yale Law School students leave law school with personal and professional connections that last throughout their careers.

In addition, Yale Law School fosters an environment of collaboration rather than competition. In the first term, all classes are ungraded. After that, classes are graded on an honors/pass/low pass/fail basis with the option to take classes credit/fail. There is no curve and no class rank.

[Joint Degrees](#)

Our students often have intersectional academic interests. Many pursue a wide variety of joint degrees at Yale or another institution. Students interested in pursuing joint degrees petition a standing faculty committee for approval beginning in the spring of their first year at the Law School.

Only 3 classes
with >100 students

One of the most influential law faculties in the country
in terms of scholarly impact

Our faculty includes former prosecutors, public
defenders, State Department officials, Supreme Court
advocates, and CEOs

*At heart, Yale Law School is about a **distinctive culture of intellectual curiosity** about the law. We think good ideas matter. Our faculty and, most of all, our students live this idea every day.*

John Fabian Witt '99
Allen H. Duffy Class of 1960
Professor of Law





*The community at YLS is absolutely incredible. **You have the opportunity to learn from some of the smartest legal minds in the world**, while forming meaningful relationships with your classmates. The Law School facilitates learning not just from professors, but from peers as well, which leads to a collegial and collaborative environment.*

Adam Henderson '23



1L Fall

4 required courses: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law & Administration

All credit/fail

One course taken in a “small group” with 16–18 classmates

Legal research and writing instruction in a seminar format

Course offerings are enhanced by numerous centers, programs, and workshops, in which interdisciplinary legal scholarship intersects with real-world challenges and practical legal reform. These include:

[Abdallah S. Kamel Center for the Study of Islamic Law and Civilization](#)

[Bert W. Wasserman Workshop in Law and Finance](#)

[Center for Global Legal Challenges](#)

[Global Health Justice Partnership](#)

[Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women's Rights](#)

[Human Rights Workshop](#)

[Information Society Project](#)

[John M. Olin Center for Law, Economics, and Public Policy](#)

[Law, Economics, and Organization Workshop](#)

[Law, Ethics, & Animals Program](#)

[Law & Political Economy Project](#)

[Law and Racial Justice Center](#)

[Legal History Forum](#)

[Legal Theory Workshop](#)

[Middle East Legal Studies Seminar](#)

[Orville H. Schell Jr. Center for International Human Rights](#)

[Paul Tsai China Center](#)

[Quinnipiac-Yale Dispute Resolution Workshop](#)

[SEICHE Center for Health and Justice](#)

[Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy](#)

[The Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law](#)

[The Joseph C. Tsai Leadership Program](#)

[The Justice Collaboratory](#)

[Workplace Theory and Policy Workshop](#)

[Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy](#)

[Yale Center for Law and Philosophy](#)

[Yale Law School Center for Private Law](#)

[Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law](#)

[Yale Law School Latin American Legal Studies](#)

Learning by Doing

Yale Law School has a large and varied [clinical program](#). Law students — supervised by faculty members and practicing attorneys — write briefs, prepare witnesses, try cases, negotiate settlements, argue appeals, draft legislation, and engage in transactional and policy work. Students have numerous opportunities through clinics, experiential courses, and student-led projects to obtain practical experience and develop lawyering skills in many practice areas. Our clinical faculty members are highly skilled lawyers and teachers, as well as leading scholars.

Uniquely, Yale Law students participate in clinics beginning in their first year of law school. Further, because of a distinctive Connecticut state law, our first-year law students may appear in court. In recent years, students have argued before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Recent Clinical and Experiential Learning Courses

Access to Law School Project	Financial Markets and Corporate Law Clinic	Reproductive Rights and Justice Project
Advanced Issues in Capital Markets	Free Exercise Clinic	Saginaw-Chippewa Disenrollment Clinic
Advocacy in International Arbitration	Health Justice Practicum	Samuel Jacobs Criminal Justice Clinic
Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic	Housing Clinic	San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project
Appellate Litigation Project	International Refugee Legal Assistance	Small Business and Community in a Time of Crisis
Capital Punishment Clinic	Legal Assistance: Gender Violence Clinic	Strategic Advocacy Clinic
Challenging Mass Incarceration	Legal Assistance: Immigrant Rights Clinic	Supreme Court Advocacy Clinic
Climate, Animals, Food, and Environmental Policy Lab	Legal Assistance: Re-entry Clinic	Trial Practice
Complex Civil Litigation	Ludwig Center for Community & Economic Development	Veterans Legal Services Clinic
Criminal Justice Advocacy Clinic	Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic	Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic
Educational Opportunity and Juvenile Justice Clinic	Medical Legal Partnerships	
Entrepreneurship and Innovation Clinic	Police, Law, and Policy Clinic	
Environmental Protection Clinic	Prosecution Externship	
	Private Law Clinic	

Participating in both the Civil Rights Project and Housing Clinic as a 1L allowed me to gain significant, real-world experience, including helping write briefs to the Connecticut Supreme Court and participating in a segregation lawsuit against the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Hartford. I don't think I could've gotten that level of immersion as a 1L anywhere else.

Areeb Siddiqui '23

Students can take clinical classes 5 out of the 6 terms they are at Yale Law School

~85%
of students participate in at least one clinic

>50%
of students participate in more than one clinic





A New Generation of Leaders

At Yale Law School, we train our students for their last job, not just their first. We ensure that all of our graduates are broad-gauged thinkers prepared for the practical and moral decisions they will face no matter what career path they choose.

The [Tsai Leadership Program](#) infuses the Law School with leadership training opportunities and harnesses our extraordinary alumni community. Through the [Ludwig Program in Public Sector Leadership](#) and the [Chae Initiative in Private Sector Leadership](#), we support those who pursue nontraditional careers and leadership roles in the public and private sectors. We train our students to be intellectually curious, rigorously analytic, and deeply ethical leaders. Our goal is to meet all of our students where they are and get them to where they want to be.

In the Leadership Program, I dreamt up a startup and thought about how it would run. I've also taken classes instructed by John Kerry and General McChrystal. YLS has enabled me to grow so much, and I've loved the variety of opportunities the School has given me.

Annie Guilyard '22

Leadership Program Fellows create plans combining curricular and extracurricular offerings based on their interests and goals

The Leadership Program's extracurricular programming includes speaker events, workshops, and networking opportunities



An Extraordinary Community

Yale Law School is committed to world-class scholarship, professional excellence, and service for the greater good. From the first class meeting to the final gathering at Commencement, you'll learn from faculty of unmatched talent and qualifications alongside an extraordinary group of classmates. In addition to a rich history and an accomplished student body, our small size and relatively large faculty allow us to foster relationships that last long after graduation. The alumni community's deep commitment to the School facilitates lifelong friendships and networks.



*The best part of YLS is the community. Since my first small group class, **I was constantly inspired and challenged by my law school classmates.** They are more than brilliant — they are thoughtful, passionate, and most of all, they are leaders.*

Rahael Seifu '07
Senior Counsel at Google

CLASS OF 2024					
GPA			LSAT		
high	4.20		high	180	
75%	3.99		75%	177	
median	3.94		median	174	
25%	3.88		25%	171	
low	3.25		low	153	



YLS by the Numbers FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

201
students

73
undergraduate
institutions
represented

51%
women

54%
students of color

Lived and worked in
70
different countries

28%
first generation
professionals

17%
first generation
college graduates

as of 06/22/22

*I chose to attend Yale Law School because I wanted to direct my own education. Thirty years later, **freedom and flexibility are still the best things about this place.** As a YLS student, you get to decide what you want to study.*

James Forman Jr. '92
J. Skelly Wright Professor of Law



>50
student
organizations

8
journals

*1L small groups take all of the same classes in the fall, but **my small group connected so well that we were always finding more time to hang out after class hours.** This community made my first semester at YLS so much more meaningful and fun.*

Kyle Ranieri '24



Need-Based Financial Support

Our [financial aid policies](#) say a lot about our values as a community. All of our students are equally meritorious, so all of our aid is based on need – not based on merit. Our admissions process is need-blind, and we meet 100% of demonstrated need with a combination of loans and generous scholarships. We recently launched the Soledad '92 and Robert Hurst Horizon Scholarship Program, which provides full-tuition scholarships to students with the greatest financial need. In addition to academic year aid, we provide significant funding for public interest work during both 1L and 2L summers. And our loan repayment program is income-based, with minimal eligibility requirements, and does not require our graduates to pursue legal jobs or public service jobs to qualify.

The Law School's financial aid policies and programs are designed to make it possible for our students and graduates to pursue their legal education at Yale – as well as their career of choice after graduation – regardless of their financial circumstances.

I'm incredibly grateful to Yale Law School's Hurst Horizon Scholarship as part of YLS's efforts to expand overall access to the legal profession.
Layla Malamut '23

Academic Year Aid

- cost of attendance
- contribution from student/spouse/parent
- = need
- unit loan
- = institutional scholarship

YLS Safety Net

covers students who experience unanticipated expenses

76%
of students receive financial aid

\$12M
awarded in need-based scholarships during the 2021–2022 academic year, with a median incoming scholarship of \$31K

64%
of students receive need-based scholarships

9%
of 1Ls received full-tuition, Hurst Horizon Scholarships



THE JD ADMISSIONS PROCESS

While the small size of Yale Law School — approximately 200 in each entering class — requires a selective admission process, we are committed to a holistic review of every application we receive. Overall, the Law School seeks the most promising students in terms of academic and professional distinction. We seek to admit students who can both perform very well academically and also contribute meaningfully to the Law School community. We read all applications and take all factors into account in a comprehensive review process. There is no cut-off point for grade point averages or test scores. No one part of an application is conclusive and the potential for academic and professional excellence can be demonstrated in many ways.

HOW TO APPLY

In order to apply to Yale Law School, you must subscribe to the Law School Credential Assembly Service (CAS). You can [register for CAS](#) with the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). Yale Law School requires applicants to submit their applications through the LSAC electronic application service included as part of a CAS subscription.

WHEN TO APPLY

Yale Law School will open its application for the Class of 2026 on September 1, 2022, and applications can be submitted beginning on October 1, 2022. Applications must be submitted by no later than February 15, 2023. It is your responsibility to make certain that all items arrive at Yale in a timely fashion. Please note that it may take several weeks for LSAC to process your materials.

Under our review process there is no advantage, in terms of the likelihood of admission, to applying earlier in the application cycle. In other words, your chances of admission remain constant regardless of when you submit your application.

APPLICATION FEE & NEED-BASED FEE WAIVERS

Applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$85 application fee, which will not be credited to tuition in the event of admission. The application fee is waived automatically for those applicants who have received an LSAC fee waiver.

If you do not have an LSAC fee waiver and would like to request a need-based fee waiver of your Yale Law School application fee, please [request a fee waiver using our online form](#). Need-based fee waivers are generously granted, and parental information is not requested as part of the fee waiver application. If your request is approved, you will be given a fee waiver code to enter during the submission process for your Yale Law School application.

Please note that neither the request for, nor the granting of, a need-based fee waiver has any bearing on admissions decisions. Yale Law School employs a need-blind admissions process and encourages applicants from all socioeconomic backgrounds to apply.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES & ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS

You must receive, or expect to receive, by the summer of 2023 a bachelor's degree (or the equivalent) from an approved undergraduate institution in order to be eligible to apply. All offers of admission are contingent upon graduation.

You must submit to LSAC transcripts from each college or university you attended, including all schools you attended for graduate or professional study. Even if one school includes summary data regarding courses from another school on its transcript, an official transcript from each institution must be submitted. Yale Law School strongly encourages applicants to submit transcripts, through LSAC, reflecting all coursework completed through the time of application and further encourages applicants to submit updated transcripts as additional coursework is completed. We suggest that you allow at least six weeks for a transcript to be processed by LSAC. For detailed instructions, please visit the [LSAC transcript webpage](#).

In light of the circumstances posed by COVID-19, Yale Law School recognizes that transcripts may reflect mandatory or optional pass/fail or credit/no credit grades. These grades will not be viewed negatively by the Admissions Office and the Law School will maintain a holistic review process for all applications.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Yale Law School accepts results from the [Law School Admission Test \(LSAT\)](#) and the [Graduate Record Examinations \(GRE\)](#) General Test. Additionally, the Law School accepts results from the [LSAT-Flex](#) and the [GRE General Test at Home](#). We do not have a preference among these standardized tests. However, you may submit score(s) from one standardized test only. If you have a reportable LSAT score, you may not submit a GRE score for consideration.

If you choose to apply with the LSAT, you must take the LSAT no later than January 2023. LSAC automatically reports all LSAT scores from the past five years. The oldest LSAT score we will accept is June 2017. If you have taken the LSAT since June 2017, you do not have the option not to report your score(s) to the Law School—your score(s) will be included in the information that we receive in your CAS report from LSAC.

LSAC requires an LSAT writing sample, taken either at the time of the LSAT examination or via [LSAT Writing](#), in order to generate your CAS report. Applicants who take the LSAT more than once do not need to submit multiple writing samples. It may take up to three weeks for LSAC to process and report your LSAT Writing. Therefore, you should complete your LSAT Writing no later than January 25, 2023 to ensure we receive it by Yale Law School's application deadline.

If you choose to apply using the GRE General Test, we must receive your GRE scores from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) by our application deadline, February 15, 2023. Because it may take up to 15 calendar days for ETS to transmit your scores once you complete the exam, you should take the GRE no later than February 1, 2023. Applicants who have taken the GRE can log into their ETS accounts and select Yale Law School as a recipient of GRE results using the school code 4542.

To maintain parity between our evaluation of LSAT and GRE results, applicants who apply using the GRE must submit all GRE scores from the past five years. When reporting your GRE scores to Yale Law School, please select the option to report your entire testing history. Selecting this option will report all of your GRE scores for the past five years. Additionally, please ensure that the GRE score report submitted with your application is generated on or after the date you submit your Yale Law School application. A failure to comply with these policies may prevent the review of your application or result in the withdrawal of an offer of admission.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Yale Law School requires at least two letters of recommendation. We strongly prefer letters from at least two professors with whom you have studied who can speak to your academic performance and who have had a chance to personally evaluate significant aspects of your academic work. Letters from employers, college deans, coaches, chaplains, colleagues, and others may be helpful, but are not preferred. If possible, they should not replace letters from two faculty recommenders.

Applicants who have been out of school for some time or who are otherwise unable to obtain two faculty recommendations may substitute letters from employers or others who know them well. These letters should address the qualities that academic recommendations typically address, for example: the applicant's ability to write and think critically, as well as their overall suitability for the study and practice of law.

All letters of recommendation must be transmitted through the [LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service](#), which is included as part of your CAS subscription.

We will begin review of your application as soon as we have received two letters of recommendation. We will not hold your application in order to wait for additional letters. To ensure that all of your recommendations are available for consideration, please verify that they are on file with LSAC prior to applying to the Law School.

PERSONAL STATEMENTS & 250-WORD ESSAYS

Applicants are required to submit two essays: a personal statement and a 250-word essay. Faculty readers look to these two pieces of writing to obtain a nuanced picture of each applicant.

The personal statement should help us learn about the personal, professional, or academic qualities an applicant would bring to the Law School community. Applicants often submit the personal statement they have prepared for other law school applications.

The 250-word essay is an opportunity to write about an idea or issue from your academic, extracurricular, or professional work that is of particular interest to you. Although there are many ways to approach this essay, one option is to write about a time when you changed your mind about an idea or issue that is of interest to you. The idea or issue you choose does not have to be law-related; this is simply another opportunity for faculty readers to learn more about how you would engage in the Law School community.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT & ADDENDA

You will have the opportunity to include a diversity statement and optional addenda to your application if any are necessary for a full representation of your candidacy.

Yale Law School welcomes, but does not require, a diversity statement, which many applicants submit to help us learn more about them and how they would contribute to our community. Other applicants choose not to include diversity statements, especially if they have otherwise covered key aspects of their backgrounds and experiences in their applications. One way to decide whether to include a diversity statement is to consider those aspects of your identity that are core to who you are, and make sure they are represented in your application.

Separate from a diversity statement, you may include optional addenda, for example, explanations related to test scores or transcripts. It is not necessary to include any, and many applicants do not include addenda.

INTERVIEWS

The Admissions Office is piloting an interview program for the 2022–2023 application cycle. A small number of applicants will be selected for interviews

as part of the evaluation process. Participation in this program is optional. If you choose not to participate in the interview program, you will not be disadvantaged in our admissions process. You will also not be disadvantaged if you opt to participate and are not selected for an interview. If you elect to participate and are selected for an interview, the Admissions Office will contact you with additional information.

DEAN'S CERTIFICATION

Yale Law School does not require submission of dean's certification form(s) as part of the initial application. In the event an offer of admission is extended to you and you choose to accept that offer, you will be required to submit a dean's certification form from each college or university degree program in which you are, or have been, enrolled, regardless of whether a degree was awarded. The dean's certification form and a complete set of instructions will be provided to admitted students.

All offers of admission are contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the dean's certification requirement. Discrepancies between an applicant's answers to the questions in the Character and Fitness section of the admission application and the information provided in dean's certification forms will be considered sufficient grounds for revocation of an offer of admission.

REVIEW PROCESS & NOTIFICATION

The Admissions Office will notify you by email when your application has been received and is ready to be processed. After processing your application, the Admissions Office will notify you by email of your application's completion status and provide you with log-in credentials for your applicant portal, where you can review your application's status and learn what, if any, application materials are needed to complete your application.

Applications are considered approximately in the order in which they are completed. Your application will be considered complete and ready for review once the Law School receives your application materials, a CAS report, an LSAT or GRE score(s), and two letters of recommendation. We will not hold your application in order to wait for additional letters of recommendation, later test scores, or any other additional materials.

Given our holistic review of each application and the significant involvement of faculty members in the review process, our decision-making process can be lengthy. We appreciate your patience throughout the review process.

If admitted, Yale Law School may use information derived from your application, including your name, contact information, and basic biographical information, to connect you with members of the Law School's community.

If you do not consent to the sharing of such information, please email the [Admissions Office](#).

Please note: We cannot provide decision information over the phone. If you have a deposit or scholarship deadline at another school, please send to us an email with your name, LSAC account number, telephone number, the name of the school, type of deadline, and deadline date.

ADMISSION OFFERS & SCHOLARSHIPS FROM OTHER LAW SCHOOLS

If you receive an offer of admission or a scholarship offer from another law school before hearing from Yale Law School, please be aware that [LSAC's Statement of Good Admission and Financial Aid Practices](#) provides member law schools with best practices for law school admission and financial aid programs.

First, law schools should allow applicants sufficient opportunity to consider other offers before requesting a commitment of any kind. Second, each school should allow applicants to freely accept a new offer from another law school even though a scholarship has been accepted, a deposit has been paid, or a commitment has been made to their school. Thus, law schools should never ask you to withdraw your application to Yale Law School before a decision has been made on your application.

In addition, please note that Yale Law School will consider applications from individuals who have accepted admission through deferred admissions programs for college sophomores and juniors.

CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Yale Law School is committed to equal opportunity and accessibility to all candidates who show great academic and personal promise irrespective of citizenship status. Yale Law School evaluates applications without regard to a student's citizenship or immigration status, and all students are eligible for the Law School's need-based financial aid. These policies include undocumented students living in the U.S., whether they hold DACA status or not.

WEIL LEGAL INNOVATORS PROGRAM (WLI)

Yale Law School is a partner law school in the [Weil Legal Innovators Program \(WLI\)](#). Participants in WLI defer their first year of law school to work at a nonprofit organization. Participants receive a salary and health benefits for the year, a \$10,000 law school scholarship, ongoing professional development training and mentorship by a Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP partner, and more. If interested, you may apply between December 2022 and March 2023.

REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Application fee or fee waiver
- ☐ Transcript(s)
- ☐ LSAT or GRE score(s) (not both)
- ☐ Letters of recommendation (2 minimum, 4 maximum)
- ☐ Personal statement
- ☐ 250-word essay

TUITION AND EXPENSES

Tuition for 2022–2023 is \$71,425 including mandatory fees. We estimate that a single student will need an additional \$25,256 for room, board, and other living expenses for the academic year. Tuition and expenses for 2023–2024 will be calculated in the spring of 2023.

FINANCIAL AID

The goal of Yale Law School's financial aid program is to make it possible for students to pursue their legal education regardless of their financial resources. Financial aid is awarded solely on the basis of need. Admissions decisions are made independently of financial aid decisions. Approximately 75 percent of the student body receives some form of financial assistance. A standard financial aid award consists of a portion in grant and a portion in loan; typically, the higher the total financial need, the higher the proportion of grant.

FINANCIAL AID ASSESSMENTS

Financial aid is available to all Yale Law School students, regardless of citizenship. The financial need of U.S. citizens and permanent residents is determined on the basis of data provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Yale Law School Financial Aid Application and Scholarship Tool (FAAST). International students submit information only to FAAST.

Financial aid awards are made one year at a time and are recalculated each year based on a new FAAST report and prevailing Yale Law School financial aid policies. Please have the FAFSA submitted to Yale Law School by March 15, 2023. Late submissions may cause financial aid offers to be delayed. Applicants will be granted access to FAAST in the event that an offer of admission is extended to them. Before financial aid is disbursed to the student in the fall, the Law School must have a copy of the student's and parents' IRS Form 1040 for the 2022 tax year on file.

You may access the FAFSA at studentaid.gov. The Title IV code number for Yale Law School to be listed on the FAFSA is 001426.

ADMISSIONS TIMELINE 2022–2023

September 1	Application opens You can view and begin to work on your 2022–2023 application
October 1	Submissions begin You can submit your 2022–2023 application
January	LSAT / LSAT Writing Last month to take the LSAT and LSAT Writing for the 2022–2023 application
February 1	GRE Last day to take the GRE for the 2022–2023 application
February 15	Application closes Final day to submit your application via LSAC
May 1	Deadline for enrollment commitments

VISITING YALE LAW SCHOOL

We invite you to visit [our website](#) to explore the many ways to virtually connect with us or take a virtual tour. On our website, you can also find information on how to register for an in-person tour, which will be running in accordance with Yale University's COVID-19 policies.

YLS's Summer Public Interest Fellowship (SPIF) enabled me to work at the San Francisco City Attorney's Office my 1L summer. While there, I worked under incredible attorneys, supported ongoing litigation, and conducted legal research to help develop an innovative new case on behalf of the people of California.

Faith Lewis '23



Summer Public Interest Aid

>190

students received funding for summer public interest work in 2021

\$8,000

The maximum need-based stipend available to all 1L and 2L students for public interest work

*Yale Law School prepared me for a lifelong career in public interest and social justice work through its academic excellence, hands-on clinical practice, and expansive student-led leadership opportunities. YLS's **generous loan repayment program, COAP**, helped me work in public interest positions as soon as I graduated.*

Lourdes Rivera '90
Senior Vice President, U.S. Programs,
Center for Reproductive Rights



Loan Repayment

~400

graduates received approximately \$5 million in loan repayment in 2021

100% of Yale Law School need-based loans and up to \$30K of need-based undergraduate loans are eligible for repayment

Many Paths After Graduation

Yale Law students and graduates are among the most sought after in the nation by employers of all types, and each one has the choice to follow the path that is right for them. Our graduates find multiple and meaningful ways to contribute to their communities. A degree from Yale Law School opens doors across the United States and around the world, including in public interest careers of all kinds; at law firms big and small; in business as founders, lawyers, and executives; in the judiciary as clerks and judges; and in the academy as scholars and teachers.

Our [Career Development Office](#) provides a variety of resources to help students and alumni develop an effective career plan. The counselors can identify helpful resources, support the job search, and forge connections among students, faculty, and alumni.



*I came into law school uncertain about my future professionally. **Through working with my CDO advisor and other resources, it took less than a semester for me to discover an aspect of legal practice that I'm excited to pursue** for a summer — and hopefully for the rest of my career.*

Allen Xu '23

**Ten years after
law school:**

96%

express job satisfaction

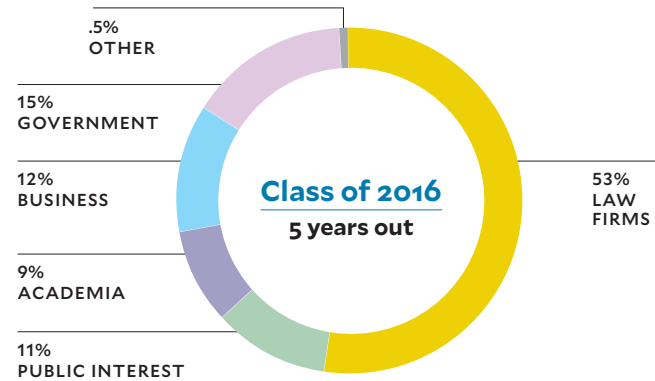
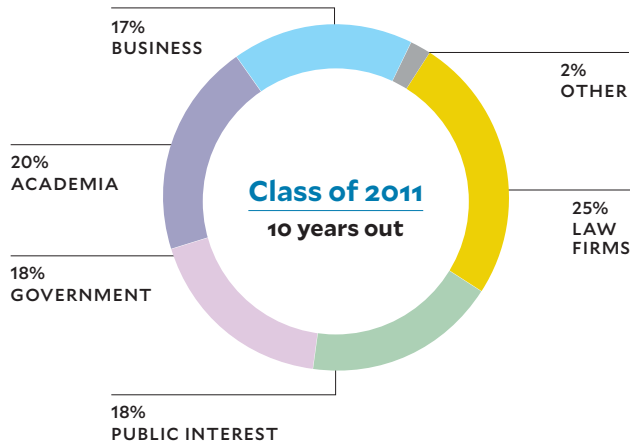
38%

have held public
interest jobs

49%

have clerked
for a judge

YLS Alumni Employment



Yale Law School taught me the critical importance of organizational culture and shared values. Since graduation, I've been continually inspired by how my classmates have built unexpected careers that are so firmly rooted in the collaborative outlook, dedication, intellectual curiosity, and engagement we shared at Yale. I'm a stronger entrepreneur because I try to infuse the organizations I build with these YLS values.

Jane Park '96
CEO & Entrepreneur

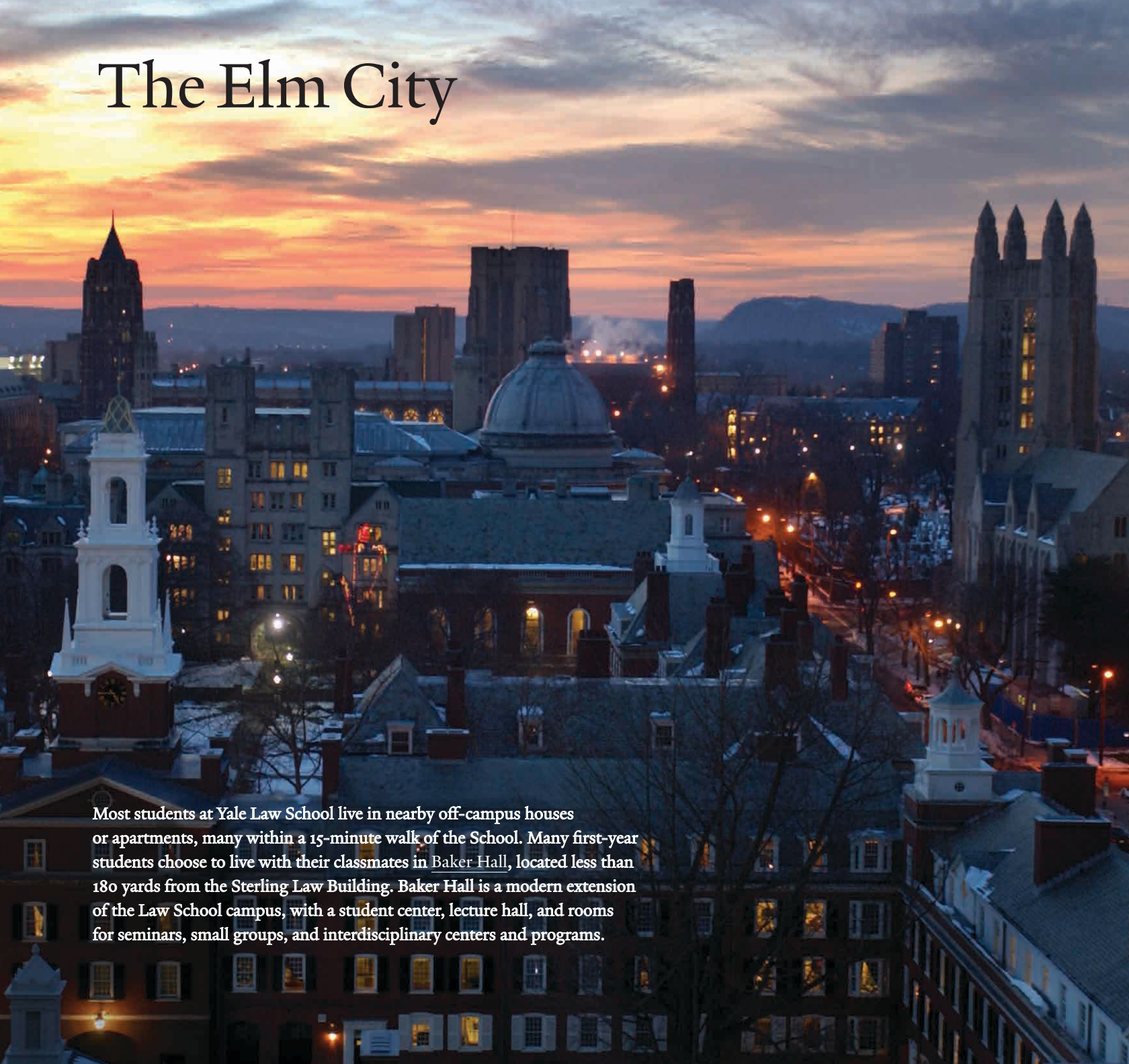


At Yale, I treasured being part of a close community of students, faculty, alumni, practitioners, and staff committed to understanding and critiquing the law. I draw on lessons I learned from that community every day in my career as an economic justice lawyer.

Casey Pitts '08
Partner, Altshuler Berzon LLP



The Elm City



Most students at Yale Law School live in nearby off-campus houses or apartments, many within a 15-minute walk of the School. Many first-year students choose to live with their classmates in Baker Hall, located less than 180 yards from the Sterling Law Building. Baker Hall is a modern extension of the Law School campus, with a student center, lecture hall, and rooms for seminars, small groups, and interdisciplinary centers and programs.



New Haven

Population
134,000

Ranked

#13

Most Diverse
City in America
by Niche.com

I love living in New Haven so much!

There are delicious food options, a rich, diverse community, and I can easily access and enjoy mother nature whenever I need to recharge.

Eriele Tellis '23



2

hours to
Boston and
New York City

15

minutes to
the beach

New Haven has become a second home! *Between the amazing restaurants, Yale's beautiful campus, and the multiple green spaces, there are so many sites to explore. I especially enjoy the spring, when all of the trees and flowers bloom, brightening up the campus.*

Caroline Lefever '24

A Thinking Degree

At Yale, we train lawyers, writ large. Our small size, our commitment to bridging the theory/practice divide, and our total belief in our students are central to our mission. All of these allow our students to grow into people who will make an impact no matter where their paths lead.

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YLS offers a wide array of experiences. In the past year, I've taken part in negotiations and leadership courses, learning from both practitioners and alumni at the top of their fields. I've also debated and written on theories of law through a research assistantship that has been the highlight of my law school experience.

Justice Forte '22



*At Yale Law School, we think hard about law, with freedom to challenge basic assumptions embedded within our legal institutions and to construct new frameworks. **The best thing about teaching here is getting to do that alongside such inspiring students,** unparalleled in intellectual depth, breadth of experience, flexibility, and humaneness.*

Monica Bell '09
Professor of Law and
Associate Professor of Sociology



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Message from the Dean

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We are deeply committed to the notion that theory informs practice and practice, in turn, informs theory. This is a place where you can luxuriate in ideas. Scholarly excellence and boundary-defying scholarship are central to our teaching. And we are just as ambitious about practice, with a clinical program that offers unlimited opportunities to serve others and engage in challenging and impactful work.

This is also a wonderful community. The friendships you forge here will matter for the rest of your life.

Come discover the many paths open to you here.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather K. Gerken". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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