

Law School Loans' Top Graduate School Profiles: Yale University

Law School Loans is dedicated to helping law students obtain the best education possible. We have researched top U.S. law schools to help you decide which program is the right one for you.

This article will profile Yale Law School, ranked #1 in 2008 by *U.S. News & World Report*.

History and Influence

The mission of Yale Law School is to create a world-class institution through faculty development while training the next generation of leaders in law, the judiciary, academia, and public service.

Considered one of the world's premier law schools, Yale is located in New Haven, Connecticut. It was one of the first law schools in the world, growing out of the apprenticeship system where students were trained within law firms under the guidance of a mentor.

Yale Law School was founded by Seth Staples, who began operating the law school out of his law offices in 1810 upon the request of apprentices gravitating toward his law firm. The law school became affiliated with Yale University in 1820, and after restructuring, Yale Law School was founded in 1824.

Yale Law School made some of the greatest contributions to public policy and legal procedure in the United States. One of its crowning achievements was spearheading the legal realism movement. Through Dean Charles Clark's leadership (1929 -1939), the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure were penned. With this, Yale Law School set the foundation of the modern legal system in the United States.

Like other deans of the law school, Dean Clark's achievements were legendary and held lasting effects. He was the first dean to hire legal figureheads and renowned judges to teach at the law school. This prestigious tradition continues today.

Despite its outstanding achievements, Yale remains true to its apprenticeship beginnings. A single factor, the small teacher-to-student ratio, is its major draw for students from around the world. This is considered by Dean Koh to be one of the primary reasons behind Yale Law School's success throughout the 20th Century.

The Law Program

Today, Yale continues to lead the way in international law and political policy. Professional excellence and public service are still the underlying foundation of the Yale law program. The school's faculty appointments and curricula are targeted toward developing lawyers and other professionals ready to serve the greater good of the world.

Admissions

To be considered for admission to Yale Law School, you must meet all school application requirements. Take into consideration the following:

- LSAT scores above 170, in the 25th-75th percentile range
- Acceptance rate is 6.8%

Costs for the 2007 School Year

Tuition: \$40,900 (full-time)

Room and board: \$14,700

Yale offers financial aid to its students in line with federal policy. For detailed information and resources available to you, visit <http://www.law.yale.edu/admissions/Costs&FinancialAid.htm>.

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