

## Harvard University

According to *Newsweek*, the best university in the world is Harvard University. You probably know its name, but do you know much about the school itself? Do you know what hobby could help you get into Harvard?

Harvard University is a private university in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and it is the oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. Harvard was founded in 1636. It was initially called New College but was renamed Harvard College in 1693 after a young clergyman named John Harvard.

Between 1869 and 1909, Harvard's president was Charles William Eliot. He changed Harvard and made it the first modern American university with elective courses, small classes, and entrance examinations for all students.

Today, Harvard has about 2,300 professors, 6,650 undergraduate students, 10,700 in professional programs, and 3,700 in graduate programs. It is more difficult to get into Harvard than any other university in the United States. In 2012, the school accepted only 5.9 percent of the people who wanted to go there.

Harvard's library is made up of about 90 separate library buildings. With over 15 million books, Harvard's library is the largest academic library in the United States. A huge library is useful because extensive reading is how you can greatly increase your vocabulary and improve your writing skills. A massive amount of reading is an essential part of a Harvard education. Being a highly skilled reader is the key to becoming successful in the Information Age. If you want to attend Harvard or some other famous university, your main hobby should be reading.

Seventy-five Nobel Prize winners are affiliated with Harvard. Since 1974, 19 Nobel Prize winners and 15 winners of the American Pulitzer Prize have served on the Harvard faculty. Some of Harvard's most famous graduates include Presidents George W. Bush, and Barack Obama, as well as poet T.S. Eliot.