

Harvard University



Harvard Un

s a private Ivy

League research

university in Cambridge, Massachusetts
whose history, influence and wealth have
made it one of the most prestigious
universities in the world



Establishing the University

Established in 1636 by the Massachusetts legislature and soon thereafter named for John Harvard (its first benefactor), Harvard is the United States' oldest institution of higher learning, and the Harvard Corporation (formally, the *President and Fellows of Harvard College*) is its first chartered corporation. Although never formally affiliated with any denomination, the early College primarily trained Congregationalist and Unitarian clergy. Its curriculum and student body were gradually secularized during the 18th century, and by the 19th century Harvard had emerged as the central cultural establishment among Boston elites.

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HMS & HSDM Student Council

University comprises... is organized... separate... the Radcliffe... campuses through... area. Harvard's 209-acre (85 ha) main campus is centered on Harvard Yard in Cambridge approximately 4.8 km north of Boston... facilities... across... the Allston... the medical, dental, and public health schools are located in the Longwood Medical Area.



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Graduators

Eight U.S. presidents have been graduates, and some were affiliated with Harvard. Two living billionaires, Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg, are also graduates of Harvard.



The Harvard University Library

The Harvard University Library is also the largest academic library in the world and one of the largest



**College/school
Year founded**

Harvard College

1636

Medicine

1782

Divinity

1816

Law

1817

Dental Medicine

1867

Arts and Sciences

1872

Business

1908

Extension

1910

Design

1914

Education

1920

Public Health

1922

Government

1936

Engineering and Applied Sciences

2007



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Massachusetts Hall (1720), Harvard's oldest building



The Harry Elkins Widener Memorial Library