

Yale University
Years of Study to Ph.D. (by Division and Department), Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1975-1997 (a)

	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Humanities																							
American Studies	7.0	5.7	7.7	7.7	7.0	7.7	6.3	8.0	9.5	7.5	7.3	7.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	7.3	7.3	6.5	6.9	7.3	7.0	7.0	7.0
Classics	4.8	0.0	7.8	5.3	6.7	5.7	5.0	7.7	7.7	7.3	6.7	8.9	7.0	8.7	6.7	8.8	5.5	6.1	6.5	5.3	6.5	6.2	5.5
Comparative Lit	6.0	5.0	6.0	9.8	9.7	7.7	5.8	6.6	5.3	5.3	6.0	8.5	7.3	7.5	5.8	6.2	7.5	7.5	7.1	7.2	7.0	7.0	6.9
East Asian Lang & Lit	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.7	8.3	0.0	6.7	7.0	0.0	7.7	10.0	0.0	0.0	8.9	6.7	10.5	7.5	9.0	5.5	6.0	4.5	4.9	8.5
English	5.0	4.0	4.8	5.0	6.0	5.7	5.7	7.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	6.5	6.0	6.9	7.0	6.0	6.5	6.3	6.5	6.0	6.7	6.6
French	6.7	6.3	8.0	7.7	6.0	7.7	5.8	8.0	8.2	6.3	9.0	7.6	7.0	6.7	7.3	6.7	6.5	5.5	6.5	6.0	7.3	9.0	7.5
German	6.7	5.7	5.7	6.7	6.3	6.7	5.7	10.0	0.0	8.0	4.0	5.6	7.0	0.0	0.0	7.5	4.4	7.9	8.7	12.0	9.6	7.5	6.3
History	7.0	6.7	7.7	5.7	6.0	8.3	8.7	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.5	8.0	6.5	6.6	6.5	7.5	7.1	6.5	7.0	6.5	7.0	6.5	6.8
History of Art	7.7	8.8	5.7	6.3	7.0	6.0	7.7	8.5	9.0	8.3	9.0	8.3	7.0	7.8	5.8	6.5	9.5	6.5	7.7	8.5	7.0	7.8	8.1
Italian	0.0	7.8	5.7	0.0	0.0	7.0	6.0	7.0	6.3	8.3	8.5	5.5	6.3	6.8	8.7	6.2	6.3	5.5	6.5	5.9	6.9	6.3	6.8
Music	6.0	5.8	8.3	5.0	4.7	4.0	6.0	6.0	4.3	5.3	5.0	6.5	6.5	7.3	7.0	6.5	6.5	5.8	7.0	7.0	6.5	7.0	8.5
Near Eastern Lang & Civ	4.8	6.7	11.7	0.0	7.7	6.7	8.3	6.0	6.8	6.5	8.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	4.5	8.0	7.0	8.0	6.5	6.4	0.0	0.0	7.0
Philosophy	5.7	4.8	5.3	6.0	7.0	4.7	6.7	5.0	7.3	5.5	9.5	8.2	5.8	6.7	5.0	7.9	6.8	8.3	7.7	8.3	6.6	7.5	7.1
Religious Studies	6.7	5.0	4.7	6.7	8.7	6.0	6.7	7.0	5.8	6.3	6.0	5.5	5.5	7.5	7.2	6.3	6.3	6.0	5.9	5.8	7.3	6.5	6.5
Slavic Lang & Lit	8.7	6.7	6.0	7.7	7.0	6.7	6.7	8.5	7.3	6.0	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	6.5	8.2	10.3	7.5	7.3	7.7	12.0	6.5
Spanish & Portuguese	6.7	4.7	5.7	7.0	0.0	5.7	5.7	7.6	7.0	7.7	7.0	0.0	5.5	7.3	5.5	9.5	6.3	5.5	6.9	5.7	5.8	5.5	6.5
Social Sciences																							
Anthropology	5.0	6.8	5.3	8.0	6.7	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.3	10.3	11.5	6.3	6.9	9.5	9.5	7.0	6.5	6.3	7.0	6.0	6.7	7.4	6.7
Economics	4.8	5.7	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.7	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.3	6.3	6.0	6.0	6.2	6.0	6.7	5.5	5.5	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.0	6.3
Linguistics	4.0	6.7	6.0	8.7	0.0	0.0	7.7	10.5	5.3	9.0	0.0	6.5	0.0	8.8	3.5	9.5	0.0	7.9	5.0	10.0	9.5	7.3	0.0
Political Science	6.7	7.0	6.0	7.7	7.0	6.7	6.7	7.0	8.3	7.3	7.5	7.7	6.1	6.5	7.4	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.5	6.5	6.1	7.5	6.1
Psychology	5.0	5.3	6.0	4.8	5.7	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.9	6.3	7.0	5.7	6.5	5.8	5.5	6.2	7.1	6.1	5.5	6.0	5.5	4.6	5.3
Sociology	4.7	6.0	6.8	4.7	6.7	6.0	6.0	8.0	9.8	8.0	6.0	8.5	6.5	14.5	5.5	5.8	6.8	10.5	6.8	8.5	6.5	5.5	5.0
Statistics	6.0	6.3	4.7	3.0	4.7	4.0	5.3	4.8	5.8	4.7	7.0	0.0	5.6	4.1	5.6	5.5	5.1	5.0	4.6	4.8	3.8	5.5	6.3
Physical Sciences																							
Astronomy	6.7	0.0	4.8	0.0	5.3	5.7	5.0	3.3	5.5	5.5	0.0	6.4	5.3	5.0	5.7	5.3	5.0	5.9	5.9	5.4	4.5	5.0	6.4
Chemistry	4.7	4.7	5.0	4.0	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.0	5.2	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.5	5.2	4.9	4.5	5.0	5.5	5.5
Computer Science	4.0	6.8	5.3	4.0	4.0	3.7	4.7	6.5	4.7	6.0	4.0	5.8	5.0	5.5	6.5	6.9	7.1	5.0	5.5	6.5	5.9	5.8	6.2
Engineering & Applied Science (b)	4.3	5.0	5.3	5.7	4.0	4.7	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Applied Physics	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.9	0.0	5.3	5.9	5.1	5.0	5.5	5.5	4.8	6.0
Chemical Engineering	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.1	5.3	6.5	4.5	4.4	5.5	4.8	5.5	5.5	5.3
Electrical Engineering	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.3	5.5	5.0	5.4	5.8	5.1	5.8	5.6	5.8	4.8
Mechanical Engineering	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.5	5.5	5.8	4.5	5.0	5.1	4.8	5.7	5.5	5.0
Geology & Geophysics	5.7	5.7	7.7	5.7	5.3	8.0	5.7	6.0	5.3	6.0	4.0	5.0	8.2	5.0	6.0	6.8	6.8	5.5	5.5	5.8	6.5	6.5	7.9
Mathematics	4.7	6.0	4.0	4.7	3.7	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	13.3	5.0	4.5	4.8	4.0	4.5	4.8	5.0	4.5	5.0	3.5	4.5	5.4	5.5
Op. Res./Mngt. Sci.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.0	4.0	3.7	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.0	4.5	3.9	3.8	4.7	6.1	5.3	6.1	0.0	6.5
Physics	5.0	5.0	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.3	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.8	6.2	5.2	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.5	6.1	6.6	6.0	6.6	6.0	6.2	6.0

	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Biological Sciences																							
Biology	5.3	5.7	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.7	6.3	6.5	5.3	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.8	5.3	5.2	5.8	6.5	6.5	5.9	5.5	6.3	6.0	6.0
Molecular Biophys. & Biochem.	5.0	5.0	4.7	5.7	5.0	5.7	4.8	7.0	5.3	5.0	6.0	6.3	6.5	6.2	5.5	5.6	6.8	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.9	6.0
Other Programs:																							
Administrative Science	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.7	3.7	5.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cell Biology	--	0.0	0.0	6.7	5.7	4.7	4.8	0.0	5.7	5.5	5.5	6.0	6.4	0.0	5.0	5.5	5.2	5.5	5.7	5.4	5.9	6.5	5.9
Epidemiology & Public Health (c)	3.7	6.0	4.3	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.7	4.8	4.3	5.3	5.0	4.5	4.8	5.1	5.8	3.5	4.4	5.0	5.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	5.5
Experimental Pathology	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.0	4.3	0.0	5.0	5.4	5.6	4.1	0.0	0.0	6.9	0.0	0.0
Forestry & Environmental Studies	5.0	4.7	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.7	4.8	4.3	5.3	5.0	5.3	4.0	6.3	5.3	5.0	6.8	4.5	4.0	5.5	4.0	4.8	6.4
(Human) Genetics	--	5.0	3.7	4.0	5.0	0.0	5.3	5.0	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.4	7.0	5.5	5.1	6.1	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.3	5.5	5.5	5.5
History of Medicine & Science	6.0	4.0	5.7	7.7	7.7	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	8.5	3.5	5.7	6.4	0.0	5.5	8.5
Immunobiology	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.4	6.0
Management	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.5	6.9
Medieval Studies	5.0	5.7	6.0	6.7	0.0	0.0	5.7	7.0	5.7	7.3	9.0	6.1	9.3	10.0	4.0	6.5	6.8	4.5	6.3	7.0	5.9	0.0	6.8
Neurobiology (d)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.0	0.0	0.0	5.3	5.5	0.0	7.0	5.3	7.0	9.6	6.5	9.1	5.5	6.8
Neuroscience	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.2	9.6	4.8	6.2	5.5	6.3	6.8	6.0
Organizational Behavior	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.0	8.3	6.3	0.0	4.8	5.0	6.5	6.9	6.1	15.9	0.0	0.0	6.9	8.1	8.0	10.0
Pharmacology	6.3	4.8	6.3	5.8	5.7	5.7	4.8	6.5	6.0	5.3	5.3	6.1	6.3	5.8	6.4	6.0	5.9	5.0	5.3	5.9	5.8	5.5	6.2
Physiology	3.0	2.7	6.7	3.7	4.7	5.7	6.7	0.0	6.0	5.7	4.0	0.0	7.5	5.5	0.0	6.0	6.1	4.4	5.8	6.6	6.4	6.0	5.0
Renaissance Studies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	6.1	0.0	6.0	10.0	5.0	0.0	6.0	7.3	11.0	7.8	5.5	7.5	6.6	7.4

Notes:

Dashes indicate that the program was either not offered or not reported in the Graduate School Annual Report of the Dean. "0's" indicate that no students were awarded that degree in the given year, so medians were not calculated.

(a) The years to Ph.D. represents the median time from the beginning of study in the Yale Graduate School of Arts & Sciences to the submission of an accepted dissertation.

These numbers are medians taken from the Graduate School Annual Report of the Dean for the years from 1975-76 through 1984-85. From 1985-86 through 1997-98, the medians were calculated by the Office of Institutional Research using computerized student data bases.

Leaves of absence, terms in absentia, and other categories that describe students' time off are included in these calculations.

(b) From 1987-88 to 1990-91, Neurobiology is listed as Neuroanatomy in the Dean's Report.

(c) Engineering and Applied Science was broken into four specific engineering departments in 1988-89.

(d) In Epidemiology and Public Health (EPH), the average time to degree may be longer than shown here. If a student starts out in a Doctor of Public Health program and switches to a Ph.D. program, the course work during the time when the student was enrolled in the Doctor of Public Health program may be used towards the Ph.D., but the time of the first enrollment in the Graduate School is taken to be the year when the student switches from Epidemiology and Public Health to the Graduate School.

Source:

Yale University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences