

YALE UNIVERSITY
Honorary Degrees

The Honorary Degrees awarded annually at Commencement are intended to be the most significant recognition conferred by the Yale Corporation to signal pioneering achievement in a field or conspicuous and exemplary contribution to the common weal.

An Honorary Degree is not awarded in every discipline in every year.

THE FOLLOWING DEGREES ARE AVAILABLE FOR AWARD:

DISCIPLINE	CRITERIA
Divinity	Clergy, scholars in the areas of religious studies
Fine Arts	Artists with careers in painting, sculpture, drama, architecture, photography, dance, graphic arts, design; on rare occasions administrators in these areas have been included
Humane Letters	Persons who have made contributions to society and do not fit other categories
Humanities	Scholars in the humanities
Letters	Writers (fiction, poetry, drama); editors, journalists
Laws	Jurists, legal scholars, diplomats, public statesmen
Medical Sciences	Scholars in biomedical sciences; practitioners of health sciences; health care administrators/policy makers
Music	Musicians (performers, conductors, composers)
Science	Scholars in science fields other than medicine; science administrators
Social Science	Scholars in the social sciences; administrators in related fields