

Is nyu.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

nyu.edu

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

nyu.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-12 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 70%.

What this site appears to be

The page is an anti-bot human verification interstitial asking the user to complete a CAPTCHA and enable JavaScript (and disable Google Translate) before proceeding. No transactional elements, login or payment prompts are present.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	40 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2005 1 snapshot	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by InCommon RSA Server CA 2	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2005.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the nyu.edu academic web domain, currently presenting visitors with a human-verification interstitial that requires a CAPTCHA, enabled JavaScript, and disabled Google Translate before access can continue; the captured page therefore appears to function as an access-protection gateway rather than a transactional or monetized service.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No scam, phishing, impersonation, or other identity contradiction was observed. External reputation checks were clean, and the page presented no login form, payment prompt, sensitive form, wallet connection, clipboard activity, suspicious script, or cloaking behavior. The CAPTCHA and JavaScript requirements, including the instruction to disable Google Translate, are unusual access friction but are consistent with an anti-bot gate and do not, on the available evidence, establish malicious intent. The domain's long registration continuity and the absence of malicious detections further support an established-site interpretation, while the real-world operator identity remains independently unverified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is titled "Human Verification" and asks the visitor to complete a CAPTCHA, enable JavaScript, and disable Google Translate; it contains no transaction, login, or payment prompt.
- Behavioral testing recorded zero hidden forms, zero password forms sent externally, zero wallet-provider or wallet-drainer activity, zero clipboard-hijack activity, and no cloaking.
- The domain was registered on 1986-10-08 and is approximately 39.87 years old.
- The web archive contains 1 snapshot dated 2005-07-17, spanning 1 tracked year; this is limited archival coverage and is not evidence of recent creation or repurposing.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available page content does not expose a legal, licensing, or registration disclosure, so regulatory status cannot be established from the captured material. This is a transparency item for confirmation rather than evidence of deception. The apparent academic context, long-established domain, strong global traffic footprint, clean external reputation, and an organization-validated TLS certificate are evidence-consistent with an established website, but they do not independently prove the real-world operator identity. No matching third-party broker-reputation record was identified; that result is contextual only and is not a licensing determination.

EVIDENCE

- Served from AS12, NYU-DOMAIN – New York University, US.
- The site's TLS certificate uses OV validation, was issued by InCommon RSA Server CA 2, identifies New York University as the subject organization, and is valid to 2026-10-08.
- The domain appears in the top tier of global web-traffic rankings, with a recorded rank of 2315.
- The captured homepage contains no license authority, license number, corporate registration, terms, or other legal disclosure.

What to Verify Next

Before any credential or payment interaction becomes relevant, an independent confirmation of the responsible institutional entity and domain control should be obtained through an authoritative institutional channel. Any applicable licensing, refund or return terms, and payment-protection arrangements should likewise be checked independently rather than inferred from the domain or certificate.

EVIDENCE

- The available capture is limited to an access-control interstitial, preventing assessment of downstream legal and commercial pages.
- Independent identity and domain-control confirmation remains the appropriate control for actions involving credentials, payments, or material reliance.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website with a high-trust, low-risk posture. No scam or impersonation contradictions were observed. The principal residual uncertainty concerns independent confirmation of the real-world operator, not evidence of malicious activity.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves directly to a single identified IP address without a detected CDN or edge-distribution layer, so the infrastructure does not benefit from an additional CDN/WAF mitigation layer. Automated DNS heuristics described the arrangement as fast-flux-like and fragmented, but these are unconfirmed infrastructure indicators and do not override the clean technical, reputational, and behavioral evidence or establish malicious hosting.

EVIDENCE

- One resolved IP and zero detected edge IPs were recorded.
- No CDN was detected; the likely origin-IP count was 1.
- The hosting country was recorded as US, with ARIN as the registry.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary browsing may proceed in proportion to the intended use, while credential or payment actions should remain conditional on independent confirmation of the responsible entity, applicable terms, and available payment protections.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-12 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	55/100
Identity verification confidence	60%

- Identity verified on page

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of nyu.edu.

- The request stayed on nyu.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2005-07-17. CLEAR
- It is hosted on NYU-DOMAIN, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	NYU-DOMAIN - New York University, US
Country	US
Server IP	216.165.61.24
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	InCommon RSA Server CA 2
SSL expiry	2026-10-08
Domain age	39.87 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	2005-07-17
Archive snapshots	1
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about nyu.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a

legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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