

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

yale.edu

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

yale.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 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official Yale University site or page with navigation links for About, Academics, Admissions, Research, Collections, campus life, news and events. Contains calls-to-action for exploring content and links to social channels. Primarily informational.

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	39 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Certainly Intermediate R1	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://www.yale.edu/>



What yale.edu served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

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

Full analysis

Overview

This is an institutional website for Yale University, presenting public-facing information about academics, admissions, research, collections, campus life, news, events, alumni engagement, and related university activities rather than a transactional or investment offering.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent university-information purpose, contains no login form or sensitive data-collection form, and shows no phishing, wallet, cloaking, or other abuse-oriented behavior in the supplied analysis. External reputation checks were clean, and the site has an established global web presence. The apparent institutional identity is consistent across the available content, although the real-world operator connection remains likely rather than independently verified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is titled “Yale University” and provides university navigation covering About, Academics, Admissions, Research, Collections, campus life, news, and events.
- The homepage contains no login form, hidden form, sensitive form, or untrusted form destination.
- The domain was registered in 1987 and is approximately 39.45 years old.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents itself as an academic institution and is not described in the supplied content as a financial, brokerage, payments, or other regulated commercial service. No licensing or registration claim is evidenced, but that absence is not, by itself, an indicator of impersonation or fraud for the informational educational model shown. The available signals support an established, apparently legitimate website: the page has strong institutional content and authority, links to multiple established social channels, a high global traffic footprint, clean external reputation results, and valid transport encryption. These signals support site legitimacy but do not independently prove the legal entity operating the domain.

EVIDENCE

- The site’s page authority is assessed in the high band, and the domain is within the global top one million by traffic footprint.
- The site is hosted on AS54113 (FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US).
- The transport certificate is issued by Certainly Intermediate R1, uses Domain Validation (DV), and is valid to 2026-09-03T02:32:19+00:00.
- The homepage links to Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, and Weibo social channels associated with the institutional presentation.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an organization should independently confirm that the relevant page and any associated transaction flow are official Yale channels, using a known institutional route rather than relying solely on contact details encountered during browsing. For donations or other payments, the organization should review the applicable payment-protection terms, recipient details, and refund conditions before completion. Any request that departs from the site’s informational university purpose should receive separate validation.

EVIDENCE

- The supplied identity assessment is “likely,” not independently verified.
- The site content describes an informational and educational model, with fundraising and alumni engagement identified as possible payment-related activities.
- No regulated-service license claim or license number is present in the supplied site analysis.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, and the evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate institutional website. No scam, phishing, impersonation, or identity-conflict indicators were identified;

the remaining qualification concerns the lack of independent proof connecting the online presence to a specific real-world operator.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website uses Fastly CDN/WAF protection, with all observed addresses associated with CDN edge infrastructure and no origin-server candidate identified in the analysis. This reduces direct exposure of the hosting origin and is a positive infrastructure-control signal, while remaining a mitigation rather than proof of institutional legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the assessed posture; credentials or payments should proceed only after ordinary independent confirmation of the relevant institutional channel, recipient, and applicable payment protections.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 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	LIKELY
Identity score	79/100
Identity verification confidence	78%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=3

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 yale.edu.

- The request stayed on yale.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- It is hosted on FASTLY, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2a04:4e42:6b::645
Name servers	Not available

SSL issuer	Certainly Intermediate R1
SSL expiry	2026-09-03
Domain age	39.45 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
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 yale.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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