

From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– April 12, 2021

Uptown, Minneapolis, Minnesota

*Even though it's May & the ice cream truck
parked outside my apartment is somehow certain,
I have a hard time believing winter is somehow,
all of a sudden, over — the worst one of my life,
the woman at the bank tells me. Though I'd like to be,
it's impossible to be prepared for everything.
Even the mundane hum of my phone catches me
off guard today. Every voice that says my name
is a voice I don't think I could possibly leave
(it's unfair to not ask for the things you need)
even though I think about it often, even though
leaving is a train headed somewhere I'd probably hate.
Crossing Lyndale to meet a friend for coffee
I have to maneuver around a hearse that pulled too far
into the crosswalk. It's empty. Perhaps spring is here.
Perhaps it will all be worth it. Even though I knew
even then it was worth it, staying, I mean.
Even now, there is someone, somehow, waiting for me.*

-Hieu Minh Nguyen

Important deadlines

- **Wednesday, April 14 by 5:00 p.m. (EST)** – Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the second half of the spring term without the course appearing on the transcript.
- **Wednesday, April 21 by 5:00 p.m. (EST)** – Preference Selection closes for Fall 2021 limited enrollment courses.
- **Friday, April 23** - Classes do not meet.
- **Friday, April 30** – Students are notified of application results for Fall 2021 limited enrollment courses.
- **Saturday, May 1** – Applications for a fall-term Leave of Absence due.
- **Friday, May 7 by 5:00 p.m. (EST)** – Classes end; reading period begins. Last day to convert from a letter grade to the Credit/D/Fail option for a spring full-term course or a course offered in the second half of the spring term. Last day to withdraw from a spring full-term course or a course offered in the second half of the spring term.
- **Thursday, May 13** – Reading period ends, 5 p.m.; Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects, 5:00 p.m. (EST). This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.
- **Thursday, May 13** – Final Examinations begin, 7:00 p.m. (EST)
- **Wednesday, May 19** – Examinations end, 5:30 p.m. (EST)
- **Wednesday, May 19**- Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Note: Professional school courses cannot be changed to Credit/D/Fail.

If you wish to convert a course offered in the first half of the term to Credit/D/Fail, take the following steps. Once you convert your grade mode to Credit/D/Fail it cannot be reversed.

1. Log into [SIS](#).
2. Select the Course Enrollment tab and click “Yale College Change Course from Letter Grade to Credit/D/Fail.”
3. Change the drop-down selection from “YC – Letter Grade” to “Credit/D/Fail.”
4. Click "Submit Changes" to save the conversion.
5. A confirmation of the change will be sent to your University email account. If you do not receive the confirmation email, your change was not processed. You can confirm all of your course grading modes by viewing your “Course Schedule Details by Term” in SIS.

Note: SIS will remain open to convert full-term courses to Credit/D/Fail until May 7. Attempts to convert courses offered in the first half of the term to Credit/D/Fail after 5 p.m. on May 7 will not be valid.

To request changes to your schedule (such as dropping a course, or changing a section) please complete a Course Change Notice form, available on the Registrar’s website here:

<https://registrar.yale.edu/forms-petitions> [Course Change Notice](#)

Early Registration for Fall 2021 Classes

- **April 21:** Request period for limited-enrollment courses closes
- **April 30:** Deadline for departments or instructors to confirm permission for students to register in their limited-enrollment courses
- **May 3:** Early Registration opens
- **May 28:** Early Registration closes
- **August date TBD:** Registration reopens to allow add-drop.

IMPORTANT: Changes for Fall 2021 Yale College Course Enrollment

The [2021-2022 Yale College Programs of Study](#) will publish on April 1 and [Yale Course Search](#) will open that same day with Fall 2021 courses. Preference Selection and instructor and department run applications will open April 6 and remain open for two weeks. Refer to the departmental website for department run course enrollment information. Refer to the course description in YCS or on the course Canvas site for instructor guidelines for a course that requires instructor permission. A full chart of dates, student activities, and department activities is provided at the end of this message and on the [Registration website](#).

Refer to the [Registration website](#) for current information, FAQs, and a growing library of registration system tutorials and instructional documentation. Keep an eye out for additional communications from the University Registrar's Office and the Yale College Dean's Office.

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THE ONGOING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) SITUATION

Sponsored outbound international travel from the United States, including study abroad and fellowships, is suspended for Yale College students for the duration of the spring 2021 term. This decision is final and will not change even if circumstances should change in the destination country. Starting with summer 2021, sponsored travel for Yale College students will be governed by the [Yale College Travel Policy](#), but should public health concerns require, further restrictions may be imposed at any time.

RESOURCES

Yale students have a free subscription to the [Daily Chatter](#), a great resource for keeping up with global news presented from a non-partisan perspective.

Follow CIPE on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep informed

YALE SUMMER SESSION

Applications are open for the [2021 Yale x Flatiron School Web Development Bootcamp \(CPSC S115\)](#). This 10-week intensive course offers two credits with a QR distributional requirement. Students receive hands-on, project-based learning experiences in Ruby, JavaScript, and more.

Read our [Student Ambassadors' testimonials](#) about the program. We will be offering [an info session](#) on Tuesday, April 13 from 12pm-1pm. [Apply](#) to the program by April 21!

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

Summer Experience Award (formerly known as the Domestic Summer Award)

Enhancements have been made to the former DSA. Review the changes on the Office of Career Strategy [website](#) and check out the [Frequently Asked Questions](#). The application for the Summer Experience Award (SEA) is in Yale Career Link and the deadline to apply is May 1, 2021. Important updates include:

- Eligible students may use the SEA for their choice of an internship, research experience or [arts apprenticeship](#) in the U.S. or abroad.
- If the experience is in the U.S., the award will be \$4,000. If the experience is outside the U.S., the award will be \$6,000.
- The SEA is the former DSA, therefore students who have previously used their DSA are not eligible.
- Inquiries can be sent to sea@yale.edu

RESOURCES

[Customize Your New OCS Weekly Newsletter](#): Customize your OCS newsletter by choosing among our [career communities](#) and [affinity/identity communities](#), to receive updates about events, new jobs, and helpful articles/blogs. *OCS strongly recommends that everyone take just 2 minutes to update your preferences to ensure you receive the most relevant content.* [Visit the OCS site](#) for more information, and sign up today!

STUDY ABROAD

APPLICATION DEADLINES

****THIS WEEK****

April 15 - [Credit for Fall Term Abroad Application](#) and [Petition Application](#) Deadline

April 15 - [Credit for Academic Year Abroad Application](#) and [Petition Application](#) Deadline

Note: Starting with summer 2021, sponsored travel for Yale College students will be governed by the [Yale College Travel Policy](#), but should public health concerns require further restrictions these may be imposed at any time.

RESOURCES

Please be sure to read [Yale Study Abroad's COVID-19 Updates](#) page for detailed information and guidance on study abroad options.

Watch the [Planning for Fall 2021 or Full Year 2021-2022 Abroad](#) Webinar for the latest policies and planning considerations.

[Schedule a virtual appointment with a study abroad adviser](#)

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

EVENTS (*All event times are listed in Eastern Time*)

[Writing Essays for National Fellowships Workshop](#)

Thursday, April 15, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

[Zoom Link](#)

[International Study Award \(ISA\) Info Session](#)

Friday, April 16, 10:00am - 11:00am

[Zoom Link](#)

[Fulbright Information Session \(2 of 5\)](#)

Friday, April 16, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

[Zoom Link](#)

[Info Session for UK Fellowships - Rhodes and Beyond: postgrad study in UK/Ireland \(5 of 6\)](#)

Wednesday, April 22, 12:30pm - 1:30pm ET

[Zoom Link](#)

[Fulbright Information Session \(3 of 5\)](#)

Friday, April 22, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

[Schwarzman Scholars Virtual Session – Yale University](#)

Monday, April 26, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Find future events on the [Fellowships and Funding Calendar](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

April 16 - [Millennium Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

May 1, 3:00pm ET - [MacMillan Center Academic Year Fellowships for Language Study](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, & Graduate Students

May 15 - [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) District Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

May 15 - [Einstein Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Graduates aged under 35

May 28, midnight GMT - [Scotland's Saltire Scholarships](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Graduates who are citizens of Canada, India, Japan, USA, Pakistan, or China

June 1, 1:00pm ET - [Women in Government: Advanced Policy Internship 2021](#) Campus Deadline / Eligible: Sophomores and Juniors who previously received a WIG Fellowship

June 11, 1:00pm ET - [Global Rhodes Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: International Seniors & Recent Graduates who are not citizens of existing Rhodes Regions

August 16, 1pm ET - [Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Common Application](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Recent Graduates 9 (NOTE: Preliminary deadline: August 2, 1PM)

Search for Yale funding and information for external awards requiring application through Yale on the [Yale Student Grants Database \(SGDB\)](#).

RESOURCES

Review funding options that are outside Yale on an [External Fellowship Database](#).

Read the [Fellowships and Funding Summer 2021 FAQ](#) for guidance about summer projects.

[Schedule a virtual appointment](#) with a [Fellowship Adviser](#) directly from our website.

Yale Academic Strategies Program

https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/PoorvuAcademicStrategies/club_signup

<https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/undergraduates/academic-strategies-program>

Our mission is to help all Yale undergraduate be active, empowered learners at Yale. Through peer academic mentoring, interactive workshops, and connections to resources, we provide you with the tools that can propel you towards your goals.

Individual Consultations: Sign up online!

Our Academic Strategies Mentors will help you develop a weekly study routine, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and planning for the semester. Find a mentor by registering and signing up at [Academic Strategies Spring 2021 Mentor Schedule](#). Consultations also can be arranged by emailing us directly at academicstrategies@yale.edu.

Meet with our Learning Specialist

Do you have a learning difference or other condition that affects how you approach your learning? Are you wondering if your academic challenges might be connected to an undiagnosed learning difference? Meet with our Learning Specialist, Sarah Cussler (sarah.cussler@yale.edu), to discuss strategies for adapting to the challenges of learning online and the different demands of college-level academic work. Learn more about the resources available on our [Learning Challenges at Yale](#) page on our Academic Strategies website.

Looking for additional support for students with disabilities? Check out Disability Empowerment for Yale's [Disability @ Yale Survival Guide](#) and consider signing up for their [peer mentoring program](#).

Workshops

Our workshop sessions will all be online this academic year. Register via YaleConnect to access Zoom links—**you can register up to the start of the workshop if you want to come last minute!**

Pathways for Juniors (for current sophomores)

[Monday, April 12 @ 4 pm ET](#)

As you delve into your major, new questions and challenges arise. How do I orient myself within my major? How do I look for mentors within the major? What timelines do I need to be aware of to set myself up for a strong senior year? We'll explore these questions together in this interactive workshop.

Pathways for Sophomores (for current first-years)

[Monday, April 12 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Sophomore year offers new challenges, including increased course loads, upper-level classes, and identifying a major. This interactive workshop helps students set goals and make long-term plans for the year.

Creating a Timeline for your Senior Project (for current juniors)

[Tuesday, April 13 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Learn how to plan your writing and research, and how to access support resources for your senior project.

Time Management

[Tuesday, April 13 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Time management is key for lowering stress at Yale. Set priorities and develop a weekly schedule that can lead to an active and balanced academic life.

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Wednesday, April 14 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Initiate conversations, ask for assistance, request recommendations, and build mentoring relationships with Yale faculty, teaching fellows and staff.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Wednesday, April 14 @ 7 pm ET](#)

We all procrastinate. When your procrastination habits get in the way of your goals, however, it's time for a change. This workshop offers strategies for identifying the sources of procrastination and pursuing productive habits that can get you back on track.

Pathways for Seniors (for current Juniors)

[Thursday, April 15 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Senior year is a unique juggling act as you wrap up your Yale College career and look forward to post-graduation plans. Learn how to set and accomplish senior year goals while still enjoying your final year as an undergraduate.

WILLIAMS PRIZE COMPETITION IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES

This is the formal announcement of the Williams Prize Competition in East Asian Studies. The prize is awarded to an undergraduate senior in any department at Yale University for an outstanding paper completed during the current academic year on a Chinese, Japanese, or Korean subject.

Papers will be judged on use of primary sources, quality of writing, and depth and originality of scholarship. It is expected that essays nominated for the Williams Prize will make substantial use of materials in East Asian language(s) in any medium, including transcriptions of interviews. Essays that focus exclusively on Asian American topics normally will not be considered eligible for consideration. Course papers may be submitted. Please note that you are **REQUIRED** to have a written endorsement of your submission. This endorsement need not be from the advisor for whom you originally wrote the paper or senior essay, but it must be made by **a faculty member of the Council on East Asian Studies**. In either case, please allow time for the faculty to submit their written endorsement to the Council on East Asian Studies before the deadline.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO nicholas.disantis@yale.edu NO LATER THAN **5:00 PM, Friday, May 7th**:

1. ONE ELECTRONIC COPY OF YOUR PAPER
2. WRITTEN ENDORSEMENT FROM A FACULTY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON EAST ASIAN STUDIES
(The endorsement must be sent directly from the faculty member to nicholas.disantis@yale.edu)
3. A [COVER PAGE](#) THAT LISTS
 - a. your complete legal name;
 - b. current campus mailing address and telephone/cell number;
 - c. Yale College affiliation;
 - d. UPI number
 - e. Student Identification (SID) number
 - f. other prizes or awards that your paper is being considered for at Yale

Best regards and good luck!

Benjamin Franklin College Tea

U.S. ELECTIONS: REFORM & SECURITY

Monday, April 19th, 5:00-6:00pm EST



Andrew Crutchfield

National Political Director, Unite America

Former Director, Govern for California



Terrance Carroll

Executive Director, Unite Colorado

Former Speaker of the Colorado
House of Representatives



Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/BFCCollegeTea>

The Future of Environmental Journalism

April 15th–5pm



A Conversation with
Nathaniel Rich

The Yale
Herald


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Yale Degree Audit

Yale Degree Audit (YDA) is a tool that tracks your progress toward the bachelor's degree. YDA is located on the Academics tab of Student Information System (SIS). YDA displays the Yale College degree requirements that you have already completed and those that are still pending. A "Look Ahead" feature shows you how future course enrollment might apply toward your degree. Yale Degree Audit does not take the place of face-to-face advising, although you may wish to share your audit with your adviser. Instead, it provides an easy-to-read summary of requirements, allowing you and your adviser to spend more time discussing course selection and academic goals.


Do not rely solely on your degree audit when planning your courses; continue to use Yale's standard systems for schedule planning and employ YDA as an additional tool. More features will be added to YDA in the future, including the ability to track progress toward major requirements.


If you have suggestions, general observations, or questions that are not answered by the FAQs, send them to registrar@yale.edu using the subject line "Degree Audit." If you believe that academic information in your degree audit is incorrect, contact our office.



ACADEMIC STRATEGIES
PROGRAM

Workshops For The Week:

- Pathways For Juniors, 4/12 @ 4pm
 - Pathways For Sophomores, 4/12 @ 7pm
 - Creating A Timeline For Your Senior Thesis, 4/13 @ 4pm
 - Time Management, 4/13 @ 7pm
 - Cultivating Faculty Mentors, 4/14 @ 4pm
 - Procrastination, 4/14 @ 7pm
 - Pathways For Seniors, 4/15 @ 7pm
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