

From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– April 19, 2021

Dear Franklinites,

My overarching, overriding, overwhelming message to you this morning: **Please get vaccinated!** Hopefully you saw the tremendous news that Yale Health has secured enough supply to vaccinate all our students. Hop on [here](#) and schedule it. You'll need to schedule your first dose within the next ten days in order to complete the two doses before the term ends.

This is one of those moments when having privilege – the privilege to attend a well-resourced institution – enables you to do something for someone else. Getting a vaccine for you is equally a service to New Haven, and to the communities to which you will travel and in which you will take part over the next months.

In health,

Dean Hill

Believe, Believe

*Believe in this. Young apple seeds,
In blue skies, radiating young breast,
Not in blue-suited insects,
Infesting society's garments.*

*Believe in the swinging sounds of jazz,
Tearing the night into intricate shreds,
Putting it back together again,
In cool logical patterns,
Not in the sick controllers,
Who created only the Bomb.*

*Let the voices of dead poets
Ring louder in your ears
Than the screechings mouthed
In mildewed editorials.
Listen to the music of centuries,
Rising above the mushroom time.
-Bob Kaufman, 1996*

Important deadlines

- **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

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

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

[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

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)

RESOURCES

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

[View Archived Webinar Information Sessions](#) and hear from advisers as well as current and recent winners of multiple fellowship opportunities.

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

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

YALE SUMMER SESSION

The [application](#) closes on Wednesday, April 21 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. [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

Designing Your Career @ Yale: Testing Your Way Forward
Friday, April 30, 2-4pm.

Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

It's easy to get lost in plotting the 'perfect' roadmap at Yale and beyond, but it's also important to think outside the box and visualize other possibilities, ones that go beyond your major, current extracurriculars, and past internships/jobs. After allowing these possibilities to come forward, let's work together to develop multiple low-risk and efficient ways to prototype these options so that they're no longer just possibilities, but accessible pathways for your life! During Designing Your Career @ Yale: Testing Your Way Forward, you'll engage with a community of your peers to:

- Identify and craft three versions of your future life

- Explore design thinking principles, especially in relation to prototyping and building your way forward to your visions
- Engage with other career designers and crowdsource ideas on how to move forward with one of your plans

[APPLY in Yale Career Link](#) (deadline to apply: April 23).

RESOURCES

[Class of 2020 Class List & Summer 2020 Peer List Now Available](#): Search and contact thousands of recent Yale graduates and current Yale students who have volunteered to discuss their post-graduate roles and summer employment experiences! Prior Class Lists and Summer Peer Lists are also available. Search by major, employer name, city, state, country, and more.

STUDY ABROAD

RESOURCES

Advising appointments continue to be available virtually. [Schedule an appointment with a study abroad adviser](#) to learn more about study abroad opportunities, discuss your interests, and plan for the future.

Review [Yale Study Abroad's COVID-19 Updates page](#) for detailed information and guidance on study abroad and related resources. Check back regularly for updates.

Academic Strategies Mentors are available to meet with students who need help managing their academic work and preparing for finals. [Our mentors are available Sunday-Thursday, 7-9 pm](#); students can request appointments at other times via our email at academicstrategies@yale.edu.

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!

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Monday, April 19 @ 4 pm ET](#)

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

Exam Study Strategies

[Tuesday, April 20 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Reduce exam stress by learning new strategies for preparing and studying for midterms and finals. This workshop offers suggestions for preparing for and taking problem-based, short answer, and essay exams.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Wednesday, April 21 @ 9 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.



Looking Back and Looking Forward: Reflecting on Yale's Year of Online Learning

**Friday,
April 30**

**9 AM -
11:45 AM**



Join us for the Poorvu Center's Annual Spring Teaching Forum. This year's forum will bring together the Yale community to reflect on the challenges and successes of online learning as we approach the upcoming year with anticipation and uncertainty. A panel of professors from across the disciplines will share their experiences during an introductory discussion. Participants will have the chance to think together about how this year has reshaped their approach to teaching and learning. How did we attempt to forge community at a distance? How did we confront existing and emerging issues of inequity? What positive changes will we take with us into next year? [Register on Yale Connect for the Zoom link.](#)

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**:

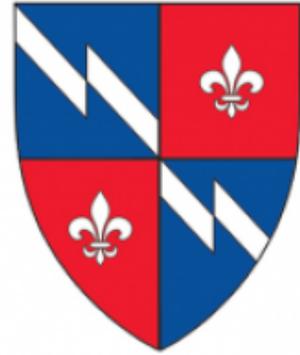
1. ONE ELECTRONIC COPY OF YOUR PAPER
2. WRITTEN ENDORSEMENT FROM A FACULTY MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON EAST ASIAN STUDIES
(The endorsement must be sent directly from the faculty member to nicholas.disantis@yale.edu)
3. A [COVER PAGE](#) THAT LISTS
 - a. your complete legal name;
 - b. current campus mailing 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/BFCollegeTea>

THE 9TH ANNUAL MARINA KEEGAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLAYWRITING

In 2013, an award was established to honor the memory of Marina Keegan '12, a gifted playwright who died in a car accident five days after graduating magna cum laude from Yale.

Graduating seniors in English and Theater Studies, as well as seniors in other departments who have studied playwriting at Yale, are invited to submit a portfolio of dramatic writing for consideration – two plays, at least one of them full-length.

On the title page, include your name, your residential college, your Yale class, your email address, and your phone number. Save your document with a filename that includes your last name. [Upload your submission via email attachment using this link](#) or email it to jane.bordiere@yale.edu, by **noon on Friday, April 30, 2021**. The award is jointly sponsored by the English and Theater Studies departments.

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

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

- **Cultivating Faculty Mentors, 4/19 @ 4pm**
- **Exam Study Strategies, 4/20 @ 7pm**
- **Procrastination, 4/21 @ 9pm**

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- **Exam Study Strategies, 4/27 @ 4pm**
 - **Public Speaking Online, 4/28 @ 7pm**
 - **Academic & Professional Communication, 4/29 @ 4pm**

**Sign up at CampusGroups
@ Poorvu Center: Academic Strategies
Program**