



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– April 5, 2021

Dear Franklinites,

Lest you occasionally miss some of the nuggets of wisdom and support embedded in the Dean's Notes, I'd like to highlight one for you today:

The Poorvu Center has organized your calendar for you! They made a timeline for April that integrates plans for classes, the course selection process, and tackling summer arrangements:

[Approaching April and Managing May: A Timeline](#)

They also offer 1:1 academic strategy sessions for students, an evergreen resource available to you at Yale. So Yale Up!

Springtime Hussle,
Dean Hill

It Is Enough to Enter

the templar
halls of museums, for

example, or
the chambers of churches,

and admire
no more than the beauty

there, or
remember the graveness

of stone, or
whatever. You don't

have to do any
better. You don't have to

understand
the liturgy or know history

to feel holy
in a gallery or presbytery.

It is enough
to have come just so far.

You need
not be opened any more

than does
a door, standing ajar.

-Todd Boss

Important deadlines

- **Thursday, April 8** – Classes do not meet.
- **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.
- **Friday, April 23** - Classes do not meet.
- **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

- **Monday, April 5:** Deadline for instructors to complete Expanded Course Description in Canvas
- **April 6:** Request period for limited-enrollment courses opens
- **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. Please [see the Yale Travel Policy in regards to Summer 2021 travel](#).

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

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EVENTS

Designing Your Career @ Yale: Growing Your Network

Studies report that up to 80% of jobs are found through referrals. As a result, learning how to network and build a strong base of professional connections is essential to a successful career search. Want to learn how to gather information about careers and uncover opportunities that are not advertised?

During **Designing Your Career @ Yale: Growing Your Network**, you'll engage with a community of your peers to:

- Explore design thinking principles and how they can be used for life and career decision making,
- Begin the process of recognizing myth versus reality in networking techniques, and
- Walk away with real referrals from your peers

April 14, 2021. 12-2pm ET. Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

[Apply in Yale Career Link](#) by Thursday, April 8, 11:59pm

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

Office Closure: The Office of Career Strategy will be closed Friday, April 2 in observance of Good Friday and will reopen Monday, April 5.

[Promote Yourself to Employers through Yale Career Link](#)

[Office of Career Strategy: Spring 2021 FAQs:](#) In Spring 2021, the Office of Career Strategy is open and completely functional, however all staff are working remotely. Review our [Spring 2021 FAQs](#) to learn about the many ways to engage with OCS.

STUDY ABROAD

APPLICATION DEADLINES

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

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

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)*

[Fulbright Info Session \(1 of 5\)](#)

Friday, April 9, 3:30 - 4:30 ET

[Zoom Link](#)

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

APPLICATION DEADLINES

April 5, 11:30pm ET - [Tetelman Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

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

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 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!

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

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.

Apply to become a Disability Peer Mentor!

This program aims to pair students of Yale College and all graduate and professional schools with peers of similar backgrounds to create a community of support and mentorship for people with disabilities at Yale. This is an initiative of Disability Empowerment for Yale (DEFY) in collaboration with the Poorvu Center's undergraduate Academic Strategies Program and with DivineAbilities, the Graduate School Disability Alliance, and ThinkDifferent. Time commitment varies by time of year, averaging 2 hours per week, capped at 4 hours per week. Compensation for undergraduates is \$18.50/hr. Within the program, we are also seeking two specialized undergraduate Tech Mentors, who will receive additional training through Academic Strategies to assist students in navigating accessible technologies, and who will work a projected additional 2-4 (paid) hours per week. The Tech Mentor program is intended to serve primarily students with sensory disabilities and neurodivergence, so prospective mentors who hold these identities and have experience with the technologies at hand will be prioritized. The application is available

at <https://tinyurl.com/DPMP2021> and will be due April 9th at 11:59 PM. If you're interested in requesting a mentor for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school,

visit <https://tinyurl.com/2020DisabilityPeerMentor>.

Please contact current and incoming program coordinators [Paige Lawrence](#) or [Josie Steuer Ingall](#) with any questions.

Individual Consultations: Online sign-up now available!

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!**

Exam Study Strategies

[Monday, April 5 @ 4 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.

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Monday, April 5 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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

Time Management

[Tuesday, April 6 @ 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.

Public Speaking for Undergraduates

[Wednesday, April 7 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Professors are increasingly asking students to engage in public speaking, from leading class discussion to more formal presentations. This workshop suggests preparation and performance strategies to help you do your best.

Managing a Heavy Reading Load

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

Feeling overwhelmed by piles of reading? Learn some essential strategies to make the most of your limited reading time. Have less stress and create more free time!

ACADEMIC STRATEGIES PROGRAM

Workshops For The Week:

- Exam Study Strategies, 4/5 @ 4pm
- Cultivating Faculty Mentors, 4/5 @ 7pm
- Time Management, 4/6 @ 7pm
- Public Speaking Online, 4/7 @ 7pm
- Managing A Heavy Reading Load, 4/7 @ 7pm

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



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.