

# From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office



Dear Franklinites,

Welcome back, and welcome for the first time! The past few days have been filled with much joy and Franklin pride as we welcomed in for the first time, the Class of 2027 and welcomed back our Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors. I've quickly learned that all of you make our college such a special place, and I'm looking forward to meeting with more of you over the coming weeks! Please stop by the Dean's Office as often as you'd like, of course with many questions as many of you have already heard my strong endorsement of question asking, but also to simply share more about who you are. After all, you're always welcome here!

- Dean Rencher

"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been." – Rainer Maria Rilke

# CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Aug. 29 T Required check-in meetings for upper-level students (Class of 2026, 9 a.m.; Class of 2025, 9:45 a.m.; Class of 2024, 10:30 a.m.).

Aug. 29 T Add/drop period opens; 8:00 a.m.

Aug. 30 W Fall classes begin.

Sept. 1 F Friday classes do not meet; Monday classes meet instead.

Sept. 4 M Labor Day; classes do not meet.

Sept. 5 T Add/Drop period ends, 5:00 p.m.

Sept. 5 T All students planning to complete degree requirements at the end of the fall term must file a petition by this date.

Sept. 13 W Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a full rebate of fall-term tuition. See Undergraduate Regulations.

Sept. 13 W Final deadline to apply for fall-term Leave of Absence. See Leave of Absence, Deferral, Withdrawal, and Reinstatement.

Sept. 21 Th Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the fall term without the course appearing on the transcript.

Sept. 23 S Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-half of fall-term tuition. See Undergraduate Regulations.

Oct. 10 T Applications for spring 2024 Term Abroad close, 11:59 p.m.

Oct. 13 F Last day of courses offered in the first half of the fall term.

Oct. 13 F Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the fall term.

Oct. 13 F Last day to convert from a letter grade to the Cr/D/F option in a course offered in the first half of the fall term.

## *Resident Writing Tutor*

### *Yale Tutoring Resources:*

Writing Center/Tutors/Partners: [Writing Tutoring and Programs | Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning \(yale.edu\)](#)

Sc/QR Tutoring: [Small-Group and 1-1 Tutoring | Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning \(yale.edu\)](#)

Language Tutoring: [Center for Language Study | Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning \(yale.edu\)](#)

Academic Strategies: [Academic Strategies Program | Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning \(yale.edu\)](#)

Advising Resources: [Welcome | Advising Resources \(yale.edu\)](#)



### **Dean's Drop-in Hours**

**Wednesday 2p-4p and Thursday 9a-11:30a**

These are useful for quick take questions rather than longer chats.

### *Important Notes on Course Enrollment*

- The University Registrar's Office has a helpful website devoted to course registration, at [registration.yale.edu](http://registration.yale.edu).
- During the Add/Drop period, you may add courses (if the course is open or you have permission to enroll) and drop courses within Yale Course Search without a fee. The Add/Drop period ends at 5 pm ET on September 5 and the courses listed on your registration worksheet at that time will constitute your fall course schedule. After September 5, you will need my permission to make any changes to your schedule, and the Registrar will charge a \$5 processing fee for each course added or dropped.
- Your "Canvas worksheet" synchronizes with Canvas, and you may load as many as 5 courses onto your Canvas worksheet. Including a course there grants you "visitor" access to those courses' Canvas sites' "assignments" and "announcements" features, and that visitor access will last for the duration of the Add/Drop period.
- Be sure to distinguish your registration worksheet (used to enroll in courses) from your Canvas worksheet (used as a sort of scratch pad). Keep in mind that to enroll in a course, you **must** include it on your **registration worksheet**.

### *Overloads, Overlaps, Professional School Courses, and Other Petitions*

- You need Dean Rencher's permission to enroll for an overload of more than 5.5 course credits and must have sound academic reasons for doing so. You also need permission to enroll for an underload of fewer than 3.5 course credits. To request an overload or underload, please complete a [Petition for Credit Overload \(Yale College\)](#).
- Enrollment in courses that overlap in meeting times is generally not permitted. If you find you **MUST** enroll in two courses that overlap in meeting times, such an overlap cannot be more than fifteen minutes for synchronous courses and requires the permission of both instructors (**even if one of the courses is recorded, and even if you will be missing class time in only one of the two courses**) AND a petition through my office to the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing. There must be sound academic reasons for such an overlap. For more information on overlaps, including guidelines on overlaps of asynchronous courses, please review the section on Course Enrollment in the [Academic Regulations](#). This petition is due by the end of the Add/Drop Period, and sooner would be prudent.
- No more than four course credits completed under the Credit/D/Fail Option, not including the one or two "expiring" course credits you may have taken during your first year at Yale, may be offered toward the bachelor's degree. You should have a good reason for enrolling in a course under the CR/D/Fail option. You may elect no more than two course credits under the CR/D/Fail option in a term, and you must be enrolled in each term in at least two

courses, representing at least two course credits, for a letter grade. The deadline to convert a full-term course from a letter grade to CR/D/Fail mode is the last day of classes, which is December 8. The deadlines for half-term courses are given in the Yale College Calendar with Pertinent Deadlines in the online *Yale College Programs of Study*. These deadlines are strictly enforced.

- There are restrictions on the number of independent study or directed reading courses you can take in any term and throughout your course of study. See the *YCPS* for details: <http://catalog.yale.edu/ycps/academic-regulations/course-credits-course-loads/> Such courses may not be used to fulfill any distributional requirements. Independent study courses, other than senior projects and certain other courses designated for A-F grading by the department offering the course, are graded Pass/Fail. Students cannot petition for a conversion from P/F to A-F; only the DUS of the department or program offering the course may do so.
- To enroll in one of the Yale professional schools, you will need to submit a request, which is [available online](#) at the Registrar's Forms & Petitions site. Enrollment in such courses will not be recorded by the Registrar's Office in the absence of this form. Note that not all professional school classes earn course credit in Yale College. If the course earns no Yale College credit, it will not appear on your transcript.
- You may not enroll in a graduate or professional school course designated as an independent study, nor may you apply credit earned in a graduate or professional school course to any of the Yale College distributional requirements.
- If you are interested in petitioning to earn double credit in a single-credit course, please [read the relevant section in the YCPS](#), and then consult with me. The deadline to submit this petition is Midterm, but I recommend that you do so well before that date.

### ***Sophomore Academic Benchmarks***

- By the end of the fourth term of enrollment you must have enrolled for at least one course credit in each of the three disciplinary areas and for at least one course credit in each of the three skills categories. You should continue enrollment in language courses to fulfill the language skills requirement. All skills requirements, including language requirements, must be completed by the end of the junior year. It's best to take your language courses in consecutive terms of enrollment.
- No courses taken on the Credit/D/Fail basis may be used to fulfill the distribution requirements for the bachelor's degree or for the junior year.
- By the end of your fourth term of enrollment you must have successfully completed a minimum of 16 course credits to be promoted to junior standing.

### *Sophomore Advising*

- Advising information for sophomores, including information on a range of tutoring resources, is available on the “Advising Resources” website (at <http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/>)
- At the end of last year, either you indicated you would remain with your original college adviser, or you submitted an online form to switch to a new college adviser (a faculty member). If you did not submit a form last spring: now’s the time, using the [Change-of-Adviser form](#).
- For some of you, the advising relationship you developed last year with your college adviser worked in all the right ways. You want to continue with that adviser this year, and that’s fine. For others, the beginning of your sophomore year is a good time to consider a new adviser — maybe an instructor with whom you developed a good academic or advising relationship last year, or a faculty member in a possible field of study (perhaps even the DUS). If that’s the case, I encourage you to submit a [Change-of-Adviser form](#) soon so that your new college adviser can discuss your fall-term goals and guide your course selection now.
- If you do change advisers, please let your former college adviser know as a courtesy. There won’t be hard feelings: they all know to expect this possibility.
- Our college advising system allows you to change advisers at any time this year, not just during course selection period, but you may only switch to a faculty member, and only once per term.
- Prospective STEM majors are strongly advised to consult with the DUS of the major about course selection and declare their STEM major now or during the first semester of their sophomore year.

### *Notes for Sophomores from Yale Study Abroad*

Sophomores in their second term of enrollment may study abroad for Yale course credit. If you are interested in studying abroad this spring term or next year, begin planning course selections now and be especially mindful of whether you have sufficient ability in a language to study abroad in a program in which instruction is given in that language; you should also consult with your DUS or faculty adviser to see if you can complete the requirements of your major with a term or year abroad as part of your program of study.

Most applications for a spring term 2024 abroad are due in early October 2023; applications for Fall term 2024 and for year-long 2024-2025 study abroad programs are due in early April 2024. Visit [studyabroad.yale.edu](http://studyabroad.yale.edu) for more information.

The deadline to apply for 2024 Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad is February 6, 2024. If you are considering credit for summer study abroad in 2024 with Non-Yale programs, you must apply for approval through the [Summer Abroad program](#). The deadline to apply for credit for a Non-Yale Summer Abroad program is March 5, 2024. Information about the summer study abroad application process, including a list of eligible programs, is available at [studyabroad.yale.edu](http://studyabroad.yale.edu).

### *Undergraduate Regulations*

All Yale College students are governed by, and expected to familiarize themselves with, the Undergraduate Regulations. The updated version of these regulations is available online. If you ever have questions about the undergraduate regulations, please talk with me.

### *Notes for Sophomores from the Office of Career Strategy*

You can use an online dossier service, such as [Interfolio](#) or [PrivateFolio](#), to request and keep letters of recommendation on file for employers, graduate schools, or fellowships. You should begin to ask your instructors to write letters for this file throughout your time at Yale, so they are ready to send when opportunities arise. For more information about requesting letters of recommendation, visit the [Office of Career Strategy website](#) or talk with an OCS advisor.

Yale College asks all returning students to complete a Summer Activities Survey (it takes less than 5 minutes) so that we can better understand students' paths and expand these opportunities. This information is also used to populate a peer-to-peer summer database through which students can learn from one another about various experiences. This database is password protected and viewable only by the Yale community. Student names and contact information are not included without their consent. So, if you have not already completed this survey, please do as soon as possible. (Here's the link: <https://yale-csm.symplicity.com/surveys/Summer2023>)

### *Notes for Sophomores on Fellowships, Scholarships, and Grants*

For information about fellowships, scholarships and grants, consult the [Office of Fellowships website](#).

### *Academic Benchmarks for Juniors*

- By the end of the sixth term of enrollment you must have **completed** all of your skills requirements, and you must have earned at least one course credit in each of the three disciplinary areas, to be eligible for promotion to senior standing. Students who anticipate special difficulties in meeting the distributional requirements for the junior year should speak to me individually as soon as possible.
- Check on your progress towards fulfillment of requirements for your major, and if you have not declared a major, you need to do so via SIS. If you are thinking about completing two majors, please make an appointment to meet with me.
- Check on your progress towards fulfillment of Distributional Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree: successful completion of no fewer than two course credits in the humanities and arts, two course credits in the sciences, and two course credits in the social sciences. In addition, you must fulfill the skills requirements by successful completion of two course credits in quantitative reasoning, two course credits in writing, and courses to further your language proficiency. No credits earned in courses completed on a Credit/D/Fail basis may be used to fulfill any of the junior year or bachelor's degree distributional requirements, nor may credits earned in independent study, tutorial, directed research, or directed reading courses.
- If you have been awarded at least 4 acceleration credits and have a question about accelerating by means of acceleration credits, please make an appointment to see me.
- By the end of your sixth term of enrollment you must have successfully completed a minimum of 26 course credits to be promoted to senior standing.

### *Advising & Tutoring Resources*

Information on a range of tutoring resources is available on the "Advising Resources" website at <http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/>

### *Notes for Juniors from Yale Study Abroad*

If you are planning on participating in Junior Term Abroad for spring term 2024, note that the deadline for most programs is October 10.

The deadline to apply for 2024 Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad is February 6, 2024. If you are considering credit for summer study abroad in 2024 with Non-Yale programs, you must apply for approval through the [Summer Abroad program](#). The deadline to apply for credit for a Non-Yale Summer Abroad program is March 5, 2024.

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### *For Fall-Term Completers*

All fall-term completers must file a [Petition to Complete Degree Requirements at the End of a Fall Term](#),

### *Academic Benchmarks for Seniors*

- Check carefully on your progress toward fulfillment of the Distributional Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree; a minimum of two course credits in each disciplinary area (humanities, science, social science), a minimum of two course credits in Quantitative Reasoning and Writing, and completion of the language requirement.
- No courses taken on the Credit/D/Fail basis may be used to fulfill the distribution requirements for the bachelor's degree.
- Check on your progress towards fulfillment of requirements of your major, and pay special attention to the Senior Requirement in your major: it may involve a two-term Senior Essay that must be begun this term or enrollment in a special seminar that meets only in the Fall term.
- By the end of your final term of enrollment you must have successfully completed a **minimum of 36 course credits for the degree.**

### *Notes for Seniors from the Office of Career Strategy*

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## Planning for the Start of the Fall 2023 Term

### Review Course Information

- Review the schedule you created during registration period.
- **Waitlists have been cleared.** If, at the end of the registration period, you didn't have a seat in a class, you should look for an alternative class.
- Several courses were added over the summer, after registration closed. You can find these courses [here](#) and in Yale Course Search by searching in the "Any Course Information Attribute" for the attribute "YC Courses Offered After Registration Closed."
- Review your Degree Audit to ensure you are enrolling in courses that meet degree and major requirements.
- [Yale Hub](#) is your one-step resource for academic and campus information.

### Registration for first-year students, and incoming Eli Whitney and Transfer Students

- **August 28, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Monday)** – Registration worksheets open in [Yale Course Search](#) (YCS) for first-year and new students to enroll in courses.

### Amend your Schedule during Add/drop Period

- **August 29, 8:00 a.m. (Tuesday)** – Add/drop period opens; registration worksheets become available.
- **August 30 (Wednesday)** – Fall classes begin.
- **September 5, 5:00 p.m. (Tuesday)** – Add/drop period ends.

Helpful resources and instructions can be found on the [University Registrar's Office registration website](#)

## Apply to be a Yale World Fellow Student Liaison!

Are you passionate about global leadership, cross-cultural exchange, and shaping the future of our world? Here's your chance to make a meaningful impact as a Student Liaison to a [2023 Yale World Fellow](#)! Yale World Fellows is a transformative leadership program that brings to Yale exceptional professionals from a diverse range of fields, backgrounds, and countries who are at the forefront of change and innovation, driving progress in politics, climate, peace-building, entrepreneurship and more.

As a Student Liaison, you'll help facilitate and maximize the contribution that World Fellows make to Yale. Your role will involve:

- Organizing and promoting conversations on key global issues
- Enabling networking opportunities for your peers
- Collaborating on exciting initiatives

In return, you will have the opportunity to be mentored by a World Fellow, benefiting from their unique experiences and perspectives, as well as potential internships and work experience.

Don't miss out on this unparalleled opportunity to become a Student Liaison to a Yale World Fellow. Join us in shaping a more connected, informed, and empowered global community. The World Fellows Student Liaison program is open to all Yale College students who are actively enrolled in the Fall 2023 semester.

More information and application at <http://worldfellows.yale.edu/liaison>

Deadline: September 6, 2023 at 11:59 PM

# CAMP YALE

## Yale has a lot of libraries. Let us show you around!

Did you know that in addition to residential college libraries, Yale has libraries for social science, arts, special collections, music, law, and more?

Join us for a walking tour of select Yale Library locations to preview study space, learn about collections, and get to know your librarians who can support your academic work.

All participating students will be entered to win an individual study room in Bass Library for the fall semester!

More info & register:



**Win your own  
study room in  
Bass Library for  
fall 2023!**

**Monday, August 28**

**5-6 pm**

**Meet at Ingalls Ice Rink**

### How to participate

**In-person:** Register to join us on August 28 for a 1-hour walking tour of slow- to moderate-paced walking. All attendees will be entered to win.

**Self-guided:** Pick up a tour booklet in Bass Library beginning Monday, August 21. Visit at least 6 libraries and you will be entered to win.



# EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

## Community Wellness Specialists

## College Care Clinicians

During a wellness session, we focus on skill building and strategies.

During a therapy session, we focus on therapeutic support and processing.

Check out our common list of topics, we provide support on in a wellness or therapy session, by scanning the QR Code below.

### Specialists



Corinne Coia  
Silliman #403



Ricky Belizaire  
Morse Gatchouse



Cindy Avila  
Branford #012A



Whitney Simmons  
Hopper #020



Angie Makomenaw  
Pierson #049

### Clinicians



Zelekyia Fowler  
WLH #105



Nicole Cepeda  
WLH #106



Kayla Reid  
TD #007



Lauren Moss-Racusin  
Davenport #N11



New Clinician  
Branford #012B

## SCAN TO GET STARTED





## *Yale Degree Audit*

Yale Degree Audit is a web-based tool that calculates and displays how an individual student's courses may count toward the requirements for the bachelor's degree. The degree audit enables students to monitor their own progress toward the completion of degree requirements. It also helps students, and their advisers discuss course selection for current and future terms more meaningfully by clarifying what requirements the student still needs to complete. Currently, major requirements are not included in the audit. Log into [Yale Hub](#) to pull up your audit.

Unlike a transcript, your degree audit is an unofficial document provided for your information and convenience. The audit serves as a tool to provide you with helpful and timely information when you are planning your course schedule, discussing your schedule with your adviser, and reviewing your progress toward completing the requirements for the bachelor's degree. Your degree audit is **not** an official academic transcript.

Yale Degree Audit will help you:

- Determine what requirements you need to fulfill in order to complete your bachelor's degree.
- View a list of all courses in which you have enrolled and the distributional designations each course carries.
- View individual course grades and cumulative grade-point average (GPA)