



Benjamin Franklin College

Dean's Notes – August 26, 2019

Dear Franklinites,

Happy arrivals and returns to all. Benjamin Franklin is nearly full this year; our trees have lost their baby skinny and stand lush and full. Our 124 first-years have claimed their courtyard. With *all* of you here – and I include those of you who moved off-campus (you'll miss the good life here, I'm telling you, but this remains a home) -- we're a true college.

Special shout out to Spencer and the BFCC who welcomed the class of '23 and all returning students with a gracious shindig Friday night. More celebrations to come, and chances to mentor and bond with our newbies (read: be a Big Sib and play IMs!). Thanks also to our moving crew who hauled stuff on a rainy but happy move-in morning. And finally, show a FroCo some love. They have been working tirelessly to bring along our newest Franklinites.

You're here, you're back. Happy shopping, and as Queen Toni says better than I can, be expansive in your plans these early days.

*As you enter positions of trust and power, dream a little before you think.*

— Toni Morrison

Warmly,

Dean Hill

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**DEAN'S  
DROP -IN HOURS  
TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>  
2PM – 4:30PM**

# CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**Aug 27:** **Required registration meetings for upper-level students (Class of 2022, 9 a.m.; Class of 2021, 9:45 a.m.; Class of 2020, 10:30 a.m.). Preliminary course schedules due at 11:59 p.m.**

**Aug 28:** Fall-term classes begin, 8:20 a.m.

**Aug 30:** Friday classes do not meet; Monday classes meet instead. Deadline to complete applications for financial aid for the 2020 spring term, for students not enrolled in the 2019 fall term. See *Undergraduate Regulations*.

**Sept 2:** Labor Day; classes do not meet.

**Sept 9:** Final course schedules due for the Class of 2023.

**Sept 10:** Final course schedules due for the Class of 2021 and 2022.

**Sept 11:** Final course schedules due for the Class of 2020. All students planning to complete degree requirements at the end of the fall term must file a petition by this date. Final deadline to apply for a fall-term Leave of Absence. See Leave of Absence, Withdrawal, and Reinstatement. Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a full rebate of fall-term tuition. See *Undergraduate Regulations*.

**Sept 19:** Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the fall term without the course appearing on the transcript. See Withdrawal from Courses and Grades. Last day to convert from a letter grade to the Credit/D/Fail option in a course offered in the first half of the fall term. See Grades.

**Sept 21:** 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*.

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## Create a Worksheet by August 27

All students are required to create a **preliminary worksheet in OCS with at least 3 course credits by 11:59 PM on Tuesday, August 27**. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine. These selections are not binding, but we ask that students enter their most likely choices and to update their worksheet regularly. Courses on your OCS worksheet appear on instructors' rosters and are counted in [course demand statistics](#). Several courses require applications and/or have enrollment procedures which open prior to the start of term. Refer to [Preregistration Applications and Preference Selection](#) for more information.

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## Academic Information

### Course Schedule Deadlines:

Class of 2023 Monday, September 9, 5:00 pm

Class of 2022 Tuesday, September 10, 5:00 pm

Class of 2021 Tuesday, September 10, 5:00 pm

Class of 2020 Wednesday, September 11, 5:00 pm

Schedules are handed in to Michelle in the BF Dean's Office.

The deadline is strictly enforced. A late schedule incurs a fine of \$50. (Clerical error on schedule is \$50)

A schedule of 3.0 course credits or a schedule of 6.0 or 6.5 course credits needs Dean Hill's permission before the schedule is handed in.

**Overlapping Class Meeting Times:** Requires a conversation with Dean Hill before the Course Enrollment deadline, compelling academic reasons for the overlap, and with Dean Hill's assistance, a petition to the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing.

A schedule with a course in a professional school requires an additional form, which is available in the BF Dean's Office. Hand in the completed form with the syllabus attached by the deadline for your course schedule. [Note: SOM courses cannot be added to your schedule through OCS; they must be written by hand in the "include" section on your schedule.

Only four professional school credits can be offered toward the 36 credit requirement; however, students may enroll in more than four credits understanding that all courses will remain on the academic record and be included in the GPA even if not offered toward the 36 credit requirement.

Blue forms are not required for graduate school course enrollment. Most graduate school courses can be added to the OCS worksheet for 1 Yale College course credit. Exceptions to this are independent study/research courses and courses that have historically been approved for a Yale College course credit value other than 1. A list of exceptions is provided on the [University Registrar's Office website](#).

Courses at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and at a professional school cannot elect the CR/D/Fail option.

Credit for these courses on your transcript: When you put a Professional School course on your schedule, zero (0) course credits are recorded for the course until you hand in to my office the form for the courses (syllabus attached) and the Registrar's Office determines the course credits for that course after that. Some courses earn 1 course credit in Yale College and some earn 0.5 course credits (most commonly in SOM and EPH). Some do not earn credit.

Independent Studies (Directed Reading, Directed Research, etc. as listed by most departments). There are limits on the number that a student can enroll in during a given year and over four years.

Enrolling in an independent study requires the additional permission of a Director of Undergraduate Studies.

## 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](mailto:registrar@yale.edu) using the subject line "Degree Audit." If you believe that academic information in your degree audit is incorrect, contact our office.

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### Help create the new student services hub

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The University Registrar's Office invites you to join a project advisory committee and provide input on a newly designed hub for student services. By attending three design workshops on the evenings of 9/17, 9/18, 9/25, where dinner will be provided, you will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card and entry into a raffle for a chance to win a pair of Apple AirPods. You are also invited to attend a small number of advisory committee meetings throughout the academic year.

Sign up here

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## HUMS 150 & 152

### **HUMS 150a Shakespeare and the Canon: Histories, Comedies, and Poems**

T 1.30-3.20 DOW 420

A reading of Shakespeare's histories, comedies, and poems, with an emphasis on their originality in regard to tradition and their influence on Western representation since the seventeenth century. Secondary readings included.

Students who wish to apply should submit several pages about their qualifications, their interests, and their knowledge concerning the subject matter of this discussion group.

Please leave a hard copy of your remarks in Harold Bloom's first floor mailbox at the Whitney Humanities Center or send an attachment by email to [norma.thompson@yale.edu](mailto:norma.thompson@yale.edu) (cc [erin.townsend@yale.edu](mailto:erin.townsend@yale.edu)) by Friday, August 30, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

### **HUMS 152a, Poetic Influence from Shakespeare to Keats**

Th 1.30-3.20 DOW 420

The complexities of poetic influence in the traditions of the English language, from Shakespeare to Keats.

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