



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes – August 31, 2020

Dear Franklinites,

Happy first day of classes, to all. It is a crisp and gracious late summer day in New Haven, and we gift our skies to you, wherever you may be attending school. Happy beginnings, and be of good cheer knowing you will home in on a smart schedule. Give it a few days.

This *Notes* is chock full, and as I said in each of our class meetings, it bears a read through. Answers to questions about securing spots, troubleshooting, library resources and “what to do when...” may be in close reach.

With you,
Dean Hill

*For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.*

-T.S. Eliot

*As Basho has said —
it is a narrow road to the Deep North — as Mandela has said
the haphazard segregation later became a well-orchestrated
segregation
— as Basho has said the journey began with an attained
awareness
that at any moment you can become a weather-exposed skeleton
— think of us in this manner
these are notes for your nourishment — hold them
as bowls of kindness
from journeys of bravery
the will to seek & find the sudden turning rivers & the dawn-eyed
freedom*

-Juan Felipe Herrera

Update on intro Math sections

Each course has a waitlist form linked from the front page of the course umbrella site, and any student who is not already in a section or wants to switch sections needs to fill out the form first. (They'll need to add a section to their worksheet in OCS.)

Important Dates for Registration & Schedules

An important email went out from the Registrar's Office about Scheduling dates and deadlines. You can read that message [here](#). Mark your calendars:

- September 4, 5:00 p.m. (Friday) – Deadline for all Yale College students to resubmit their final OCS schedule worksheet. If you have significant concerns about your schedule, please reach out to Michelle to arrange an advising appointment with me.

Add-Drop: What you need to know

- Q: During add/drop can I only add a new course once one has been dropped?
 - After you seal your preliminary schedule, OCS will re-open and you can make changes to your schedule. Unlike before, now you can add a course after you seal your schedule without having to petition for a late-add. Note that **during add/drop all the usual rules still apply:**
 - If the course requires discussion section seats, you need a confirmed DS seat as you always have.
 - If you want to add a credit causing an overload, or drop a credit causing an underload, you still need prior permission from me, so make sure you make an appointment well in advance to discuss this.
 - Note that enrollment in most seminars (and other limited-enrollment courses, like math or language sections) will already have been determined before the start of classes, and you may find that many courses are already full as you update your final schedule. This is why the preliminary schedule needs to be as accurate and complete as possible.

Overlaps

Typically, students are not allowed to elect courses with meeting times that overlap, (per the [Academic Regulations, E. #6](#) *A student may not elect courses with meeting times that overlap*) and a small and insignificant overlap requires permission from instructors and a petition to the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing. The Academic Affairs office is reviewing this policy for the Fall 2020, term, so hang tight—we should have word soon about whether there will be an exception to this policy for online learning. You can also continue to check the [Yale College FAQs](#) for policy updates. However, please do not depend upon relaxing of this policy to go the way you hope when creating your schedule.

That is, your plan A should be to not have overlapping courses* and plan B can be to check vigilantly whether the policy is relaxed in the way you hope.

*If you believe both courses are absolutely necessary for your major(s) and overlap by an insignificant amount (less than 15 minutes) please write to me if you have not already.

Graduate School Course vs. Professional School Course

Upper-level Franklinites: Graduate school courses can be added directly to your worksheet in OCS (for exceptions, and what to do about them, see [here](#)) but professional school courses cannot. If you aren't sure whether the course you are interested in is in the graduate school or a professional school you can check [here](#).

Housing & Status Change

Please take a moment to look in SIS to confirm that both your housing and learning location reflect your current housing plans. If they don't please either update your learning location or write to me and Michelle without delay to update your housing. If you are having trouble with Yale systems it may be a direct result of not having an address, or having an address that conflicts with your learning location status.

If you requested on-campus housing but now plan to be off-campus, please update your Learning Location in SIS via the [Learning Location Status Update](#) form or under the Personal Data>> Return to Campus tab. As a courtesy, please also email me and Michelle to make sure we are aware you are relinquishing housing.

Note that students have until today, August 31, the first day of classes, to relinquish housing for the Fall 2020 term without penalty. Following this date housing will be charged *per diem* until a student has vacated the dorm (see Yale College FAQs [here](#)).

Leave of Absence

If you are considering taking a leave of absence you can read more about leaves in the Yale College Programs of Study [here](#) and Fall 2020 decisions that apply in the Yale college FAQs [here](#).

Advising

Advising resources and notable dates can be found here <https://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/calendar>.

Important Links and Resources

Academic

- A Message from Dean Chun: [Policy adjustments for sophomores and first-years](#)
- Please refer to the [Yale College Dean's Offices FAQs website](#) for updates to policy. This site is being updated regularly with answers to questions about student life and academics.
- Yale College Programs of Study: <http://catalog.yale.edu/ycps/> includes a calendar of deadlines and information about academic requirements and policies.

Community & Public Safety

- [Community Compact](#)
- [Health and Safety Guidelines](#)
- Out-of-state students are strongly encouraged to consult <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Travel> for up-to-date information about these Connecticut restrictions.

More Student Resources

- Student belongings following move-out: <https://conferencesandevents.yale.edu/move-out-faqs-undergraduate> or conferencesandevents@yale.edu or email conferencesandevents@yale.edu with questions.
- Student Financial and Administrative Services: <https://finaid.yale.edu/> and <https://student-accounts.yale.edu/> and <https://www.yalestudentjobs.org/>
- Yale Summer Session: <https://summer.yale.edu/academics/yale-summer-online>
- Poorvu Center for Teaching & Learning: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/> and <https://academiccontinuity.yale.edu/guiding-principles-students>
- Yale Center for International & Professional Experience: <http://cipe.yalecollege.yale.edu/> has many online resources (including career, internship, funding, and study abroad information)
- Yale Student Health: <https://yalehealth.yale.edu/directory/departments/student-health>

Yale Mental Health & Counseling: <http://yalehealth.yale.edu/mentalhealth> holds appointments and has a 24/7 on-call service.

[CIPE](#)

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 fall 2020 term. This decision is final for the fall term and will not change even if circumstances should change in the destination country.

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 us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)!

[YALE SUMMER SESSION](#)

Why do Yale College students participate in Yale Summer Session? We're glad you asked.

1. To focus on difficult classes
2. To be able to double major
3. To make room for study abroad and internships
4. To take advantage of [reduced tuition](#)
5. To try out a new subject they can't fit in during the fall or spring
6. To ease their course load in future semesters

So, the real question is: Why *wouldn't* Yale College students take advantage of Yale Summer Session?

Summer 2021 course offerings will be posted in early 2021. [Sign up for email updates](#) from Yale Summer Session so you hear first when classes are posted.

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

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.

OCS

EVENTS

The Office of Career Strategy is hosting [8 virtual industry-specific networking events this fall](#). For the list of employers attending and to sign up: [Yale Career Link](#) (under Events-Career Fairs/Networking Events). A video with a quick tour of what to expect when you attend a virtual networking event, along with steps for how to successfully navigate these events, can be found under the Career Library, Resources tab of [Yale Career Link](#).

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

[Preferred Yale Partner](#) positions:

- [Customer Success/Data Science Internship](#), Girl Pledge
- [Social Media Marketing Internship](#), Girl Pledge
- [Multiple positions](#), Humana

[STEMConnect Student Assistant Positions \(2\) \(PDF\)](#): The Office of Career Strategy is seeking two undergraduate students – one studying computer science and one studying engineering – to support OCS’s STEMConnect initiative with a particular focus on technical interview preparation, student organization engagement, employer engagement, and social media. For a full details and application instructions, please view the entire [job description \(PDF\)](#). Application deadline is September 4, 2020.

Fall 2020: Looking for a part-time job during the term or while on LOA? Check out the new [Yale Babysitting and Tutoring website](#) connecting Yale student babysitters and tutors to families within the Yale community who require assistance with childcare and tutoring (in person and virtual opportunities are available).

RESOURCES

Virtual Advising Available - Until further notice, all career advising appointments will be held by phone or video (Zoom or Skype). Please request appointments through [Yale Career Link](#) and select one of the Remote location options.

OCS is excited to share our brand-new [YouTube Channel](#)! You’ll find all our animated videos, panel talks, career development webinars, and more. [Subscribe](#) and don’t miss the latest OCS videos.

Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events. Log in to [Yale Career Link](#), powered by Symplicity under Events/Employer Events to sign up.

[STUDY ABROAD](#)

While Yale Study Abroad's physical office space will remain closed during the fall 2020 semester, we are committed to supporting you virtually! Advising appointments and events will continue to be available and conducted via Zoom. We look forward to connecting with you!

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

October 15 – [Credit for Spring 2021 Term Abroad](#) Application Deadline*

* Students' health and safety abroad is our top priority, and we aim to partner with students to make well-informed decisions about studying abroad. At this time, we cannot guarantee that spring study abroad will be possible, but we are allowing students to move forward with the application process. Students considering a Spring 2021 abroad option should visit our [Study Abroad COVID-19 Updates Page](#) for guidance.

RESOURCES

See our [Study Abroad COVID-19 Updates](#) page for more information on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on study abroad and related resources.

Search the [Study Abroad Calendar](#) for information sessions and other study abroad events throughout the academic year.

Browse the [website](#), meet [the team](#), or explore possible [program options](#).

[FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS](#)

The Fellowships and Funding physical office space will remain closed during the fall 2020 semester. Advising appointments and events will continue to be available and conducted via Zoom. [We look forward to connecting with you!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Schwarzman Scholars Q&A with a Yale Alum](#)

Wednesday, September 2, 2pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/j/92889348191?from=msft>

[Light Fellowship Information Session 1](#)

Friday, September 11, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://yale.zoom.us/s/96661729382>

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

September 8, 1pm EST- [Fulbright US Student Grants Preliminary Campus Deadline](#)

| Eligible: Seniors (**Please note the Fulbright national deadline for seniors and alumni below)

****October 13, 5pm EST - [Fulbright US Student Grants National Deadline](#)** | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

September 22, 1pm EST - [Luce Scholars Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & Graduate Students

September 22, 11:59pm EST - [Schwarzman Scholars Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

September 30, 1pm EST - [Richard U. Light Fellowship Early Fall Competition Deadline](#) | Eligible: Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors & Graduate Students

October 2, 1pm EST - [Churchill Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 14 - [Gates Cambridge](#) Round 1 National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 14, 1pm Pacific Time - [Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 14, 11:59pm EST - [Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 21, 11:59pm EST - [Pickering Graduate Fellowship Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 21, 2020 at 1:00 PM EST - [Michel David-Weill Scholarship at Sciences Po](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

RESOURCES

Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events and deadlines.

Review recently recorded workshops and info sessions in our [Webinar Series](#).

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

Explore the filterable list of [External Awards for Yale Students](#)

[Contact Fellowships](#) with questions or comments.

[Make an appointment](#) with an adviser directly from the fellowships website.

Yale Academic Strategies Program

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

<https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/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 hope to provide you with the tools that can propel you towards your goals.

Get Connected! Join an online Academic Strategies Peer Mentoring Group! Led by experienced Academic Strategies Mentors, our peer mentorship groups meet biweekly via Zoom and are organized by class year and general area of academic interest (STEM, arts & humanities, social sciences). Peer mentorship groups will begin meeting the week of September 14. **Please sign up by Thursday, September 10.** To register, click the link below:

[General Peer Mentorship Group Sign up](#)

For First-Years: College Transition Videos

Did you know that [diving into your syllabi can help you succeed in your classes](#)? What to learn [the keys to performing well on p-sets](#)? Learn about these topics and more through our college transition videos: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/undergraduates/academic-strategies/first-years-workshops-videos-events>

Individual Mentoring

Get organized for the semester by meeting with an [Academic Strategies Mentor](#). Mentors will help you develop a weekly study routine, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and help you develop a plan for prepping for those first exams.

Our online mentoring schedule goes live Monday, Sept. 14. If you'd like to schedule a meeting before then, please email us at academicstrategies@yale.edu.

Workshops

Our famous workshop sessions will all be online this academic year. Register via YaleConnect to access Zoom links:

Essentials for STEM: Reading Effectively for STEM

[Tuesday, Sept. 1 @ 9 pm](#)

Learn strategies for reading purposefully and efficiently for STEM courses. Effectively read textbook chapters and scientific articles; navigate jargon, data, and figures; use readings to prep for problem sets and exams.

Strategies for Intro Math: Problem Sets & Exams

[Monday, Sept. 7 @ 4 pm](#)

[Monday, Sept. 7 @ 9 pm](#)

Learn strategies for efficiently working on intro math problem sets and key approaches for studying for exams

Time Management

[Monday, Sept. 7 @ 7pm](#)

[Monday, Sept. 14 @ 4pm](#)

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.

Get the Most Out of Your Reading

[Tuesday, Sept. 8 @ 4 pm](#)

Learn general strategies for effectively reading texts for any Yale class. Learn how to preview a text, effectively interact with the text while reading, and review your reading for class, essays, and exams.

Motivate Your Online Learning

[Tuesday, Sept. 8 @7 pm](#)

It's hard to stay focused and on task while learning online. Learn how to get motivated and keep engaged with your academic work.

Supercharge Your Seminars & Lectures

[Wednesday, Sept. 9 @ 4 pm](#)

Learn preparation, participation, note-taking, and review strategies to help you succeed in these two very different learning environments.

Get the Most Out of Your Language Classes

[Thursday, Sept. 10 @ 4 pm](#)

Learn the daily habits and mindsets that can help you succeed in learning a language at Yale.

Fresh Start: Positive Change for Your Academic Life

[Monday, Sept. 14 @ 7 pm](#)

Refresh your approaches to your academic work through a series of activities that identify your current strengths and develop new strategies for meeting the challenges of this semester.

Essentials for STEM: Exam Study Strategies

[Monday, Sept. 14 @ 9 pm](#)

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

Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Project

[Tuesday, Sept. 15 @ 4 pm](#)

Learn how to plan your writing and research, and how to access support resources for your senior thesis. (For full-year and 1-semester senior thesis writers, and juniors planning for the following year.)

Activities for students in quarantine

[12 Ways to Connect with Yale Library Anywhere](#)

Live Content:

Thursday, Sept. 3, 11:00 am, Virtual Tour of the Yale Peabody Museum Dioramas

Zoom link: https://yale.zoom.us/webinar/register/8115980398561/WN_fLP70K3IROCFLSFuhiRHgQ

Friday, Sept. 4, 4:00 pm, "Tree hugging lemurs: a cool way to deal with heat", research spotlight presentation by Chloe Chen-Kraus (PhD '20)

Zoom

link: https://yale.zoom.us/webinar/register/7315980379553/WN_WEDLTc1KSQGXMamdDy96A

Recorded Content:

Peabody

Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/c/peabodymuseum/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf_id=2

Beinecke YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU8AjmvFE_jGBxuQCpfgaOg

Yale Center British Art YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/YaleBritishArt>

Yale Art Gallery YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/yaleartgallery>

Yale MACMILLAN CENTER
Council on East Asian Studies



To help undergraduate students at Yale get acquainted with the various resources available at the East Asia Library, the Council on East Asian Studies and the East Asia Library have scheduled two orientation sessions for the following days and times:

Friday, September 4th, 2020

Friday, September 11th, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

<https://yale.zoom.us/j/96083306447>

<https://yale.zoom.us/j/98581374026>

The Yale East Asia Library is one of the largest East Asian collections in North America—it holds approximately 800,000 volumes of books, thousands of journals, and hundreds of resources in other formats.

We strongly encourage East Asian Studies majors AND freshman and sophomores interested in East Asian Studies to attend one of these sessions as it will be most beneficial to your course of study at Yale. Please note that **ALL GRADUATING EAST ASIAN STUDIES MAJORS (SENIORS) ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND** one of these sessions.

If you are interested in taking part in the East Asia Library orientation, please RSVP with Jude Yang, at jude.yang@yale.edu. Make sure to provide your name, email address, major, year of study, and area(s) of interest in your response.

With warm regards,

The Council on East Asian Studies