



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes—December 13, 2021

Bon Courage Franklinites!

Chunk your day, bit by bit, pleasures interspersed with WORK. And one of the day's pleasures can be listening to your talented Franklin brothers and sisters sing you holiday tunes. I'd also recommend dark chocolate, a walk before the sun goes down, and doing like the first years and hanging out in the hallway with some friends.

YouTube Playlist: [YouTube Playlist](#)

[This will bring you to the intro, and if you search Yale Franklin Founders it will bring up all of the songs recorded.](#)

Spotify pre-save: [Spotify Pre Save](#)

Whatever you do, try not to dwell too long on your failures. You don't need to conduct autopsies on your disasters. You don't need to know what anything means. Remember: The gods of creativity are not obliged to explain anything to us. Own your disappointment, acknowledge it for what it is, and move on. Chop up that failure and use it for bait to try to catch another project. Someday it might all make sense to you--why you needed to go through this botched-up mess in order to land in a better place. Or maybe it will never make sense. So be it. Move on, anyhow.

-- Elizabeth Gilbert, from "Big Magic"

Resident Writing Tutor

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn. Her office is in Room 24, LL near Stairwell/Entry A. Hours are: Wednesdays 3 - 6 p.m. (with 4 - 6 p.m. on Wednesdays reserved for Benjamin Franklin students only), Fridays 2 - 4 p.m. and Sundays 3 - 5:30 p.m. To sign up for an appointment go to www.yalewco.com or email lesley.finn@yale.edu.

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 \(yale.edu\)](#)

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT REGISTRATION?

The Registrar's Office will be holding additional office hours to help with questions about early registration. The URL for all of these meetings is <https://yale.zoom.us/j/96862685221> .

The dates and times are:

Monday, December 13th 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14th 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec 15th 1:00-2:00 p.m.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Dec. W Early Registration period ends; Registration worksheets are locked.

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Dec. Th Reading period ends, 5:00 p.m. Final examinations begin, 7:00 p.m.

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Dec. Th Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects. This deadline
16 can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Dec. W Final examinations end, 5:30 p.m.; winter recess begins. Deadline for all term papers and term
22 projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Jan. W Add/Drop period starts. Registration worksheets reopen.

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Jan. T Add/Drop period ends. Registration worksheets are locked.

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Credit/D/Fail conversion

Note: Professional school courses cannot be changed to Credit/D/Fail.

If you wish to convert a Yale College 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.

Dropping a Class

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](#)

Check your Holds

How to view, understand, and resolve any holds you may have. [Check Your Holds | Registration Resources \(yale.edu\)](#)

First-Year Counselor Application Open

The first-year counselor [application](#) for the 2022-2023 year is available online. All juniors are eligible to apply through January 31st at 11:59 p.m.

This year we will be able to allow seniors who will complete their course of study in Fall 2023, as well as those who will graduate in Spring 2023, to serve as FroCos. Counselors are expected to be responsible students who can draw upon their own experiences and the training they receive to respond appropriately to the wide range of questions and issues that first-year college students encounter. Prospective applicants should therefore be able to demonstrate maturity, a commitment to serving others, strong interpersonal skills, and a solid academic record.

If You Hope to Enroll in Two Overlapping Courses

To enroll in two overlapping courses, you must petition the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing through my office. The rules governing overlaps depend on the type of courses that overlap: namely, whether they are “asynchronous” or “synchronous.” Please see below for details. But regardless of the type of course, it is always the case that:

- *petitions to my office are due by the end of Add/Drop period;
- *no more than two courses may overlap;
- *the express permission of both instructors is necessary, but not itself sufficient, for approval; and
- *the two final exam times, as given in Yale Course Search, may not overlap.

Synchronous/Asynchronous Overlaps

Every course must have an in-person synchronous component, such as a lecture, section, or lab. An *asynchronous* course (as below) refers to a course approved to have a period that does not require in-person meeting at the same time; a *synchronous* course refers to a fully synchronous course.

- (a) Two synchronous courses may have a small and insignificant overlap in meeting times (i.e., no more than 15 minutes once per week, including travel times), with permission from the instructors of both courses, via petition to the residential college dean, so long as the final exams do not overlap.
- (b) One asynchronous course may overlap with one synchronous course, including for the full class meeting time, with the permission of both instructors, via petition to the residential college dean, so long as the final exams do not overlap.
- (c) Two asynchronous courses may overlap with each other, including for the full class meeting time, with the permission of both instructors, via petition to the residential college dean, so long as the final exams do not overlap.

Questions? Think you may have extenuating circumstances? As always, I’m happy to help: if you’d like to consult with me, just schedule a meeting or send me an email query.

CIPE
THE ONGOING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) SITUATION

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

STUDY ABROAD

RESOURCES

- Visit the Study Abroad COVID Updates page for the latest information and resources relating to Yale Study Abroad.
- Learn more about a Year or Term or Summer Abroad by [viewing recent recordings of our online info sessions](#).
- [Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser](#) to explore goals, programs, credit transfer, and more.
- If you need to apply for or renew a passport, **get started now!** Review U.S. Passport Services for more information and [find a local Passport Office](#).

FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING

UPCOMING EVENTS (Eastern Time)

[Fellowship Proposal Writing Workshop](#)

Monday, December 13, 3:30pm - 4:40pm

[Zoom link available here](#)

[Light Fellowship Info Session 6](#)

Monday, December 13, 4pm - 5pm

[Zoom link available here](#)

[Study Break with Fellowships & Funding Student Outreach Coordinators](#)

Wednesday, December 15, 2pm - 4pm

[The Underground at Schwarzman Center](#)

[Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations](#)

Wednesday, December 15, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

[Register here](#)

****[Light Fellowship Info Session 7](#)** FINAL SESSION**

Friday, December 17, 2pm - 3pm

[Zoom link available here](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

January 5, 1:00pm ET - [Richard U. Light Fellowship](#) (Summer, Fall, and Academic Year Study) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Years, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students

NOTE: Attending a Light Fellowship [info session](#) is an application requirement. The final Light Info Session takes place on **December 17 @2pm**.

January 5, 1:00pm ET - [Davis Projects for Peace](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

January 14, 1:00pm ET - [Beinecke Scholarship Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

January 14, 1:00pm ET - [Boren Undergraduate Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Years, Sophomores & Juniors

February 3, 1:00pm ET - [Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors & Seniors

February 3, 1:00pm ET - [Frederick Mortimer Clapp Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

February 3, 1:00pm ET - [Mortimer Hays-Brandeis Traveling Fellowship Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

February 3, 1:00pm EST - [Yung Wing Scholarship Campus Deadline](#) Eligible: Juniors, Seniors, Alumni & Graduate Students

February 4, 1:00pm ET - [Henry/Mellon/Kings Fellowships Common Application](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

February 4, 1:00pm ET - [Udall Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores, Juniors

February 10, 11:59pm ET - [FAO Schwarz Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, recent Graduates

February 15, 1:00pm ET - [Fox International Fellowships Application for Outgoing Yale Students](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Graduate Students

February 16, 1:00pm ET - [CIPE Summer Fellowships Common Application](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

February 16, 5:00pm ET - [South Asian Language Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors & Graduate Students

February 23, 1:00pm ET - [CIPE Summer Research Fellowship Common Application](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

March 2, 1:00pm ET - [Alexander P. Hixon Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: International Undergraduates

March 3, 1:00pm ET - [MacMillan Center Summer Fellowships for Language Study](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students

RESOURCES

Attend an [upcoming info session or workshop](#) or review our [online presentations](#) to learn more about applying for fellowships and funding your next project! [Meet with an adviser](#) to discuss your plans.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Health Professions, Grad School & STEM

- The Northeast Regional Meeting of ASPS is occurring virtually January 15-16, 2022 and is hosted by the University of Pittsburgh. Register on their website: www.northeast.physicianscientists.org/

Upcoming Common Good & Creative Careers Events

- [CGCC Group Coffee Chats with Anne McPherson YC'06 \[Social Impact Communications Specialist\]](#), Monday, December 13, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Virtual *Sign up's close Friday, 12/10 at midnight!*
- [CGCC Individual Coffee Chats with Anne McPherson YC'06 \[Social Impact Communications Specialist\]](#), Tuesday, December 14, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Virtual *Sign up's close Friday, 12/10 at midnight!*
- [CGCC Group Coffee Chats with Simon Cooper YC'20 \[Policy Associate, JPAL\]](#), Wednesday, December 15, 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Virtual. Sign up's close on Monday at 12pm EST.

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

- [LAUNCH Virtual Interviewing Event, Applications due by January 3rd](#)
- [Campbell Soup, Brand Management Intern](#)
- [Citadel, Credit Investing Intern](#)
- [Health Professions Summer Opportunities](#) (on the NAAHP website)
- [Amphenol Rotational Program for Graduating Seniors](#)
- [Stetson Lee Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine Post-Graduate Internship](#)
- [Rheumatology/Arthritis/Total Joint Replacement Post-Graduate Research Assistant](#)
- [Yale Postgraduate Research Assistant in Neuroinfectious Diseases \(Farhadian Lab\)](#)
- [MSK Post-Graduate Bridge Program](#)
- [Sports Medicine Clinical Research at HSS for Graduating Seniors](#)

RESOURCES

Health Professions, Grad School & STEM

- If you've interviewed at health professions programs this fall, share your interview experiences with peers and future applicants through a [brief, anonymous survey](#).
- Applying to a health professions program (medical, dental, veterinary, allied health) in 2022 for entrance in 2023? Learn about the [Health Professions Applicant Preparation Process](#).

[YALE SUMMER SESSION](#)

Summer's over. Start thinking about summer! In Yale Summer Session, focus on difficult classes, try out a new subject, or ease your course load in future semesters. With over 200 courses in New Haven, Online, and Abroad from a range of disciplinary fields, every Yale College student can find a course that meets their needs and helps them succeed.

Summer 2022 course offerings will be posted in early 2022. Check out our website and social media for updates. Reach out to summer.session@yale.edu with any questions.

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

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.

Individual Mentoring

Get organized by meeting with an [Academic Strategies Mentor](#). Mentors will help you develop a study schedule, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and help you develop a plan for prepping for final exams. If you'd like to arrange a meeting, please email us at academicstrategies@yale.edu or sign up on our [online scheduler](#).

Meet with our Learning Specialist

Have a learning difference or other condition that affects how you accomplish your academic work? We can talk with you about new approaches for meeting Yale's academic challenges. Contact Academic Strategies Learning Specialist Sarah Cussler (sarah.cussler@yale.edu) for an appointment.

Disability Peer Mentorship Program

A collaboration between Academic Strategies and Disability Empowerment at Yale, this program matches students with disabilities with peer mentors who have similar experiences navigating academic life at Yale for individual mentoring. Students can request a mentor via this form: <http://tinyurl.com/2021MentorRequest>. First-year students can also request mentorship and guidance about Student Accessibility Resources through the [SAS Peer Liaison Program](#).

Workshops

Many of our workshops are now in-person! Register via YaleConnect for location and to access Zoom links:

****New** Drop-in Study Groups for Students with ADHD**

[Monday, Dec. 13, 1:30 – 2:30 pm](#)

[Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1:30 – 2:30 pm](#)

We're doing something different this week: in-person study sessions at the Poorvu Center. We've done a lot of talking about accountability buddies, so why not use each other in this way? Hot chocolate and snacks available to keep you focused. Space is limited, so please register via YaleConnect (links above).

Approaches to Your Leave of Absence

[Monday, Dec. 13, 4-5 pm](#) (in person)

Planning to take a leave of absence this spring. Join our discussion about how to transition in and out of your leave and practices that can help you make your leave meaningful and productive for you.

Getting the Most Out of Mentorship (online)

[Monday, Dec. 13, 7-8 pm](#)

Join Yale undergraduates for a conversation on how to make the most of any mentorship opportunity, including peer, graduate student, faculty, and alumni mentorship.

Strategic Planning for Your Senior Project (online)

[Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7-8 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.

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations (online)

[Wednesday, Dec. 15, 7-8 pm](#)

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



Institution for Social and Policy Studies

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The Institution for Social and Policy Studies at Yale (ISPS) is pleased to announce that applications are open for the Director's Fellows program. The fellowship is open to Yale sophomores and juniors who are committed to working in U.S. domestic politics and policymaking. Selected Fellows will join ISPS as members of the Domestic Policy Group starting spring semester 2022, and over the course of one calendar year, will receive sophisticated policy training from ISPS faculty and affiliates, integrate into ISPS research activities, and test their development through real world application and feedback.

ISPS Director's Fellows will have the opportunity to attend biweekly workshops, some featuring prominent Yale faculty and guests working on policy-relevant issues and others providing training in skills such as op-ed and policy memo writing, media appearances, and blogging.

To apply, please visit [our webpage](#) and click on the Application Form near the bottom of page.

Deadline for applying is **January 5, 2022 at 11:59pm**.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tory Bilski at victoria.bilski@yale.edu.

We look forward to having you join us!

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.