



Dear Franklinites,

As the semester draws to an end (hopefully with neither a bang nor a whimper), I'm sending you lots of light for your last week of classes and pre-finals tasks.

Look for a separate note from the Dean's Office shortly about all things end-of term.

The college will open its doors to you frequently during the haul, offering respite and carbs and good cheer. And a spin class with me! The office is open and happy for your visits. Come for drop-ins or make an appointment time. We're all pulling for you.

Finally, remember the Holiday Dinner is this Friday night after classes end. First-years will go to Yale-on-York for the amazing all-class dinner. Ask your FroCos about it. Everyone else enjoys a holiday dinner here in BF from 5-7.

Rain Changing to Snow

*He came home from middle school
with a wet kitten tucked inside
his black leather jacket.
He'd found it shivering in the tall grass
flattened by rain.
It could only belong to him
for fifteen minutes
and it understood that, I think.
Though just a few weeks old,
already it expected disappointment.
Yet it began to purr,
this scrap of cloud-gray fur,
as he drew it forth to show me.
Castaway (its name
he said), so lonely and hungry
after the shipwreck of
another day at school.
- Connie Wanek*

-Dean Hill

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Dec 2: Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.

Dec 6: Classes end, 5:30 p.m.; reading period begins. Last day to withdraw from a fall full-term course offered in the second half of the fall term. See [Withdrawal from Courses](#) and [Grades](#).

Dec 12: Reading period ends, 5 p.m., Final examinations begin, 7 p. m. Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Dec 15: Applications for 2020 Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad, Non-Yale Summer Abroad, Fall 2020 Term Abroad, and 2020 – 2021 Year Abroad open.

Dec 18: Examinations end, 5:30 p.m.; winter recess begins. Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Dec 19: Residences close, 12 noon.

Jan 8: Residences open, 9 a.m.

Jan 12: Required registration meetings for first-year students, 9 p.m. in BF dining hall. Application for 2020 New Haven and online Summer Session courses opens. Rolling admissions for New Haven and online courses.

Jan 13: Spring-term classes begin, 8:20 a.m. Upper-level students register by 5 p.m. in BF dean's office.

Jan 17: Friday classes do not meet; Monday classes meet instead.

Jan 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day; classes do not meet.

Jan 22: Final course schedules due for the Class of 2023.

Jan 23: Final course schedules due for the Classes of 2021 and 2022.

Jan 24: Final course schedules due for the Class of 2020. Last day for students in the Class of 2020 to petition for permission to complete the requirements of two majors.

Jan 27: Final deadline to apply for a spring-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 spring-term tuition. See *Undergraduate Regulations*.

Mandatory Registration for Spring Term

Spring-term registration: To register for the spring term, first-year students are required to attend a registration meeting in their residential college on the day before classes begin, as specified in the [Yale College Calendar with Pertinent Deadlines](#). Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are required to register on the on the first day of classes, as specified in the [Yale College Calendar with Pertinent Deadlines](#).

Late registration: A student who, for reasons other than incapacitating illness, the death of a family member, or a comparable emergency, fails to follow the registration procedures above may register for the term only by exceptional action of the Committee on Honors and Academic Standing and will be liable for a fine of \$50.

First-Year Counselor Applications Open

First-year counselor applications for the 2020-2021 year is now open. We will be accepting applications through January 31st at 11:59 p.m. EST. You can read more about the program and apply [HERE](#).

Applicants must be seniors in good academic standing during both terms of the academic year 2020-2021, and plan to graduate in the spring of 2021. 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.

Tutoring in BF!

Resident Writing Tutor

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn. Her office is in Room 24, LL near Stairwell/Entry A. Hours are Mondays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Tuesdays 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Wednesdays 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. (BF students only), and Fridays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. To sign up for an appointment go to www.yalewco.com or email lesley.finn@yale.edu.

Resident QR Tutor

Nicholas E. Smith, a graduate in Chemistry – Room 19, Entryway A, LL. Hours are Wednesday 8-9:30 p.m.

Yale Tutoring Resources:

Writing Center/Tutors/Partners:

<https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/writing/undergraduatewriting>

Sc/QR Tutoring: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/tutoring/quantitative-reasoning-sciencestem-fields>

Language Tutoring: <http://cls.yale.edu/foreign-language-tutoring>

Academic Strategies: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program>

Advising Resources: <http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/>

[CIPE](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[STUDY ABROAD](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Come Chat with Study Abroad Student Outreach Coordinators: Winter Edition](#)

Wednesday, December 4, 11:00am - 1:00pm
Bass Cafe

[International Summer Award Information Session](#)

Friday, December 6, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305

RESOURCES

[Study Abroad Drop-In Hours](#): Will be held on **Friday, December 6, 2pm - 4pm** at 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor.

Please note: December 6 is the last day of fall semester Drop-in Hours. Drop-in Hours will resume for the spring semester on **Friday, January 17, 2020**

[Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser](#) – Schedule an appointment directly from our website.

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

[FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships Info Session](#)

Thursday, December 5, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
CIPE, 55 Whitney Avenue, 3rd Floor, Rm 305

[Planning Research and Independent Projects](#)

Friday, December 6, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Poorvu Center for Teaching & Learning, 120A

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.

[Imagining Your Summer](#)

Monday, December 9, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Poorvu Center for Teaching & Learning, 120A

[Public Service, Community Service and Government Opportunities](#)

Tuesday, December 10, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

[Planning Research and Independent Projects](#)

Thursday, December 12, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Poorvu Center for Teaching & Learning, 120A

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

December 6, Noon Beijing Time - [The Yenching Academy of Peking University Scholarship](#)

National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Recent Graduates

December 13, 1:00pm EST - [Richard U. Light Fellowship](#) Late Fall Competition Deadline to start an application in the [Student Grants Database \(SGDB\)](#) and upload a language evaluation form | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students (**Note: If you did not already attend an info session this semester you are ineligible to apply for the 2019 competition**)

December 31, 11:59PM EST - [SALAM 2020: Summer Arabic Language and Media Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, and Juniors

January 8, 1:00pm EST - [Richard U. Light Fellowship](#) Late Fall Competition Deadline to submit recommendation requests

January 13, 1:00pm EST - [National Institute of Standards and Technology Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship - NIST SURF](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

January 15, 1:00pm EST - [Boren Undergraduate Scholarship for Language Study](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, and Juniors

January 15, 1:00pm EST - [Davis Projects for Peace](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

January 15, 1:00pm EST - [Beinecke Scholarship Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

January 17 - [The Hilary Rodham Clinton Award for Peace and Reconciliation](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

January 24, 1:00pm EST - [Mortimer Hays-Brandeis Traveling Fellowship Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

January 31 - [Mount Vernon Leadership Fellows Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores

February 5, 1:00pm EST - [Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors & Seniors

February 7, 1:00pm EST - [Henry Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

February 13, 1:00pm EST - [Udall Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores, Juniors

February 13, 1:00pm EST - [Fox International Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Graduate Students

RESOURCES

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

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

[Make an appointment](#) directly from the website to discuss these and a host of other opportunities

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[OCS](#)

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Office of Career Strategy Winter Break Hours

Drop-in hours will end on Friday, December 6 but individual appointments are available during winter break through [Yale Career Link](#). Drop-in hours will resume on Monday, January 13.

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 RSVP.

[YALE SUMMER SESSION](#)

Don't settle for less this summer. At Yale Summer Session, you get more.

More space to focus on a laborious course. See what 5 weeks of your undivided attention can accomplish.

More freedom to choose a course that inspires you. Dive into a passion project or try something completely new this summer.

More access to resources that take your learning to the next level. Take advantage of museums, private tutoring, and libraries without the term-time crowds.

More bang for your buck with reduced tuition. Receive [financial assistance](#) for up to two credits.

Summer 2020 courses will be posted in December. [Sign up for email updates](#) from Yale Summer Session so you hear first!

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

STUDENT DIVERSITY, GRANTS EQUITY, FOR INCLUSION, AND BELONGING

All students and registered student organizations are invited to apply for up to \$1,500 for a program, event, or speaker(s) that promote a sense of belonging and community at Yale in one of these ways:

- Educating about challenges to inclusion on our campus and in society
- Facilitating the exchange of viewpoints across ideological or other difference
- Celebrating examples of excellence and achievement

Collaborations among student organizations and proposals that present multiple points of view are encouraged and preferred.



BELONGING
AT YALE

Deadlines are December 4,
February 19, and June 3.

To apply, visit
belong.yale.edu/be-involved