



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– February 1, 2021

Dear Franklinites,

I'm wishing you a jaunty first day of classes, whether you look out upon snow or hail or desert or ocean outside the window closest to your Yale screen today. You're learning how hardy you have to be to do college amidst a pandemic. (We all are). For some of you there is no abstraction– it's all right where you live, in all its rawness. Please remember you are not alone. And double please, put down any academic weight from last term. Whether you crushed it or it crushed you, it is past. Let it go, onward to a lighter spring with longer days and more sunshine. We're here for you in Benjamin Franklin, even if the college is a state of mind rather than a residence right now. It encompasses you, and will help hold you steady this semester. Just ask.

Shop wisely and widely these next days, and try something a little far afield, just because you can. **Schedules due Friday at 5 PM Yale time.**

Time to G.Y.L.T. (Get Your Life Together – my Peloton motto!)

-Dean Hill

Our Bias

*The hour-glass whispers to the lion's paw,
The clock-towers tell the gardens day and night,
How many errors Time has patience for,
How wrong they are in being always right.*

*Yet Time, however loud its chimes or deep,
However fast its falling torrent flows,
Has never put the lion off his leap
Nor shaken the assurance of the rose.*

*For they, it seems, care only for success:
While we choose words according to their sound
And judge a problem by its awkwardness;*

*And Time with us was always popular.
When have we not preferred some going round
To going straight to where we are?*

-W.H. Auden

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 \(yale.edu\)](#)

OCS is Open for Add/Drop Period

Online Course Selection (OCS) is open for add/drop period.

- Add/Drop period ends Friday, February 5, at 5:00 p.m. (ET). Return to OCS to make any schedule changes. Even if no changes are made, you must submit your final OCS schedule worksheet by the deadline to avoid a \$50 fine.
- For every course on your **unsubmitted** final OCS schedule worksheet, you will appear as a “shopper” on the instructors’ Canvas rosters and will be counted in [course demand statistics](#).
 - You will not be officially enrolled in any courses until you submit your final OCS schedule worksheet.
 - If an instructor has added you to their Canvas course site, you will remain as a guest until either the instructor removes you or when Canvas clears “shoppers” from rosters after the add/drop period ends.

English 114/115 courses with seats available as of 2/1/2021

If you missed preregistration or were not placed in a section, please do the following:

Request permission to enroll by emailing the section instructor.

If there is space available, the instructor will invite you to join the course, notifying you via email.

If not, the instructor will add you to a waitlist. You may add yourself to more than one waitlist.

Once you have been invited to join a course, remove yourself from all other waitlists by emailing the appropriate instructors.

Please email heather.klemann@yale.edu with any questions or concerns.

The following courses have seats available as of Monday 2/1/2021:

English 114

Section 6

Bad Art: Camp, Trash, and Failure in Pop Media and Culture. TTh 11.35am-12.50pm

Kate Needham (kate.needham@yale.edu)

Why do we love works of art that are widely accepted to be bad? Who decides what's good and bad art? Who is bad art for? We'll explore how gender, race, and class inform critical assessments of popular media.

Section 10

Hope. TTh 4.00pm-5.15pm

Sam Steinmetz (samuel.steinmetz@yale.edu)

What is hope? What may we hope for? What is the use of hoping? Is hoping hardwired into our biology or a socially constructed behavior? Could hope help us confront climate change and social injustice? Together we'll search for answers.

Section 13

World Language Politics. MW 9.00am-11.15am

Carson Koepke (carson.koepke@yale.edu)

In the modern world, do we value linguistic unity or diversity more highly? Is a 'universal' language the logical conclusion of globalism? This course seeks to interrogate such questions by examining the complex relationships between language, culture, nationalism and globalism.

English 115

Section 3

Into the #Wild. MW 11.35am-12.50pm

Tess Grogan (tess.grogan@yale.edu)

This course explores both the strong allure of the wild in the human imagination and the political, ecological, and ethical consequences of this compulsion. What can wilderness literature tell us about the figure of the 'outdoors type' or the relationship between environmentalism and adventure culture? What tensions emerge between authentic experience and the careful framing, filtering, and marketing of that authenticity? As the wilderness has receded, finding it has become increasingly urgent. But at what cost?

Openings in First-Year Seminars

Ten first-year seminars currently have openings for the spring term. Visit the First Year Seminar Program [website](#) to learn more.

[If you want to include the courses in your message, they are listed below]

ANTH 030, Inca Culture and Society

ART 012, On Activism

CLCV 045, Authors After Antiquity

CPSC 035, 21st Century Computer Music

HIST 072, The History of World History

HUMS 096, Collecting History

LITR 018, Mid East Politics & Literature

MUSI 011, Music & Revolution in Americas

MUSI 012, One Thousand Years of Love Songs

THST 092, African Rhythm in Motion

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 spring 2021 term. This decision is final 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 CIPE on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep informed

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

EVENTS (*All event times are listed in Eastern Time*)

[Summer Stem Fellowships: How to Write a Research Proposal with Dean Sandy Chang](#)

Wednesday, February 3, 5:00pm - 6:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

[Imagining Your Summer Information Session](#)

Wednesday, February 3, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

[Register Here](#)

[Fellowship Proposal Writing: Meet with a Writing Tutor](#)

Thursday, February 4, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

[Register Here](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

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 5, 1:00pm ET - [Henry/Mellon/Kings Fellowships Common Application](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

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

February 12, 1:00pm ET - [Udall Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores, Juniors

February 14, 11:59pm ET - [National Institute of Standards and Technology Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship - NIST SURF](#) National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

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

February 16, 1:00pm ET - [Yung Wing Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline Eligible: Juniors, Seniors, Alumni & Graduate Students

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

March 2, 11:59pm PT - [U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

March 3, 1:00pm ET - [Women in Government Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

RESOURCES

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

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

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

Get planning tips on our [Research, Internship, and Public Service Toolkits](#).

[Make an appointment](#) with an adviser or [Schedule a Drop-in Session](#) directly from the Fellowships and Funding website.

[YALE SUMMER SESSION](#)

The Yale Summer Session Residential Life Staff application is now open. Develop your leadership, organizational, communication and conflict-resolution skills! Multiple positions are available with differing compensation, including free courses, room & board, and salaries.

The application for Summer 2020 counselors is open now! Applications will close on Friday, February 19 at 4pm EST. Job descriptions and applications [can be viewed here](#).

[summer.yale.edu](#)

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

[OCS](#)

EVENTS

[Virtual All Ivy Environmental and Sustainable Development Career Fair](#): Register by Monday, February 1st in order to attend the event scheduled for Friday, February 5th from 10:00am-1:00pm EST. [Visit our site](#) for a list of participating organizations and to register to attend.

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

Check out [Preferred Yale Partners](#) positions in Yale Career Link. These opportunities include full-time positions and internships posted by Yale alumni and other affiliates.

[Global Portfolio Management Expert, EMD Serono/Merck](#), Apply by January 31

[Buckley Media & Public Policy – Gingrich 360 Intern](#), Apply by May 1

[Buckley Media & Public Policy FIRE Summer Intern](#), Apply by May 21

[Summer Experience Award \(formerly known as the Domestic Summer Award\)](#)

Enhancements have been made to the former DSA. Review the changes on the Office of Career Strategy website and check out the Frequently Asked Questions. The application for the Summer Experience Award (SEA) is in Yale Career Link and the deadline to apply is May 1, 2021. Important updates include:

- Eligible students may use the SEA for their choice of an internship, research experience or arts apprenticeship in the U.S. or abroad.

- If the experience is in the U.S., the award will be \$4,000. If the experience is outside the U.S., the award will be \$6,000.
- The SEA is the former DSA, therefore students who have previously used their DSA are not eligible.
- Inquiries can be sent to sea@yale.edu

RESOURCES

Customize Your New OCS Weekly Newsletter: Customize your OCS newsletter by choosing among our [career communities](#) and [affinity/identity communities](#), to receive updates about events, new jobs, and helpful articles/blogs. *OCS strongly recommends that everyone take just 2 minutes to update your preferences to ensure you receive the most relevant content.* [Visit the OCS site](#) for more information, and sign up today!

Office of Career Strategy: Spring 2021 FAQs: In Spring 2021, the Office of Career Strategy is open and completely functional, however all staff are working remotely. Review our [Spring 2021 FAQs](#) to learn about the many ways to engage with OCS.

Class of 2020 Class List & Summer 2020 Peer List Now Available: Search and contact thousands of recent Yale graduates and current Yale students who have volunteered to discuss their post-graduate roles and summer employment experiences! Prior Class Lists and Summer Peer Lists are also available. Search by major, employer name, city, state, country, and more.

STUDY ABROAD

RESOURCES

Visit the [Study Abroad COVID-19 Updates page](#) for the latest information and resources relating to Yale Study Abroad.

Study abroad advisers continue to be available to hold virtual meetings with students via Zoom. To schedule a meeting, please use our [online appointment system](#).

Yale Academic Strategies Program

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

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

Individual Consultations: By request from Jan. 25 – Feb. 12.

Our Academic Strategies Mentors will help you develop a weekly study routine, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and planning for the semester. Consultations can be arranged from January 25th through February 12th by emailing us directly at academicstrategies@yale.edu.

Meet with our Learning Specialist

Do you have a learning difference or other condition that affects how you approach your learning? Are you wondering if your academic challenges might be connected to an undiagnosed learning difference? Meet with our Learning Specialist, Sarah Cussler (sarah.cussler@yale.edu), to discuss strategies for adapting to the challenges of learning online and the different demands of college-level academic work. Learn more about the resources available on our [Learning Challenges at Yale](#) page on our Academic Strategies website.

Workshops

Our workshop sessions will all be online this academic year. Register via YaleConnect to access Zoom links—you can register up to the start of the workshop if you want to come last minute!

Time Management

[Monday, February 1 @ 4 pm ET](#)

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.

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Monday, February 1 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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

Get the Most Out of Your Language Classes

[Monday, February 1 @ 9 pm ET](#)

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

Managing a Heavy Reading Load

[Tuesday, February 2 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Feeling overwhelmed by piles of reading? Learn some essential strategies to make the most of your limited reading time. Have less stress and create more free time!

Reading Effectively for STEM

[Tuesday, February 2 @ 7 pm ET](#)

[Monday, February 8 @ 9 pm ET](#)

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.

How to Study Away from Campus: A Guide to Motivation, Connection, and Time Management

[Tuesday, February 2 @ 9 pm ET](#)

Learn how to create environments, schedules, and peer networks to help support your learning while away from campus and help you stay refreshed and motivated to engage in your academic work.

Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Thesis

[Wednesday, Feb. 3 @ 4 pm ET](#)

[Monday, Feb. 8 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Learn how to plan your writing and research, and how to access support resources for your senior thesis.

Imagining Your Summer (with CIPE) – **FINAL WORKSHOP!**

[Wednesday, Feb. 3 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Interested in summer study abroad, fellowships, or internships, but don't know how to get started? Hear from students who have done these things to help you identify some possible summer opportunities. You will leave with a clearer idea of what is possible and the resources you can access to make your vision happen. Now is the perfect time to start planning!

Strategies for Intro Math: Problem Sets & Exams

[Wednesday, Feb. 3 @ 9 pm ET](#)

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

Getting the Most Out of Your Seminars & Lectures

[Thursday, Feb. 4 @ 4 pm ET](#)

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

Fresh Start: Positive Change for Your Academic Life

[Thursday, Feb. 4 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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.

Getting the Most Out of Your Reading

[Thursday, Feb. 4 @ 9 pm ET](#)

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, essay, or exam preparation.

Mellon Mays and Bouchet Fellowships Application Workshop

[Friday, Feb. 5 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Working on an application for the Mellon Mays and Bouchet Fellowships? Bring your questions and your work-in-progress for feedback on how to refine and revise your application.

Getting the Most Out of Mentorship

[Monday, Feb. 8 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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

Yale *Swensen Fellows in Strategic Analysis*

swensenfellows.yale.edu

Would you like to learn the skills of a top-tier strategy consultant, while working in service of a client you know and love: Yale University?

If so, we invite you to apply for the Yale University Swensen Fellows in Strategic Analysis program. We currently seek a candidate to fill a full-time position following graduation from Yale College or Yale graduate and professional programs. Full-time positions are planned for two years, though longer-term commitments are possible in the case of exceptional performance.

The Group

Fellows will work in the Office of Strategic Analysis and Institutional Research, under the direction of Associate Vice President Tim Pavlis. Tim joined Yale in 2015 after over a decade as a strategy consultant, most recently as a Principal at Bain & Company in San Francisco. The group reports jointly to the Provost, Scott Strobel, and the SVP of Operations, Jack Callahan, and benefits from the support and frequent engagement of President Peter Salovey and other University leaders.

We work on the most complex strategic challenges facing Yale and help enable University leaders to make decisions that best advance Yale's mission. Our work spans the campus, from Science Hill to the Medical School, from the College and Graduate School to the Professional Schools. We address a broad spectrum of topics including: defining and measuring excellence, setting priorities, improving performance, and allocating scarce resources across the units that comprise Yale. The decisions we support will have a decisive impact on the future of Yale. We measure our results in the actions taken by University leaders and collaborate closely with them as partners in this endeavor.

We believe the world needs more talented and dedicated analytically-minded leaders, so we envision this group as a training ground for leadership at Yale and beyond. Beyond the initial fellowship, we expect Fellows to assume leadership roles across the University, in other higher ed institutions, or in other organizations, whether for-profit or non-profit.

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.

European Studies Undergraduate Fellows Network

Career Conversations

February 11 @ 12pm EST

Mato Meyer / Chief Technical Adviser, United Nations Development Programme in Kosovo

Join us for the launch of the European Studies Undergraduate Fellows Network! This is the first of a series of career conversations with Yale alumni and affiliated partners in Europe.

Join us on Zoom!

To learn more about joining the Fellows Network, visit our site: bit.ly/ESCUndergradNetwork

Mato Meyer graduated with an MA in Russian and East European Studies (REES) in 2002. He has held positions with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and United Nations for more than 15 years. [Read more about Mato here.](#)

Register Here:
bit.ly/Mato-Meyer

Event Open ONLY to students

**Yale
NUS
College**

Yale *Global Health Studies Program*

Yale **MACMILLAN CENTER**
European Studies Council

Latin American & Iberian Studies Undergraduate Fellows Network

Career Conversations

February 10 @ 12pm EST

Ruth Álvarez-DeGolia / Co-Founder & Executive Director, Mercado Global

Join us for the launch of the Latin American & Iberian Undergraduate Fellows Network! This is the first of a series of career conversations with Yale alumni and affiliated partners in Latin America.

Join us on Zoom!

To learn more about joining the Fellows Network, visit our site: <https://clais.macmillan.yale.edu/people/undergraduate-fellows-network>

Ruth Álvarez-DeGolia graduated from Yale College with distinction in 2004. Since then she has overseen Mercado Global's growth from a small non-profit working with a dozen artisans in Guatemala's highlands to its recognition as an innovator in social enterprise. [Read more about Ruth here.](#)

Register Here: bit.ly/Ruth-A-D

Event Open ONLY to students

**Yale
NUS
College**

Yale *Global Health Studies Program*

Yale **MACMILLAN CENTER**

Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies

Let's Talk Move-In

Communal living looks different during COVID, and sometimes having conversations around these dynamics can be tricky - here are some questions to help you and your housemates create a space in which everyone feels safe, comfortable, and respected.

General Housing Dynamics



- How will your house make group decisions? How will you ensure everyone's concerns are heard?
- What are your feelings about living in a space with drugs/alcohol?
- Consider your different budget expectations. What are you comfortable sharing? How will you manage shared expenses?
- What are the cleaning expectations among you & your housemates? How can you divide responsibilities evenly?
- How will you respect each other's schedules and spaces? Do you want quiet hours? Which rooms are available for Zoom calls?

Moving In

- Have you discussed the different COVID precautions that you and your housemates have been taking over the break? While traveling to New Haven? How does this impact everyone's comfortability level upon move-in?
- How do you feel about your roommates' family or friends coming to help them move in? Will you mask and/or socially-distance inside the house during move-in?
- Do you or your housemates plan to quarantine or distance from each other after move-in? Do you have the space and/or resources to do this?



Let's Talk Move-In

I want to share a resource created by our Communication and Consent Educators to help people navigate off-campus living. We know that living off campus looks and feels different than it ever has before—you can use this guide to jumpstart conversations and create a home environment in which everyone feels safe and comfortable. As we navigate new living spaces or return to old ones amidst the recent surge in cases, it is more important than ever to establish open channels of communication and mutual expectations with the people you live with. I hope that you find this resource useful and even pass it on to a neighbor or two.

ACADEMIC STRATEGIES PROGRAM

Workshops For The Week:

- How To Study Away From Campus, 1/31 @ 3pm and 2/2 @ 9pm
- Time Management, 2/1 @ 4pm
- Cultivating Faculty Mentors, 2/1 @ 7pm
- Getting The Most Out Of Your Language Classes, 2/1 @ 9pm
- Managing A Heavy Reading Load, 2/2 @ 4pm
- Reading Effectively For STEM, 2/2 @ 7pm

**Sign up at CampusGroups @
Poorvu Center: Academic
Strategies Program**