



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– February 23, 2021

Dear Franklinites,

I hope you were able to take a day away from Zoom yesterday, and hopefully get in a walk, a park, a bridge, a tree... something un-screeny.

Look for details this week on my Franklin Reading Group, which will start up next week. Some venerable sophomores are also organizing a book club, and we may coordinate themes.

Boss up, crown straight,

Dean Hill

faithless

I would have freed thousands mo,
If dey had known dey were slaves.

Harriet

herd on da wind you come back fo me
didn't think you come back fo me
didn't think you come back at all
been so long my skin grew tired

dis life too hard to know all alone
caroline cover me jus fine
she a quilt ginst the cold in ma blood
she mend de torn spots in ma soul

aint got no mind ta leev dis place
go on moses find yo promise lan
mines is here beside dis fire
wid folks we knows from when we's born

- Quraysh Ali Lansana

Important deadlines

- **Tuesday, March 9** – Classes do not meet
- **Friday, March 19 by 5:00 p.m.** – deadline to change the grade mode to Credit/D/Fail for a course offered in the first half of the term
- **Friday, March 19 by 5:00 p.m.** – withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the term

Note: Professional school courses cannot be changed to Credit/D/Fail. Some professional school courses end before the March deadlines listed here; the deadline to withdraw from these courses is the last day of the course.

If you wish to convert a 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.

Note: SIS will remain open to convert full-term courses to Credit/D/Fail until May 7. Attempts to convert courses offered in the first half of the term to Credit/D/Fail after 5 p.m. on May 7 will not be valid.

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](#)

Yale Tutoring Resources:

Resident Writing Tutor

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn. Her hours are Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Thursdays 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., with 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays reserved for BF students only. To sign up for an appointment go to www.yalewco.com/ or email lesley.finn@yale.edu.

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 \(yale.edu\)](#)

From your BF Writing Tutor!

Welcome to Spring 2021 Franklinites!

I hope everyone had a restful break and the first weeks of the semester are off to an excellent start. As your schedules begin to settle and assignment due dates appear on the horizon, I encourage you to get in touch with me, your residential writing tutor, for all your writing needs.

You can meet with me at any stage in the writing process: to brainstorm, to receive my unflinching but compassionate feedback on a draft, to polish before submitting. I will give you my endless curiosity about what you are reading, what you are assigned, and what you are thinking. I will ask questions to help you dig deeper. I will help you harness the power of the semi-colon. And most importantly, I will help you improve your writing cognition: your awareness of why you make the choices you make when putting words on the page.

We can discuss any piece of coursework-related or independent writing you wish to share, in any field. That includes the brief, one-page reading response, but also the long stuff: that 20-page research paper, that let's-stop-counting-the-pages senior thesis. I also help students with application essays, personal statements, and cover letters.

All meetings will be conducted via Zoom. You'll need to sign up in advance for an appointment online at www.yalewco.com/. My hours, all EST, are Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., with 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays reserved for Benjamin Franklin students only. If these time slots don't work for your schedule, please email me directly at lesley.finn@yale.edu so that we can make other arrangements.

I look forward to working with you!

Best,

Lesley

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. Please [see the Yale Travel Policy in regards to Summer 2021 travel.](#)

Y-VISP is hiring Peer Liaisons for 2021-22! See job listing 25768 in Student Employment and see the [Y-VISP website for more details.](#)

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 Internships Search + SEA Info Session

[Wednesday, February 24, 4:00pm - 5:00pm](#)

[Register here](#)

Fellowship Proposal Writing: Meet with the Writing Partners

Thursday, February 25, 6:00pm -7:00pm ET

[Register here](#)

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

Thursday, February 25, 7:00pm - 8:00pm ET

[Register here](#)

Info Session for UK Fellowships – Rhodes and Beyond: postgrad study in UK/Ireland (1 of 6)

Friday, February 26, 3:00pm – 4:00pm ET

[Zoom Link](#)

Find future events on the [Fellowships and Funding Calendar](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

February 28, 11:59pm PT - [The Tillman Scholar Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible:

Undergraduate, Graduate, or Professional Students who are Service members or spouses

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 - [CIPE Summer Fellowships Common Application Deadline](#) | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

March 3, 1:00pm ET - [MacMillan Center Summer Fellowships for Language Study](#) Campus

Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students

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

March 10, 1:00pm ET - [CIPE Summer Research Fellowships Common Application Deadline](#) |

Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

March 15 - [The Michael Manzella Fellowship for Summer, 2021](#) Application Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

March 17, 1:00pm ET - [Alexander P. Hixon Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: International Undergraduates

March 30 - [Freeman Asia](#) National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

May 1, 11:59pm ET - [The International Study Award \(ISA\)](#) Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors receiving a Yale scholarship.

NOTE: To apply for ISA funding, eligible students must first receive Yale approval for a [summer study abroad program](#).

[Check the Yale Student Grants Database \(SGDB\) for all other deadlines](#)

RESOURCES

For guidance about funding your summer projects, review the [Fellowships and Funding Summer 2021 FAQ](#).

Find useful resources in the [Fellowship and Funding Summer Planning Guide](#).

[Fellowship Advisers](#) continue to be available to discuss your plans. [Schedule a virtual appointment](#) directly from our website.

[YALE SUMMER SESSION](#)

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

Applications will close on Friday, February 26 at 4pm EST. Job descriptions and applications [can be viewed here](#).

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

[OCS](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

[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

[Designing Your Career @ Yale: Acceptance and Life Vision Creation](#)

- Friday, February 26, 10am-12pm
- Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- [Apply in Yale Career Link](#) by February 19

RESOURCES

[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.

[STUDY ABROAD](#)

EVENTS

[Planning for Summer 2021 Study Abroad](#)

Thursday, February 25, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

Find future events on the [Study Abroad Calendar](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

April 1 - [Credit for Non-Yale Summer Abroad Application](#) and [Petition Application](#) Deadline

April 15 - [Credit for Fall Term Abroad Application](#) and [Petition Application](#) Deadline

April 15 - [Credit for Academic Year Abroad Application](#) and [Petition Application](#) Deadline

Please be sure to read [Yale Study Abroad's COVID-19 Updates](#) page for detailed information and guidance on study abroad options.

RESOURCES

[Study Abroad COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Updates & FAQ](#)

[Credit for Non-Yale Summer Abroad Application Guidelines](#)

[Credit for Year or Term Abroad Application Guidelines](#)

[Schedule a virtual appointment with a study abroad adviser](#)

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: Online sign-up now available!

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. Find a mentor by registering and signing up at [Academic Strategies Spring 2021 Mentor Schedule](#). Consultations also can be arranged 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!

How to Study Away from Campus: A Guide to Motivation, Connection, and Time Management [Tuesday, February 23 @ 4 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.

Time Management

[Tuesday, February 23 @ 7 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.

Pathways for Sophomores

[Tuesday, February 23 @ 9 pm ET](#)

Sophomore year offers new challenges, including increased course loads, upper-level classes, and identifying a major. This interactive workshop helps students set goals and make long-term plans for the year.

Getting the Most Out of Mentorship

[Wednesday, February 24 @ 4 pm ET](#)

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

Exam Study Strategies

[Wednesday, Feb. 24 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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 Thesis

[Wednesday, February 24 @ 9 pm ET](#)

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

Managing a Heavy Reading Load

[Thursday, February 25 @ 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!

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Thursday, February 25 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Thursday, February 25 @ 9 pm ET](#)

We all procrastinate. When your procrastination habits get in the way of your goals, however, it's time for a change. This workshop offers strategies for identifying the sources of procrastination and pursuing productive habits that can get you back on track.

Deadline: March 1st to Apply for Center for Language Study's DILS and Fields Programs

The Yale Center for Language Study is now accepting applications for fall semester study for its Fields Program and its Directed Independent Language Study (DILS) Program. The deadline for applying to either program for fall semester study is March 1st at 1:00pm.

The Directed Independent Language Study (DILS) Program gives students the opportunity to study a language that is not currently taught in a Yale classroom.

The Fields Program gives students the opportunity to pursue advanced-level language study within the context of their academic area of focus (generally in areas other literature if the language is taught at Yale, since advanced coursework in literature would likely be available).

Both are non-credit programs, open to all registered Yale students (undergraduate, graduate and professional). In each program, students work with a Language Partner—a native speaker of the target language (not a formal instructor)—in two 1-hour sessions for 12 weeks. The sessions aim to develop linguistic and cultural competence through active conversation and practice of what you are studying independently. With a limited number of slots available, a selection committee reviews all applications for their merit and appropriateness, and notifies students of its decisions within four to six weeks after the application deadline.

Details on each program and how to apply can be found at these links:

Directed Independent Language Study (DILS):

<https://cls.yale.edu/dils>

Fields Program:

<https://cls.yale.edu/fields>

Please note that all applications must be received by the application deadline (this includes applications for continued study from current DILS or Fields students).

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.

ACADEMIC STRATEGIES PROGRAM

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

