



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– January 31, 2022

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Jan. 31 M Add/drop period closes, 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 4 F Last day for students in the Class of 2022 to petition for permission to complete the requirements of two majors.

Feb. 8 T Final deadline to apply for a spring-term Leave of Absence (section J).

Feb. 8 T Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles the student to a full rebate of spring-term tuition (Undergraduate Regulations).

Feb. 8 T Deadline to complete applications for financial aid for the 2022 spring term, for students not enrolled in the 2021 fall term.

Feb. 15 T Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the spring term without the course appearing on the transcript.

Feb. 15 T Deadline for applications for Yale Summer Session Programs abroad.

Feb. 18 F Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-half of spring-term tuition (Undergraduate Regulations).

Mar. 9 W Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the spring term.

Mar. 9 W Last day to convert from a letter grade to Cr/D/F option for a course offered in the first half of the spring term.

Mar. 10 Th Courses offered in the second half of the spring term begin.

Mar. 18 F Midterm.

Mar. 28 M Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.

Apr. 1 F Deadline to apply for Non-Yale Summer Abroad.

Apr. 7 Th Last day to withdraw from a spring second-half course without the course appearing on the transcript.

Apr. 29 F Classes end; reading period begins.

Resident Writing Tutor

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn. Her office is in Room 24, LL near Stairwell/Entry A. 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 \(yale.edu\)](#)

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.

Yale-China Fellowships still sending Fellows to China

Yale-China continues to send Yalies to China! Teach in mainland China or Hong Kong for two transformative years as part of a 116-year-old Yale tradition. Gain first-hand understanding of one of the most influential societies in the 21st century. Fellowship includes intensive Mandarin study for mainland Fellows and Cantonese options for those in Hong Kong, ongoing professional support from Yale-China staff, and post-fellowship career mentoring. For more information, visit www.yalechina.org/ycf **Application Deadline: February 28, 2021 midnight**

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.

The Yale College Dean's Office is accepting change of college affiliation applications from January 31st – February 11th.

As in previous years, this process is being handled centrally, therefore while your Dean, Head of College, or FROCO may be able to answer some general questions and offer guidance on whether a change is right for you.

However, this is not a process where students should feel compelled to make appeals to their current residential college staff, or that of the college to which they are applying to transfer.

Students may request a change of college affiliation by completing [the following form](#):

https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3f3pe4G0d1tzpMp

Please keep the following in mind if you are considering a change of college affiliation transfer:

Transfer requests are not guaranteed, and you are strongly encouraged to have a housing option within your own college should your transfer be declined.

- Approved transfers are effective beginning the 22-23 academic year. Students do not relocate to their new residential college until the fall.
- Transfer applicants DO NOT need to contact their prospective college to meet with either the Dean or Head of College until after their transfer has been accepted.
- Transfer applicants need a current student in the prospective residential college sponsor your transfer. Please note that **any single student may sponsor no more than two candidates to transfer into their college** in an academic year.
- If your transfer is approved it is a binding decision, so please consider your request carefully before submitting your application.
- If your transfer is approved and you later change your mind about the housing arrangement you had committed to on your form, your transfer may be revoked. You may also be subject to the policies and penalties of the applicable residential college housing rules.
- Students will be notified of the transfer decisions by the end of February.
- The **deadline is Friday, February 11, 2022 and you can access the application [via this form](#)**:

https://yalesurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3f3pe4G0d1tzpMp

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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

YALE SUMMER SESSION

The [Yale Summer Session application](#) is now open! In Yale Summer Session, focus on difficult classes, try out a new subject, or ease your course load in future semesters. With [over 150 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.

Session A: May 30 – July 1, apply by May 4

Session B: July 4 – August 5, apply by June 8

Yale College students should also check out our Residential Life jobs! [Our summer job applications](#) are open until February 18.

Check out our website and social media for updates. Reach out to summer.session@yale.edu with any questions.

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

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EVENTS

- [Cove Hill Partners Panel, February 8th at 6pm - 7pm](#)
- [PwC Spring Virtual Events](#)
- [Government, Education & Nonprofit Career Fair \(Virtual\) on February 18 – Office of Career Strategy – Yale University](#)
- [All Ivy Environmental & Sustainable Development Career Fair, Friday, February 25th, 10am - 1pm](#), Virtual. Register now to view all employers!

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

- The [Health Professions Application Preparation Process](#) is now available (*for applicants planning to apply in 2022 for entrance in 2023*).
- [Samvid Scholars](#): A Graduate School Scholarship for Future Leaders
- [Buckley Media & Public Policy Internships – summer stipend increased to \\$5,000](#)
- [Summer Associate Intern, Artisan Healthcare Consulting - Apply by February 11th](#)
- [Summer Analyst Internship, Kobre & Kim - Apply by February 12th](#)
- [Senior Analyst, Global Portfolio Management & Decision Science, EMD Serono - Apply by February 21st](#)
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RESOURCES

- Get [Connected to Research](#) on STEMConnect page
- [Connecting with Faculty and Requesting Letters of Recommendation](#)

STUDY ABROAD

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Spanish Department Information Session: Study Abroad, the Spanish Major, & the Spanish Language Certificate](#)

Tuesday, February 1, 1:30pm - 3pm ET

[Zoom link available here](#)

[London School of Economics \(LSE\) Summer School Info Session](#)

Tuesday, February 1, 3pm - 4pm ET

[Zoom link available here](#)

[YSS Abroad in Johannesburg, South Africa Virtual Info Session](#)

Tuesday, February 1, 4pm - 5pm ET

[Zoom link available here](#)

[International Study Award \(ISA\) Info Session](#)

Wednesday, February 2, 4pm - 5pm

[Zoom link available here](#)

[Summer Study in Stockholm with The Swedish Program](#)

Wednesday, February 2, 4pm - 5pm

[Zoom link available here](#)

Meeting ID: 856 7923 1896

Passcode: 880780

[YSS Abroad in Siena Virtual Info Session](#)

Friday, February 4, 3pm – 4pm ET

[Register for this event here](#)

Password: 572635

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

February 15, 2022 - [Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad](#)

APPLICATION OPEN DATES

The following application open on **February 1, 2022**

- [Non-Yale Summer Abroad](#)
- [Credit for Fall Term Abroad](#)
- [Credit for Academic Year Abroad](#)

RESOURCES

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

View recording of [Yale Study Abroad Online Information Sessions](#) at a time that works for you.

Find upcoming events on the [Study abroad Calendar](#).

[FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS (Eastern Time)

[International Study Award \(ISA\) Info Session](#)

Wednesday, February 2, 4pm - 5pm

[Zoom link available here](#)

[How to Write a Research Proposal](#)

Wednesday, February 2, 5pm - 6pm

[Zoom link available here](#)

[Essential Library Research Skills](#)

Thursday, February 3, 1:30pm - 2pm

[Register here](#)

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

Thursday, February 3, 6pm – 7:30pm

[Sign up for this event here](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

- 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 11, 3:00pm ET - [STARS Summer Research Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students & Sophomores
- 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 17, 1:00pm ET - [Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors & Seniors
- February 17, 1:00pm ET - [Frederick Mortimer Clapp Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors
- February 23, 1:00pm ET - [CIPE Summer Research Fellowship Common Application](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors
- February 24, 3:00pm ET - [Yale College Dean's Research Fellowship in the Sciences AND Rosenfeld Science Scholars Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores & Juniors
- March 1, 11:59pm PT - [U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors
- March 2, 1:00pm ET - [Alexander P. Hixon Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: International Undergraduates
- March 2, 1:00pm ET - [Women in Government Fellowship](#) Campus 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 - [Yawkey Community Service Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
- March 3, 3:00pm ET - [Alan S. Tetelman 1958 Fellowships for International Research in the Sciences AND the Robert C. Bates Summer Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

RESOURCES

- Visit the [Fellowships Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events and deadlines.
- Watch Fellowship & Funding [online info sessions](#) at a time that works for you
- Review the [Summer 2022 Fellowships Planning Guide](#) for advice and tips
- Get an overview of a fellowship application on our [How to Apply](#) page
- [Meet with an adviser](#) to discuss your plans.

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.

Meet 1-1 with an Academic Strategies Mentor

Get organized for the semester by meeting with an [Academic Strategies Peer 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. Use our online [ASP Mentor Schedule](#) to reserve an appointment, or request to be matched with a mentor by emailing us at academicstrategies@yale.edu.

Senior Thesis Peer Groups

Students will meet regularly to share strategies, support, solidarity, and accountability in the development and writing of the senior thesis. Sign up here: [ASP Senior Thesis Groups](#).

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](#).

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.

Workshops & Events

Our workshop conversations will be **online** through February 4. Register via YaleConnect to access Zoom links:

ADHD Discussion Groups

[Monday, Jan. 31, 2:30-3:30 pm](#)

[Thursday, Feb. 3, 2:30-2:30 pm](#)

Do you struggle with time management, disorganization, or other classic symptoms related to ADHD? Come share, reflect, and strategize in our monthly meetings. No diagnosis required.

So You Don't Feel Like Doing Your Work: Motivating Your Online Learning

[Monday, Jan. 31, 4-5 pm ET](#)

Have trouble staying focused and on task? Learn how to get motivated and keep engaged with your work while giving yourself the time you need to be healthy and grounded.

Assistive Tech – Drop-in session

[Monday, Jan. 31, 5-6 pm ET](#)

[Tuesday, Feb. 1, 5-6 pm ET](#)

How can assistive tech ease your workload this semester? Need to make a to-do list that gets done? Need to organize materials for a research paper? Want to make your work more efficient with text-to-speech apps? Assistive Tech mentors can help you identify and use apps that fit your preferences and needs. Can't make a drop-in hour? Use this form to request a 1-1 meeting: [Assistive Tech Mentor Request Form](#). Sponsored by the Disability Peer Mentor Program.

Strategies for Intro Econ: Problem Sets & Exams

[Monday, Jan. 31, 7-8 pm ET](#)

Learn strategies for efficiently working on intro econ problem sets and key strategies for studying for exams.

Reading Effectively for STEM

[Monday, Jan. 31, 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.

Fresh Start

[Tuesday, Feb. 1, 4-5 pm ET](#)

Want to refresh your approaches to your academic work? Our mentors will lead you through a series of activities to help you identify your current strengths and develop new strategies for meeting the new challenges presented by your current semester's courses.

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Tuesday, Feb. 1, 7-8 pm ET](#)

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

Time Management

[Tuesday, Feb. 1, 8-9 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

[Wednesday, Feb. 2, 4-5 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.

Reading Analytically for Social Science

[Wednesday, Feb. 2, 7-8 pm ET](#)

This workshop provides an overview of deep reading to generate effective contributions to class discussion, develop essay topics, and identify strong evidence for essays. Participants will get practice with these strategies in our interactive session.

Getting the Most Out of Your Seminars & Lectures

[Wednesday, Feb. 2, 8-9 pm ET](#)

Seminars and lectures make different demands on students. Learn preparation, participation, note-taking, and review strategies to help you succeed.

Getting the Most Out of Mentorship

[Thursday, Feb. 3, 4-5 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.

Returning From Your Leave of Absence

[Thursday, Feb. 3, 7-8 pm ET](#)

This interactive workshop helps you assess your current interests, strengths, and needs, and helps you develop a transition plan to help you get reconnected to your academic life at Yale.

Pathways for Juniors

[Thursday, Feb. 3, 8-9 pm ET](#)

As you delve into your major, new questions and challenges arise. How do I orient myself within my major? How do I look for mentors within the major? What timelines do I need to be aware of to set myself up for a strong senior year? We'll explore these questions together in this interactive workshop.

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.