



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– March 7, 2022

Happy Monday, Franklin! Swing by this week:

DEAN'S DROP-IN HOURS

MARCH 9th

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

With treats!

A Modified Villanelle for my Childhood

with some help from Ahmad

I wanna write lyrical, but all I got is magical.

My book needs a poem talkin bout *I remember when*

Something more autobiographical

Mi familia wanted to assimilate, nothing radical,

Each month was a struggle to pay our rent

With food stamps, so dust collects on the magical.

Each month it got a little less civil

Isolation is a learned defense

When all you wanna do is write lyrical.

None of us escaped being a criminal

Of the state, institutionalized when

They found out all we had was magical.

I keep my genes in the sharp light of the celestial.

My history writes itself in sheets across my veins.

My parents believed in prayer, I believed in magical

Did you know a poem can be both mythical and archeological?

I ignore the cataphysical, and I anoint my own clavicle.

-Suzi F. Garcia

Deans' Extension

Dear Franklinites,

I am writing to announce a change in terminology for the dean's excuse, the familiar term for the accommodation that residential college deans issue to extend deadlines for assignments in certain circumstances, as described in the *Yale College Programs of Study*. The new term is **dean's extension**.

This change signals no shift in policy -- the academic regulations governing the completion of course work remain the same -- and it goes into effect immediately, although you may continue to see the term "dean's excuse" appear on some Yale websites and emails for some time.

The change recognizes the distinction between residential college deans' authority to extend deadlines and instructors' sole authority to excuse (or not excuse) work.

It also better reflects the wording of the Academic Regulations, which explain that when students ask that in-class work (such as attendance and participation) be excused, "the instructor is the only person who can decide, in the context of the nature and requirements of the course, whether such permission is appropriate" (YCPS, H., "Work Missed During the Term," para 2).

As always, if you have questions about the Academic Regulations, or anything else, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dean Hill

Benjamin Franklin Housing Meeting and Open House

Housing Meeting happens **TODAY, Monday, March 7 at 8:00 PM** in the Dining Hall. This meeting is mandatory for first-years but all are welcome. Then, Benjamin Franklin **Open House** happens at **9 PM**. Wander through suites and check out digs for next year. First-years do not need to show your own suites, as they will in most cases go to 2026.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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. Last day to convert from a letter grade to Cr/D/F option for a full-term course and/or a course offered in the second half of the spring term.

Apr. 29 F Last day to withdraw from a full-term course and/or a course offered in the second half of the spring term.

May 1 Su Deadline to apply for a fall-term 2022 Term Abroad or a 2022–2023 Year Abroad.

May 1 Su Applications for fall-term Leaves of Absence due.

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

May 5 Th 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.

May 11 W Examinations end, 5:30 p.m. Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

May 12 Th Residences close for underclassmen, 12 noon.

May 23 M University Commencement.

May 24 T Residences close for seniors, 12 noon.

Course Withdrawals and Credit/D/Fail

An online Course Change Notice form is available on the [University Registrar's Office website](#) to request course withdrawals. For the Spring 2022 semester, no late fees will be charged for dropping a course after the official deadline.

Note: Professional school courses cannot be changed to Credit/D/Fail. Some professional school courses end before the March deadlines; 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 April 29. Attempts to convert courses offered in the first half of the term to Credit/D/Fail after 5 p.m. on March 9 will not be valid.

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 \(yale.edu\)](#)

DEAN NOMINATIONS
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RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

DEAN NOMINATIONS

- think about who should be the next Dean of Yale College and why
- Nominate them via the survey, office hours, or a one-on-one meeting
- contact maayan.schoen@yale.edu with questions/comments/ideas

OFFICE HOUR:

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 9:00-10:00 PM

MEETING ID: 945 9140 8696

SURVEY:

<https://bit.ly/DeanNominations>

Hi! I'm Maayan, and I have the privilege of **soliciting student nominations for the next Dean of Yale College**. Have you ever had an amazing professor who just understood the student experience like no one else? Have you ever had a great shmooze with your head of college and thought "she should really run this whole place!"? Have you had experiences that have prompted you to form opinions about what traits a dean should or shouldn't have? I want to hear it all and pass this information on to the committee (confidentially). Please consider nominating someone you admire to be the next dean by **filling out [this survey](#), attending an office hour, or reaching out to me** for a

one-on-one chat in the near future. **Would you like to organize an office hour specifically for your organization or group?** I want to gather input from as diverse and wide of a group as possible. Let's make it happen. Contact me at maayan.schoen@yale.edu.

Residential Colleges **Office Hour**: TUESDAY, March 8, 9:00-10:00 pm. Meeting ID: 945 9140 8696

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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

[FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Info Session for UK Fellowships - Rhodes and Beyond: postgrad study in UK/Ireland](#)

Wednesday, March 9, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm ET

Webinar [link here](#)

[Info Session for Fulbright US Student Grants – Learn more about research and teaching abroad](#)

Wednesday, March 10, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET

[Register here](#)

DEADLINES HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

March 10, 3:00pm ET - [Yale College First-Year Summer Research Fellowship in the Sciences and Engineering](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

March 18 - [Youth Changemaker Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores & Juniors

March 30 - [Citizen Diplomacy Action Fund \(CDAF\)](#) Grant National Deadline | Eligible: U.S. government-sponsored exchange program alumni

March 31 - [Samvid Scholarship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors and recent alum

View a recording of a recent [Samvid Scholars info session here](#).

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](#).

May 1 - [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

May 1 - [MacMillan Center Academic Year Fellowships for Language Study](#)

Eligible: All Students

May 15 – [Einstein Fellowship](#) - | Eligible: Graduating Seniors

RESOURCES

Find answers to many of your questions on the [Fellowships and Funding FAQ page](#).

Watch Fellowship & Funding [online info sessions](#) at a time that works for you.

Review the [Summer 2022 Fellowships Planning Guide](#) for advice and tips.

[Meet with an adviser](#) to discuss your plans.

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

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

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EVENTS

- [2022 Virtual Common Good & Creative Careers Networking Event](#), March 4
- [Morgan Stanley Investment Banking and Divisional Events](#), March 7
- [Workshop on Activism & Campaigning: Gabriela Campos, New Haven Climate Justice Activist](#), March 8
- [The Raine Group LLC](#), March 8
- [Rowan College of Osteopathic Medicine Info Session](#), March 9
- [Citadel LLC](#), March 17
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APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Summer [Clinical Research in Pediatrics](#) at Northwell ([application extended](#) to March 7)
- Gap Year Internship at Northwell (application extended to March 7)
- [Strategy Consulting Associate, Capital One](#), Apply by March 24
- [Quantitative Research Summer Internship, Jane Street](#), Apply by March 27
- [Paralegal, Cuti Hecker Wang LLP](#), Apply by March 26
- [Legal Analyst, Levine Lee LLP](#), Apply by April 1
- The application deadline for the [Summer Experience Award](#) is May 1, 2022. Both the applicant and the opportunity must meet eligibility requirements.
- Round Up River Ranch (Gypsum, CO) [Summer Positions](#)
- [Yale Alumni Community Service Funded Internship \(YACSF\), Opportunities Now Available via Career Link](#)
- [Careers in Early Childhood and Elementary Education](#)
- [Government & Communications Job Board Available to Yale Students!](#)
- [Reimbursement for Travel and Other Career Related Engagements for Yale Seniors](#)

RESOURCES

- [Tips for your Congressional Internship Search](#)
- [How to Get an Internship in a Common Good Career \(Nonprofit/Government\)](#)
- [Leverage SEA Funding to Secure a Summer Opportunity](#)
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[STUDY ABROAD](#)

UPCOMING APPLICATION DEADLINES

[Credit for 2022 Non-Yale Summer Abroad](#) - Deadline: **April 1**

[Credit for Fall 2022 Term Abroad](#) - Deadline: **May 1**

[Credit for Academic Year 2022-2023 Abroad](#) - Deadline: **May 1**

Interested in study abroad but not ready to commit yet? These study abroad applications are not binding. If you want to leave open the possibility for study abroad, don't miss the deadline. See the Resources below for more information and guidance.

RESOURCES

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

View recordings of [Yale Study Abroad Online Information Sessions](#).

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

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.

Apply to be an ASP Mentor in 2022-2023

Join next year's Academic Strategies Mentor team! To apply for this paid position, fill out this online application: [2022-2023 Academic Strategies Mentor Application](#). **Deadline March 7**; finalist interviews after Spring Break.

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

****Workshops now in person & online****

4 pm & 7 pm workshops in the Poorvu Center—register for room location

8 pm workshops online via Zoom—register for Zoom link

ASP Office Hours for Student Athletes (online)

[Monday, Mar. 7, 11 am – 1 pm ET](#)

Reserve a half hour meeting with Dr. Karin Gosselink, Academic Strategies Director, to discuss any questions related to your academic work. From suggestions for study strategies and organization to help with choosing a major and finding motivation, a conversation with Dr. Gosselink can help you find approaches and resources to help you thrive as a Yale student.

Get the Most Out of Your Reading (in person)

[Monday, Mar. 7, 4-5 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.

Assistive Tech – Drop-in session (online & in person)

[Monday, Mar. 7, 5-6 pm ET](#)

[Tuesday, Mar. 8, 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.

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

[Monday, Mar. 7, 8-9 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.

Getting the Most Out of Your Seminars & Lectures (in-person)

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

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

Exam Study Strategies (online)

[Tuesday, Mar. 8, 8-9 pm](#)

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.

Managing a Heavy Reading Load (online)

[Wednesday, Mar. 9, 8-9 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 (online)

[Thursday, Mar. 10, 8-9 pm ET](#)

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

Senior Thesis Study Halls (in-person; Register for location)

New Days/Times

[Friday, Mar. 11, 3-5 pm](#)

[Sunday, Mar. 13, 5-7 pm](#)

These sessions will offer a combination of group work time (with the support of a Writing Partner during some weeks), group discussion time (a collective sharing of ideas, experiences, current challenges), and advice on working through this process from the earliest stages to the end, in a curriculum developed in part by Yale students in response to their own experiences here, with the support of faculty members, librarians, and other staff.

Workshops from March 7 - 10

- Getting the Most Out of Your Reading, 3/7 @ 4pm
- So You Don't Feel Like Doing Your Work, 3/7 @ 8pm
- Getting the Most out of Your Seminars and Lectures, 3/8 @ 7pm
- Exam Study Strategies, 3/8 @ 8pm
- Managing a Heavy Reading Load, 3/9 @ 8pm
- Cultivating Faculty Mentors, 3/10 @ 8pm

Sign up at CampusGroups @
Poorvu Center: Academic
Strategies Program



[Library updates for the week of March 7, 2022](#)

Art+Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-thon (in-person and online)

- **Monday, March 7 from 2:30 to 4:30pm | Register:** <https://schedule.yale.edu/event/8918971>

Join the Arts Library to update Wikipedia entries on subjects related to gender, feminism, and the arts. We will provide tutorials for the beginner Wikipedian and reference materials. Bring your laptop, power cord, and ideas for entries that need updating or creation.

Demystifying the Literature Review

- **Monday, March 7 at 3:00pm | Register:** <https://schedule.yale.edu/event/8683070>

Learn how to conduct a literature review for your research papers, independent projects, and fellowship applications. This 1-hour workshop will cover:

- why a literature review is important
- how to conduct a literature review
- ways to evaluate your sources
- how to use citation management software (like Zotero) to organize sources, take notes, and attribute authors

Introduction to Zotero: A Citation Manager

- **Tuesday, March 8 at 1:00pm | Register:** <https://schedule.yale.edu/event/8683027>
- **Friday, March 11 at 2:00pm | Register:** <https://schedule.yale.edu/event/8863917>

Managing citations is an essential skill for all undergraduate students. Students will learn how to:

- quickly save citations from Yale Library resources and from on the web
- organize citations into a collection / folder / group
- generate a bibliography using Microsoft Word or Google Docs
- take notes to avoid plagiarism

Using the Library Remotely

- **Wednesday, March 9 at noon | Register:** <https://schedule.yale.edu/event/8683261>

If you're planning to do research during Spring Break, this workshop is for you! This online workshop is designed to help you make the most of your remote access to materials available through the Yale Library. Attendees will receive general advice on finding online resources (e-books, journal articles, data sets, images) and more.

Heidi Friday's: Therapy Dog in Bass Library

- **Friday, March 11 at 2:00pm | More information at:** <https://schedule.yale.edu/event/8909171>

Join us in Bass Library for Heidi Friday's, a chance to meet Heidi, a 2-year old yellow Labrador Retriever, whose sole job is to be a calming, comforting presence.

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.