



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– March 1, 2021

*Dear March - Come in -
How glad I am -
I hoped for you before -
Put down your Hat -
You must have walked -
How out of Breath you are -
Dear March, how are you, and the Rest -
Did you leave Nature well -
Oh March, Come right upstairs with me -
I have so much to tell -*

*I got your Letter, and the Birds -
The Maples never knew that you were coming -
I declare - how Red their Faces grew -
But March, forgive me -
And all those Hills you left for me to Hue -
There was no Purple suitable -
You took it all with you -*

*Who knocks? That April -
Lock the Door -
I will not be pursued -
He stayed away a Year to call
When I am occupied -
But trifles look so trivial
As soon as you have come*

*That blame is just as dear as Praise
And Praise as mere as Blame*

-Emily Dickinson

Important deadlines

- **Monday, March 8 - SAS HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS** - The annual medical housing accommodations approval deadline. If you have not yet applied for a new accommodation or to renew your current accommodations please contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) as soon as possible as the review process often takes at least two weeks. If you are seeking medical housing accommodations, please send Dean Hill an email notifying us that you are pursuing this option so that we can keep this in mind as we continue configuring housing options.
- **Tuesday, March 9** – Classes do not meet
- **Friday, March 19** – Last day of first half-term courses.
- **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
- **Monday, March 22** – Classes begin for courses offered in the second half of the spring term.
- **Wednesday, March 24** – Classes do not meet.
- **Friday, March 26** – Deadline to apply for double credit in a single-credit course.
- **Friday, March 26** – Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one quarter of the spring term’s tuition.
- **Tuesday, March 30** – Midterm.
- **Tuesday, March 30 by 5:00 p.m.**– Last day to withdraw from a spring full-term course without the course appearing on the transcript.

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 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.

Join our ADHD Discussion Group

This spring Academic Strategies is hosting a monthly discussion group for undergraduate students with ADHD. Share strategies and support with peers who understand your experience. To sign up, fill out this form: [ADHD Discussion Group](#).

Looking for additional support for students with disabilities? Check out Disability Empowerment for Yale's [Disability @ Yale Survival Guide](#) and consider signing up for their [peer mentoring program](#).

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, March 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.

Strategies for Reading Literature

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

How do we read deeply without running out of time to complete the reading? This workshop introduces techniques to help you effectively read and respond to literary works.

Reading Analytically for Social Science

[Tuesday, March 2 @ 4 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.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Tuesday, March 2 @ 7 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.

Pathways for First-Years

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

What do you really want to get out of your first year? This interactive workshop helps students identify goals and sources of satisfaction and offers strategies for avoiding common pitfalls like overextension and burn out.

Managing a Heavy Reading Load

[Wednesday, March 3 @ 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!

Public Speaking for Undergraduates

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

Professors are increasingly asking students to engage in public speaking, from leading class discussion to more formal presentations. This workshop suggests preparation and performance strategies to help you do your best.

Writing Emails, Presentations, and Reports: Academic and Professional Communication

[Thursday, March 4 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Learn strategies for writing for professional and formal academic audiences.

Getting the Most Out of Your Seminars & Lectures

[Thursday, March 4 @ 7 pm](#)

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

[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

[STUDY ABROAD](#)

EVENTS

[Planning for Fall 2021 or Full Year 2020-2021 Study Abroad](#)

Friday, March 12, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

[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

[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](#)

[FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS](#)

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

[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](#)

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

Thursday, March 4, 12:30pm - 1:30pm ET

[Zoom Link](#)

[Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations](#)

Thursday, March 8, 4:00pm - 5:00pm ET

[Register here](#)

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

DEADLINES HAPPENING THIS WEEK!!

March 3, 1:00pm ET - [CIPE Summer Fellowships Common Application Deadline](#) | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

March 3, 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

Plans do not have to be finalized to apply for funding

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

March 9, 11:59pm PT - [U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program](#) National 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](#)

Earn credit in [over 200 courses](#) from Yale Summer Session in 2021. [Apply](#) by May 14 for Session A courses and June 18 for Session B courses. [Financial assistance](#) is available to qualifying students.

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

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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

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!

ACADEMIC STRATEGIES PROGRAM

Workshops For The Week:

- **Time Management, 3/1 @ 4pm**
- **Strategies For Reading Literature, 3/1 @ 7pm**
- **Reading Analytically For Social Science, 3/2 @ 4pm**
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- **Academic & Professional Communication, 3/4 @ 4pm**
- **Getting The Most Out Of Your Seminars & Lectures, 3/4 @ 9pm**

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



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 \(yale.edu\)](#)

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.
