

From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– March 22, 2021

Dear Franklinites,

When I walked into the office this morning, Michelle looked up and said “You know, August isn’t that far away. It’s going to be really good.” Not that she isn’t generally right, but she was especially right about this. August will mean that we’re back on campus and in New Haven, and that there’s much more milling around. Stopping into the office, lingering in the courtyard or at brunch with friends, cramming more chairs around a table (remember that?), watching parties, impromptu parties, arts and sports. Milling around in groups. It will be good.

To get you into the communal living frame of mind, how about you hop onto Vesta and declare your housing intention? Housing season kicks off today for Franklin. If you are a first-year and have no idea what I’m talking about, bookmark **Tuesday, March 30 at 8PM** for an info session with the Housing Committee. Otherwise don’t sweat it. Everyone else, start thinking about where and with whom you’d like to live next year. Mixed-class years is fine. Lotteries to come in April. It’s going to be really good.

Warmly,

Dean Hill

*And now—here we all are—at this moment, past the many we’ve lost who weren’t able to breathe into this new day. Past the beginnings of a revolution that is now a movement we have chosen to walk beside, to raise our fists up into. Past a country that feels like it’s losing its mind. Past a moment before we had to remember to grab our masks when we grabbed our wallets and keys. And still—ahead of us, the road keeps winding into a place we cannot yet see.*

*So on we go.*

-Jaqueline Woodson, from “Weight”

## Important deadlines

- **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.
- **Thursday, April 8** – Classes do not meet.
- **Wednesday, April 14 by 5:00 p.m.** – Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the second half of the spring term without the course appearing on the transcript.
- **Friday, April 23** - Classes do not meet.
- **Saturday, May 1** – Applications for a fall-term Leave of Absence due.
- **Friday, May 7** – Classes end; reading period begins. Last day to convert from a letter grade to the Credit/D/Fail option for a spring full-term course or a course offered in the second half of the spring term. Last day to withdraw from a spring full-term course or a course offered in the second half of the spring 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](#)

## Early Registration for Fall 2021 Classes

- **Thursday, April 1:** Yale Course Search goes live
- **Monday, April 5:** Deadline for instructors to complete Expanded Course Description in Canvas
- **April 6:** Request period for limited-enrollment courses opens
- **April 21:** Request period for limited-enrollment courses closes
- **April 30:** Deadline for departments or instructors to confirm permission for students to register in their limited-enrollment courses
- **May 3:** Early Registration opens
- **May 28:** Early Registration closes
- **August date TBD:** Registration reopens to allow add-drop.

### **IMPORTANT: Changes for Fall 2021 Yale College Course Enrollment**

The [2021-2022 Yale College Programs of Study](#) will publish on April 1 and [Yale Course Search](#) will open that same day with Fall 2021 courses. Preference Selection and instructor and department run applications will open April 6 and remain open for two weeks. Refer to the departmental website for department run course enrollment information. Refer to the course description in YCS or on the course Canvas site for instructor guidelines for a course that requires instructor permission. A full chart of dates, student activities, and department activities is provided at the end of this message and on the [Registration website](#).

Refer to the [Registration website](#) for current information, FAQs, and a growing library of registration system tutorials and instructional documentation. Keep an eye out for additional communications from the University Registrar's Office and the Yale College Dean's Office.

## 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](#).

### 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)*

#### [Info Session for UK Fellowships - Rhodes and Beyond: postgrad study in UK/Ireland \(3 of 6\)](#)

Monday, March 22, 6:00pm - 7:00pm ET

[Zoom Link](#)

#### [Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations](#)

Monday, March 22, 7:00pm - 8:00pm ET

[Register here](#)

#### [Info Session for UK Fellowships - Rhodes and Beyond: postgrad study in UK/Ireland \(4 of 6\)](#)

Wednesday, March 31, 12:30pm – 1:30pm ET

[Zoom Link](#)

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

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

**March 26, 11:30 pm ET - [Yale College First-Year Summer Research Fellowship in the Sciences and Engineering](#)** Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students

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

**April 5, 11:30pm ET - [Tetelman Fellowship](#)** Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores & Juniors

**April 16 - [Millennium Fellowship](#)** 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.

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

**May 1, 3:00pm ET - [MacMillan Center Academic Year Fellowships for Language Study](#)** Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, & Graduate Students

**May 15 - [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#)** District Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

**May 15 - [Einstein Fellowship](#)** National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Graduates aged under 35

## [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](#).

[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](http://summer.yale.edu)

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

### [OCS](#)

### EVENTS

*[Alec Ellison '84 and Tamar Sadeh '85 Israel Travel Fund](#)*

*[Apply in the Student Grants Database by March 31, 2021 \(11:59pm\)](#)*

### RESOURCES

[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](#)

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

[Planning for Summer 2021 Study Abroad](#)

Friday, March 19, 1:00pm – 2:00pm ET

[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

### RESOURCES

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

Watch the [Planning for Summer 2021 Study Abroad](#) and/or [Planning for Fall 2021 or Full Year 2021-2022 Abroad](#) Webinars for the latest policies and planning considerations.

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

## INTERNATIONAL STUDY AWARD (ISA) UPDATE

Starting summer 2021, [ISA funding](#) can be used to support approved study abroad programs in a student's home country, as long as the home country is outside the U.S. and all other [eligibility requirements](#) are met.

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### Yale Academic Strategies Program

[https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/PoorvuAcademicStrategies/club\\_signup](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.

### Apply to serve as an Academic Strategies Mentor!

We are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 academic year. Mentors lead workshops, offer 1-1 meetings, and facilitate peer mentorship groups. Eligible students must have completed 4 semesters at Yale (2 semesters for Eli Whitney and transfer students) by the beginning of the Fall 2021 term. For more information and a link to our application, visit <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/employment-opportunities/academic-strategies-mentor>. **Application deadline extended to Wednesday, March 24 @ 11:59 pm.**

### YPEI/Academic Strategies Mentors Needed

Academic Strategies is also seeking 2 students to work as mentors with students enrolled in the Yale Prison Education Initiative (YPEI). We are seeking students interested in working with a dedicated and ambitious group of excellent students in a carceral setting. We encourage applications from students with interests in higher education access and criminal justice reform. YPEI/ASP Mentors work 6-8 hours per week; pay is \$18.50/hour. To be eligible, you must have completed 4 semesters at Yale by the start of the Fall 2021 term (2 semesters for Eli Whitney and transfer students). For more information, see our full job description at [YPEI/ASP Job Announcement](#).

Apply via this link: [YPEI/ASP Mentor Application](#)

Application deadline extended to Wednesday, March 24 @ 11:59 PM

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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!**

#### **Fresh Start: Midterm Edition**

[Monday, March 22 @ 4 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**

[Monday, March 22 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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

#### **Time Management**

[Tuesday, March 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, March 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.

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

[Thursday, March 25 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Learn strategies for writing for professional and formal academic audiences.

#### **Managing a Heavy Reading Load**

[Thursday, March 25 @ 7 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!

## 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/](http://www.yalewco.com/) or email [lesley.finn@yale.edu](mailto: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 \(yale.edu\)](#)




ACADEMIC STRATEGIES PROGRAM

## Workshops For The Week:

- Fresh Start, 3/22 @ 4pm
- Cultivating Faculty Mentors, 3/22 @ 7pm
- Time Management, 3/23 @ 7pm
- Pathways For Sophomores, 3/23 @ 9pm
- Academic & Professional Communication, 3/25 @ 4pm
- Managing A Heavy Reading Load, 3/25 @ 7pm

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Sign up at CampusGroups @  
Poorvu Center:  
Academic Strategies Program



TUES | MAR 23 | 6:00P

# HUMANITIES MAJOR INFO SESSION

WITH CHAIR BRYAN  
GARSTEN, DUS PAUL  
GRIMSTAD, AND HUMS  
STUDENTS AND  
FACULTY

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ZOOM LINK TO BE CIRCULATED

Come learn about our distinctive offerings, including our "Modernities" and "Interpretations" courses. We hope to see you there!

Have questions? Contact our students by email:

Alex Hu ('23)  
Lily Weisberg ('21)  
Alec Zbornak ('21)

## *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](mailto:registrar@yale.edu) using the subject line "Degree Audit." If you believe that academic information in your degree audit is incorrect, contact our office.