



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– March 29, 2021

Dear Franklinites,

You've been top of my mind these last days, especially those of you far away or who I haven't been in a room with for a year. If you have found it difficult to regulate emotions, you are not alone. If you noticed that it's nearly April and you haven't had a spring break (and we all know "break" days are not exactly a true break), you are not alone. This is the week we usher in spring in so many faith traditions. Today is Holi in the Hindu calendar. It is the week of Passover, Easter, Nowruz, Songkran (what's really better than a giant water fight?). Hit me up if I left yours out. All holidays of renewal, a turning of the soil. Nothing stays the same. That reminder might be a good thing to hear.

Two other important reminders:

Tuesday, March 30 by 5:00 pm – the deadline to withdraw from a full-term course without a W appearing in your transcript. Directions of how to do this are attached.

Monday, April 5 is the new, extended deadline to declare intent to live on or off campus next year. You'll get a link again today. (First-years don't need to do this. Look for your invitation to Tuesday's housing meeting.)

My best,

Dean Hill

The seder's order

The songs we join in

are beeswax candles

burning with no smoke

a clean fire licking at the evening

our voices small flames quivering.

The songs string us like beads

on the hour. The ritual is

its own melody that leads us

where we have gone before

and hope to go again, the comfort

of year after year. Order:

we must touch each base

of the haggadah as we pass,

blessing, handwashing,

dipping this and that. Voices

half harmonize on the brukahs.

Dear faces like a multitude

of moons hang over the table

and the truest brief blessing:

affection and peace that we make.

-Marge Piercy

Important deadlines

- **Tuesday, March 30** – Midterm.
- **Tuesday, March 30 by 5:00 p.m. (EST)** – 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. (EST)** – 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 by 5:00 p.m. (EST)** – 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.
- **Thursday, May 13** – Reading period ends, 5 p.m.; Deadline for all course assignments, other than term papers and term projects, 5:00 p.m. (EST). This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.
- **Thursday, May 13** – Final Examinations begin, 7:00 p.m. (EST)
- **Wednesday, May 19** – Examinations end, 5:30 p.m. (EST)
- **Wednesday, May 19**- Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Note: Professional school courses cannot be changed to Credit/D/Fail.

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.

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.

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 29 @ 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.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Monday, March 29 @ 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.

Getting the Most Out of Mentorship

[Tuesday, March 30 @ 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.

Reading Effectively for STEM

[Tuesday, March 30 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Learn strategies for reading purposefully and efficiently for STEM courses. Topics of discussion include how to effectively read textbook chapters and scientific articles, how to navigate jargon, data, and figures, and how to use readings to prep for problem sets and exams.

Strategies for Reading Literature

[Wednesday, March 31 @ 7 pm ET](#)

Reading literature presents special challenges. 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

[Wednesday, March 31 @ 9 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.

Get the Most Out of Your Reading

[Thursday, April 1 @ 4 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, essays, and exams.

Managing a Heavy Reading Load

[Thursday, April 1 @ 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!

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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

STUDY ABROAD

APPLICATION DEADLINES

****THIS WEEK****

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)

If, after applying by the April 1st deadline, you receive Yale approval for summer study abroad, you will gain access to the (ISA) request form. This ISA request form is due by **11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on May 1**. 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.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

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

[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](#)

[Fulbright Info Session \(1 of 5\)](#)

Friday, April 9, 3:30 - 4:30 ET

[Zoom Link](#)

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

APPLICATION DEADLINES

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

May 28, midnight GMT - [Scotland's Saltire Scholarships](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Graduates who are citizens of Canada, India, Japan, USA, Pakistan, or China

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

RESOURCES

Search for Yale funding and information for external awards requiring application through Yale on the [Yale Student Grants Database \(SGDB\)](#).

Review funding options that are outside Yale on an [External Fellowship Database](#).

Read the [Fellowships and Funding Summer 2021 FAQ](#) for guidance about summer projects.

[Schedule a virtual appointment](#) with a [Fellowship Adviser](#) directly from our website.

YALE SUMMER SESSION

EVENTS

[Funding Yale Summer Session 2021](#) | March 29, 7pm-8pm | Join Yale Summer Session and the Yale Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid for an info session with Q&A about how Yale students can fund their 2021 YSS study.

[CPSC S115 Info Session](#) | March 31, 12pm-1pm | Join Yale Summer Session and the Flatiron School to learn about the Yale x Flatiron School Web Development Bootcamp (CPSC S115), a two-credit course with a QR distributional requirement. During 10 intensive weeks, students take a deep dive into the intellectual enterprises of computer science and learn to think, and build, like a software engineer. Students learn Ruby and JavaScript and learn both back-end and front-end programming in a course designed to give lots of hands-on, project-based learning experiences.

summer.yale.edu

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EVENTS

[Ivy+ Just in Time Career Fair](#)

Wednesday, April 7, 1:00pm-5:00pm ET, Virtual (TalentSpace)

Register here: <https://app.talentspace.io/organizer/events>.

Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3tArI8I>

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!

Public School Intern Announcement

Students in the Public School Internship Program serve in a critical role as liaisons between a New Haven public school and the Yale community by making a two-year commitment to one institution, learning the needs of the community and directing resources from Yale and Dwight Hall in support. In contrast to much volunteering that often begins with the volunteers deciding what to provide, PSIs ask what schools need and think creatively about how the Yale community can support them.

We are seeking current first-years and sophomores to join our 2021-2023 cohort! For more information, check out our website [here](#). **Applications can be found [here](#), and are due Sunday, April 4th at 11:59 PM ET.** Feel free to reach out to Courtney Nunley or Nandan Patel, the PSI Co- Coordinators, at courtney.nunley@yale.edu and nandan.patel@yale.edu with any questions!

Workshops For The Week:

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- **Managing A Heavy Reading Load, 4/1 @ 7pm**

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

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.