



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– March 8, 2021

*Spring is like a perhaps hand
(which comes carefully
out of Nowhere)arranging
a window,into which people look(while
people stare
arranging and changing placing
carefully there a strange
thing and a known thing here)and
changing everything carefully*

*spring is like a perhaps
Hand in a window
(carefully to
and fro moving New and
Old things,while
people stare carefully
moving a perhaps
fraction of flower here placing
an inch of air there)and
without breaking anything.*

-e.e. cummings, 1923

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](#)

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

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APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

Apply Today! [Designing Your Career @ Yale: Unlock the Power of Brainstorming](#)

We may think there is one way to explore a career path, or one specific track required to accomplish our goals. As a primary tool of design thinking, brainstorming can help us to free up our minds and leave room for the less familiar choice. It's time to get "unstuck" in how we approach exploring career interests, trying new experiences, and learning new skills. During *Designing Your Career @ Yale: Unlock the power of brainstorming*, you'll engage with a community of your peers to:

- Explore design thinking principles and how they can be used for life and career decision making;
- Examine adventurous problem-solving approaches;
- Exercise and strengthen generative brainstorming skills;
- Apply these newly sharpened tools to the expansion of personal and career interests.

Program Date: March 19, 2021. 1-3pm ET.

[APPLY in Yale Career Link](#) (deadline March 12). Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

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

EVENTS

Planning for Fall 2021 or Full Year 2020-2021 Study Abroad

Friday, March 12, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

WeRepresent 2021 Virtual International Exchange Conference

Wednesday, March 10 – Friday, March 12

[Conference details available here](#)

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

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

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

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

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

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

[Register here](#)

Info Session for UK Fellowships - Rhodes and Beyond: postgrad study in UK/Ireland (2 of 6)

Friday, March 10, 12:30pm - 1:30pm ET

[Zoom Link](#)

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

DEADLINES HAPPENING THIS WEEK!!

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

Plans do not have to be finalized to apply for funding

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

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](#).*

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

[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](#)

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.

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>. **Applications due by Monday, March 22 @ 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.

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](#). You can also contact sarah.cussler@yale.edu to sign up via email.

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!**

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Monday, March 8 @ 4 pm ET](#)

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

Managing a Heavy Reading Load

[Monday, March 8 @ 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!

Exam Study Strategies

[Wednesday, March 10 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Wednesday, March 10 @ 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.

Time Management

[Thursday, March 11 @ 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.

So You Don't Feel Like Doing Your Work? Getting Motivated for Online Learning

[Thursday, March 11 @ 9 pm ET](#)

In these times of pandemic and other crises, it's hard to stay focused and on task with your academics. Learn how to get motivated and keep engaged with your online academic work while giving yourself the time you need to be healthy and grounded.

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 \(yale.edu\)](#)



YALE ENERGY STUDIES



Virtual Reception Spring 2021

MARCH 9th, 2021, 4-5PM NEW HAVEN

REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/yaleenergy>

ZOOM LINK PROVIDED BY EMAIL AFTER REGISTRATION.
Hear from alumni, faculty, and peers about new initiatives,
potential internships and exciting courses in energy.

ACADEMIC STRATEGIES PROGRAM

Workshops For The Week:

- **Cultivating Faculty Mentors,
3/8 @ 4pm**
- **Managing A Heavy Reading Load,
3/8 @ 7pm**
- **Exam Study Strategies,
3/10 @ 7pm**
- **Procrastination, 3/10 @ 9pm**
- **Time Management, 3/11 @ 7pm**
- **Getting Motivated For Online
Learning, 3/11 @ 9pm**

**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.
