

From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes–November 1, 2021



You are comprised of: 84 minerals, 23 elements, and 8 gallons of water spread across 38 trillion cells. You have been built up from nothing by the spare parts of the Earth you have consumed, according to a set of instructions hidden in a double helix and small enough to be carried by a sperm. You are recycled butterflies, plants, rocks, streams, firewood, wolf fur, and shark teeth, broken down to their smallest parts and rebuilt into our planet's most complex living thing.

You are not living on Earth. You are Earth.

-Aubrey Marcus

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Nov.Th Last day to withdraw from a fall second half-term course without the course appearing on the transcript.
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Nov.F November recess begins after last class.
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Nov.M Classes resume; 8:20 a.m.
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Dec. F Classes end; reading period begins. Last day to convert from a letter grade to the Cr/D/F option for a full-term course and/or a course offered in the second half of the fall term.
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Dec. F Last day to withdraw from a full-term course and/or a course offered in the second half of the fall term.
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Dec. Th Reading period ends, 5:00 p.m. Final examinations begin, 7:00 p.m.
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Dec. 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.
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Dec. W Final examinations end, 5:30 p.m.; winter recess begins. Deadline for all term papers and term projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.
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Walden Peer Counseling

Want to talk? We're here to listen. Walden is Yale's only undergraduate-run, completely anonymous, non-judgemental, and non-directive peer counseling service. Our office, in the basement of Welch B, is open from 8pm-1am Sunday through Thursday for walk-ins, and you can call us at 203-432-TALK (or 203-432-8255) from 8pm-8am any day of the week while classes are in session. No issue is too big or too small.

Credit/D/Fail conversion

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

If you wish to convert a Yale College 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 Yale College courses to Credit/D/Fail until December 10. Attempts to convert courses offered in the first half of the term to Credit/D/Fail after 5 p.m. on October 15 will not be valid.

Dropping a Class

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](#)

Check your Holds

How to view, understand, and resolve any holds you may have. [Check Your Holds | Registration Resources \(yale.edu\)](#)

Spring 2022 Yale College Course Enrollment Dates

November 5, 9:00 a.m. Preference Selection	Course Enrollment cycle begins. Preference Selection sites open for students for First-Year seminars, multi-section courses, and discussion/lab sections.
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November 11, 5:00 p.m.	Preference Selection sites close.
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November 16, 5:00 p.m.	Deadline to push Preference Selection results to student registration worksheets. Deadline to offer at least one discussion/lab section.
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November 18, 9:00 a.m. Early Registration	Early Registration period starts. Registration worksheets open for official enrollment.
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December 1, 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for students to request permission to enroll in limited enrollment courses that require instructor approval.*
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December 8, 5:00 p.m.	Deadline for instructors of limited enrollment classes to grant formal enrollment permission to students.*
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December 15, 5:00 p.m.	Early Registration period ends; Registration worksheets are locked.
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January 12, 9:00 a.m. Add/Drop	Add/Drop period starts. Registration worksheets reopen.
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January 25, 5:00 p.m.	Add/Drop period ends. Registration worksheets are locked.
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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

OCS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [UTA: An Introduction to the Agency](#), November 1
- [Grad School 101: What You Need to Know \(MA/MS/PhD\)](#), November 3
- [Experience ORISE Virtual Career Fair: Internships & Fellowships at DOE, DHS and More](#), November 3
- [Health Professions Week 2021](#), November 4-November 11
- [Military Med School Scholarships / Physicians Pathways Presentation](#), November 4
(registration required)
- [Engineering Pathways Panel](#), November 4
- [2021 Engineering Career Fair Collaborative, November 5th from 1-4:30pm](#)
- [Dispelling Pre-Medical Myths by Dr. Michael McCullough](#), November 5
- [Harvard School of Dental Medicine ASDA 13th Annual Pre-Dental Conference](#), November 6

RESOURCES

Health Professions, Grad School & STEM

- [2021 Official Guide to Medical School Admissions](#)
- [Considering a Gap or Short-Term Experience post-graduation?](#)
- [Create a Target Employer List \(Job Search Road Map\)](#)
- U.S. Department of Energy Science Undergraduate Laboratory [Internships for Summer 2022](#)
- [Yale Biotech Club](#) (events open to all students)

STUDY ABROAD

RESOURCES

- Visit the [Study Abroad COVID Updates](#) page for the latest information and resources relating to Yale Study Abroad.
- [View recordings of our online info sessions](#) at a time that works for you!
- [Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser](#) to explore goals, programs, credit transfer, and more.
- Passport processing has been significantly delayed, up to 18 weeks. If you need to apply for or renew a passport, **get started now!** Review [U.S. Passport Services](#) for more information and [find a local Passport Office](#).

FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING

UPCOMING EVENTS (Eastern Time)

[Imagining Your Summer Information Session #4](#)

Wednesday, November 3, 4pm - 5pm

[Register here](#)

[Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations](#)

Thursday, November 4, 7pm - 8pm

[Register here](#)

[Fellowships & Funding Info Table with Student Outreach Coordinators](#)

Friday, November 5, 4pm – 5pm

Cross Campus (follow the candy trail!!)

[Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships Info Session](#)

Wednesday, November 10, 3pm - 4pm

[Webinar Link](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

November 8, 1:00pm ET - [Saint Andrew's Society Graduate Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

November 11, 1pm ET - [Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores & Juniors

November 11, 1pm ET - [Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

November 15, 1pm ET - [James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

November 16, 8pm ET - [The Critical Language Scholarship \(CLS\) Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: First-Years, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

December 1 - [Overseas Press Club Foundation Scholarship/Fellowships](#) Awards National Deadline | Eligible graduate and undergraduate students

December 3, Noon Beijing Time - [The Yenching Academy of Peking University Scholarship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Recent Graduates

NOTE: Yenching Academy will host a series of [virtual info sessions for prospective students](#).

December 15 - [Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarships](#); [District 7980 Foundation Scholarships](#); Contact [District 7980 Administrators](#) with application questions | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

January 5, 1:00pm ET - [Richard U. Light Fellowship](#) (Summer, Fall, and Academic Year Study) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Years, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students

NOTE: Attending a Light Fellowship [info session](#) is an application requirement

January 5, 1:00pm ET - [Davis Projects for Peace](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

January 14, 1:00pm ET - [Beinecke Scholarship Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

January 14, 1:00pm ET - [Boren Undergraduate Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Years, Sophomores & Juniors

RESOURCES

Identify additional funding opportunities in the [Fellowships and Funding Flyer Series](#).

[YALE SUMMER SESSION](#)

Summer's over. Start thinking about summer! In Yale Summer Session, focus on difficult classes, try out a new subject, or ease your course load in future semesters. With over 200 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.

Summer 2022 course offerings will be posted in early 2022. Check out our website and social media for updates. Reach out to summer.session@yale.edu with any questions.

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)

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.

Individual Mentoring

Get organized by meeting with an [Academic Strategies Mentor](#). Mentors will help you develop a study schedule, offer strategies for approaching complicated readings and p-sets, and help you develop a plan for prepping for those first exams. If you'd like to arrange a meeting, please email us at academicstrategies@yale.edu or sign up on our [online scheduler](#).

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.

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](#).

Workshops

Our famous workshop sessions will all be online again this academic year. Register via YaleConnect to access Zoom links:

ADHD Monthly Support Groups

[Monday, Nov. 1, 1:15-2:15 pm](#)

[Wednesday, Nov. 3, 4-5 pm](#)

Do you struggle with time management, disorganization, or other classic symptoms related to ADHD? Come share, reflect, and strategize in our monthly meetings. No diagnosis required.

Reading Analytically for Social Science

[Monday, Nov. 1, 4-5 pm](#)

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.

Strategies for Reading Literature

[Monday, Nov. 1, 7-8 pm](#)

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

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Tuesday, Nov. 2, 7-8 pm](#)

This workshop offers strategies for identifying the sources of procrastination and pursuing productive habits that can get you back on track.

Imagining Your Summer (w/CIPE)

[Wednesday, Nov. 3, 4-5 pm](#)

Interested in summer study abroad, fellowships, or internships, but don't know how to get started? Hear from students who have done these things to help you identify some possible summer opportunities. You will leave with a clearer idea of what is possible and the resources you can access to make your vision happen. Now is the perfect time to start planning!

Time Management

[Wednesday, Nov. 3, 7-8 pm](#)

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.

Getting the Most Out of Mentorship

[Thursday, Nov. 4, 4-5 pm](#)

Join Yale undergraduates for a conversation on how to make the most of any mentorship opportunity, including peer, graduate student, faculty, and alumni mentorship.

APPLY TO GRAND STRATEGY

Year-long seminar in social activism, politics, foreign policy, and public service

Course dates: January 2022 - December 2022

Visit grandstrategy.yale.edu/apply



[The Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy](#) is now accepting applications for its year-long seminar focused on politics, social activism, diplomacy, and public service. The course is open to all current Yale College juniors and all graduate and professional students.

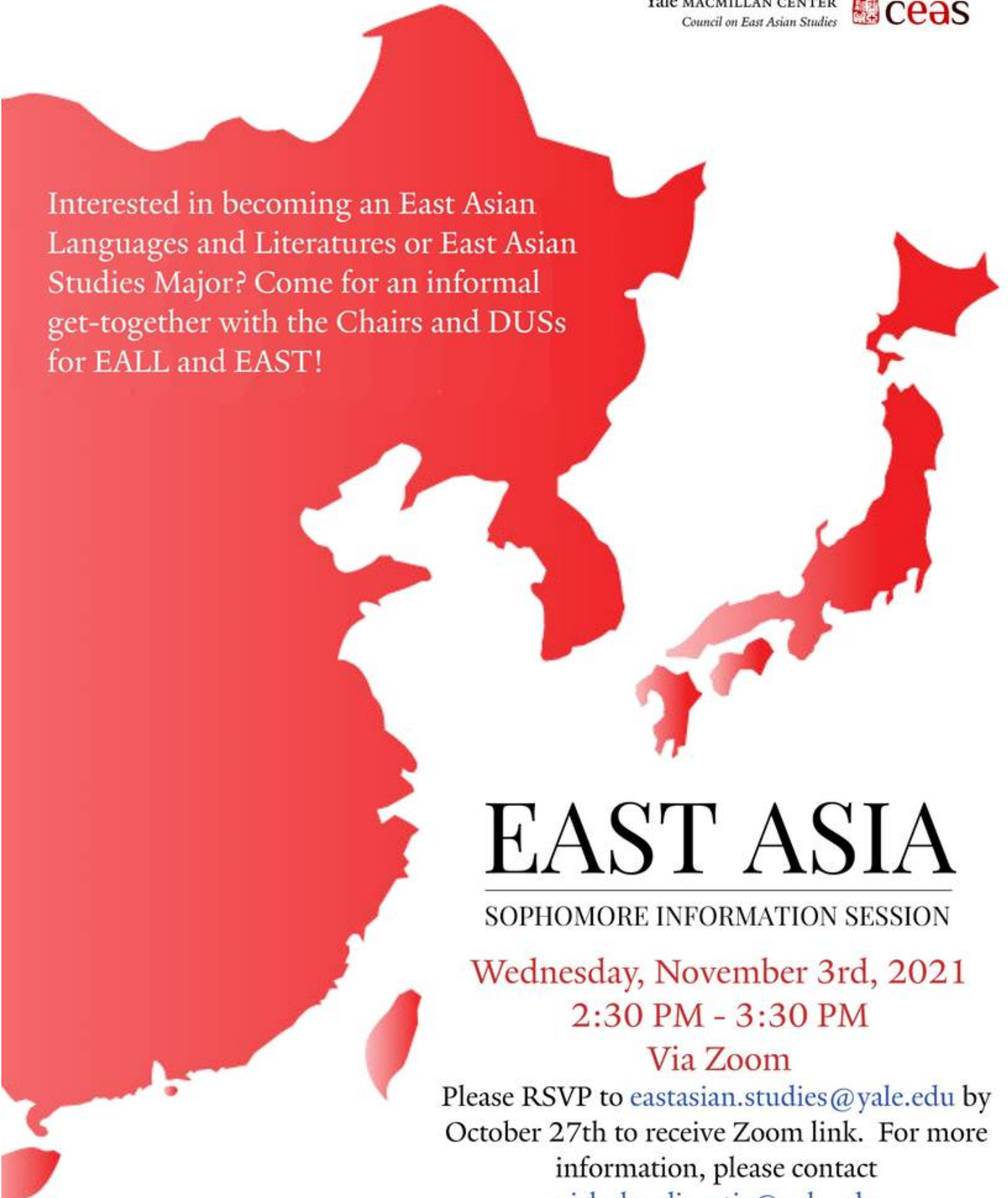
Beginning in January, the two-semester course explores how to achieve large ends with limited means, whether in social movements, military conflict, foreign policy, or domestic politics. The course engages questions of grand strategy from a wide range of perspectives, exploring topics in racial justice, global security, economic development, climate change, immigration, and technological advancement, among others. It emphasizes interaction between academics and practitioners, and between participants of differing political views. Grand Strategy aims to develop students' capacities not only to analyze the past and present, but to act as responsible, thoughtful leaders and citizens of the future. In conjunction with the course, the program hosts a number of [events and private dinners](#) with practitioners such as social activists, diplomats, politicians, military personnel, journalists, and media experts. This course is a highly selective and intensive seminar that offers summer research grants to all accepted students.

If you are interested about our program, please visit our [Q&A](#) on our website for more details.

We will also be hosting a virtual information session on November 9th from 5:00pm-6:00pm. If you would like to attend this Zoom meeting, please click [here](#) to register.

To apply, please click the link here: <https://grandstrategy.yale.edu/apply>

The deadline to apply is November 21st, 2021 at 11:59pm



Interested in becoming an East Asian
Languages and Literatures or East Asian
Studies Major? Come for an informal
get-together with the Chairs and DUSs
for EALL and EAST!

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SOPHOMORE INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Via Zoom

Please RSVP to eastasian.studies@yale.edu by
October 27th to receive Zoom link. For more
information, please contact
nicholas.disantis@yale.edu

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.