



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– November 2, 2020

Dear Franklinites,

Tomorrow will be long for us all. Take some moments in the evening, a break from the screens of punditry and uncertainty, and read something that was written before you were born. Connect to the longer arc.

*After more than thirty years studying our country's history, I have come to believe in American democracy with an almost religious faith... on this night of calm before the storm, I am the opposite of discouraged. I am excited about our democracy and our future.*

- Heather Cox Richardson

*You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, who had ever been alive.*

-James Baldwin

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## Academic Deadlines

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- Nov. 4 Last day to withdraw from a fall second-half course without the course appearing on the transcript.
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- Nov. 20 November recess begins after classes end.
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- Nov. 30 Classes resume online.
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- Dec. 4 Fall-term online classes end; online reading period begins.
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- Dec. 4 Last day to withdraw from a full-term or second-half term course.
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- Dec. 4 Last day to convert a fall full-term course or a fall second half-term course from a letter grade to Cr/D/F.
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- Dec. 10 Online reading period ends; online final examinations begin, 7 p.m.
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- Dec. 10 All course assignments other than term papers or term projects are due.
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- Dec. 11 Online final examinations continue.
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- Dec. 14 Online final examinations continue.
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- Dec. 18 Online final examination period ends; winter recess begins.
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### Yale School of Management - Silver Scholars Program

The [Silver Scholars Program](#) at the Yale School of Management allows students to **earn a Yale MBA degree within three years**, directly after graduation, spring-boarding them toward their career goals and leadership positions. The program is designed for exceptional students with **strong leadership potential**. These students enroll in our full-time MBA program where they make up about 5% of the student body. Rather than the traditional summer MBA internship, Silver Scholars complete a year-long internship, extending their experience to three years. **All Yale College students receive a 50% tuition discount and an application fee waiver.**

The admissions committee seeks applicants with a combination of **intelligence, maturity, and curiosity who aim to be future leaders** in their field of interest. Candidates from **all majors** are welcome to apply; we enjoy the diversity of interests and backgrounds that Silver Scholars bring to the broader MBA class at Yale SOM.

If you would like to speak with an admissions representative, please email [maria.derlipanska@yale.edu](mailto:maria.derlipanska@yale.edu) to schedule an appointment.

# Tutoring

The Benjamin Franklin Writing Tutor is Lesley Finn.

Her hours are Wednesdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Thursdays 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. (with 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays reserved for Benjamin Franklin students only) and by appointment. 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).

## **Yale Tutoring Resources:**

Writing Center/Tutors/Partners:

<https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/writing/undergraduate-writing>

Sc/QR Tutoring: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/undergraduates/stem-tutoring-programs/small-group-and-1-1-tutoring>

Language Tutoring: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/LanguageTutoring>

Academic Strategies: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/academic-strategies-program>

Advising Resources: <http://advising.yalecollege.yale.edu/>

## [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 fall 2020 and spring 2021 terms. This decision is final and will not change even if circumstances should change in the destination country.

### 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](#)

### EVENTS

#### [1stGenYale Alumni Emerging as Leaders](#)

Wednesday, November 11, 6:00pm-7:15pm

#### [Designing Your Career @ Yale Programs](#)

Learn to apply design thinking tools and ideas to: explore your possible career futures, take proactive steps to test your career interests, moving from contemplation to action, and become a part of a growing community of life designers Design thinking can help you create a life that is both meaningful and fulfilling, regardless of background and identity, or what your interests might be. **Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.**

- [Growing Your Network](#), Wednesday, November 11, 12-2pm. Learn more about the “Growing Your Network” module and apply in [Yale Career Link by Tuesday, October 27, 11:59pm](#). **Deadline extended to November 6**
- [Unlock the Power of Brainstorming](#), Friday, November 13, 10am-12pm. Learn more about the “Unlock the Power of Brainstorming” module and apply in [Yale Career Link by Friday, October 30 at 11:59pm](#). **Deadline extended to November 6**

### APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

[Check out micro-internships through Parker Dewey](#): Micro-internships allow you to work on paid, short-term, professional projects offered by employers around the country that can be completed remotely. These Micro-internships can help you develop professional skills, connect with employers across a variety of industries, and explore career paths. *International students must receive work authorization to complete a project through Parker Dewey; please see [OISS](#).*

**Seniors:** The application for the [James C. Gaither Junior Fellows](#) program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is now open. Apply via the [Student Grants Database](#). Deadline 1pm, November 11.

### RESOURCES

[Fall 2020 OCS FAQs](#): Throughout Fall 2020 the Office of Career Strategy is open and completely operational; however, all staff will be working remotely.

**Virtual Advising Available** - Until further notice, all career advising appointments will be held by phone or video (Zoom or Skype). Please request appointments through Yale Career Link and select one of the remote location options.

Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events. Log in to [Yale Career Link](#), powered by Symplicity under Events/Employer Events to sign up. For easier access don't forget to download the Symplicity App now called "Symplicity Jobs and Careers"!

## **STUDY ABROAD**

### **RESOURCES**

Visit the [Study Abroad COVID-19 Updates page](#) for the latest information and resources relating to Yale Study Abroad.

Study abroad advisers continue to be available to hold virtual meetings with students via Zoom. To schedule a meeting, please use our [online appointment system](#).

## **FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**

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

### **Information Session - Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships (3 of 4)**

Wednesday, November 4, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

### **Public Service Fellowships Panel**

Friday, November 6, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Boren Awards – Virtual Campus Visit: Yale**

Friday, November 6, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

### **Imagining Your Summer: Information Session #4**

Friday, November 6, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Summer Fellowships & Funding Information Session**

Monday, November 9, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

### **Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations Information Session**

Tuesday, November 10, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Register here](#)

## APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

**November 9, 1:00pm ET** - [Saint Andrew's Society Graduate Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

**November 11, 1:00pm ET** - [James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**November 11, 1:00pm ET** - [Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores & Juniors

**November 12, 1:00pm ET** - [Harry S. Truman Scholarship Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

**November 15** - [Public Policy & International Affairs \(PPIA\) Junior Summer Institute Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

**November 15, 11:59pm CST** - [Project Horseshoe Farm](#) National Deadline (Fall) | Eligible: Seniors & recent graduates

**November 17, 8:00pm ET** - [Critical Language Scholarship \(CLS\)](#) National Deadline | Eligible: First-Years, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors

**December 4, Noon Beijing Time** - [The Yenching Academy of Peking University Scholarship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Recent Graduates

**December 31** - [Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholarships](#); [District 7980 Foundation Scholarships](#); Contact the [New Haven Rotary Foundation Chair](#) with application questions | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

**January 4, 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 an [info session](#) is required.**)

**January 6, 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 15, 1:00pm ET** - [Boren Undergraduate Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Years, Sophomores & Juniors

**January 27, 1:00pm ET** - [Mortimer Hays-Brandeis Traveling Fellowship Program](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors/Alumni

## RESOURCES

Visit the [Calendar of Events](#) for a full list of upcoming events and deadlines.

Review [Getting Started](#) to understand the fellowship application process.

Discover a trove of resources to help plan your project in the [Planning Toolkits](#).

[Make an appointment](#) with an adviser or [Schedule a Drop-in Session](#) directly from the Fellowships and Funding website.

## [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 2021 course offerings will be posted in early 2021. [Sign up for email updates](#) from Yale Summer Session so you hear first when classes are posted. Reach out to [summer.session@yale.edu](mailto:summer.session@yale.edu) with any questions.

[summer.yale.edu](http://summer.yale.edu)  
[@YaleSummerSession](#)

### **Yale Academic Strategies Program**

[https://yaleconnect.yale.edu/PoorvuAcademicStrategies/club\\_signup](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 provide you with the tools that can propel you towards your goals.

### **Individual Consultations: Sundays through Thursdays, 7-9 pm ET and by request**

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 second half of the semester. Make an appointment to meet 1-1 with a peer mentor through our [online scheduler](#). Students residing in Asia or Europe may find our Friday 5 am ET time slot helpful. Can't meet at these times? You can also request a mentor by emailing us 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? 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. [And learn more about the resources available to students via Sarah's welcome video.](#)

### **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!**

### **Exam Study Strategies**

[Tuesday, Nov. 3 @ 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.

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

[Tuesday, Nov. 3 @ 9 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.

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

[Wednesday, Nov. 4 @ 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!

### **Time Management**

[Wednesday, Nov. 4 @ 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**

[Thursday, Nov. 5 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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

### **Imagining Your Summer (with CIPE)**

[Friday, November 6 @ 4 pm ET](#)

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!

### **Pathways for Sophomores**

[Monday, Nov. 9 @ 7 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.

### **Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations**

[Tuesday, Nov. 10 @ 4 pm ET](#)

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

### **Writing Center Resources:**

Working on a midterm paper? These resources can help!

[Residential College Writing Tutors](#): Professional writers, editors and teachers connected with your residential college.



**Peer Writing Partners:** Single sessions with undergraduate and graduate students trained to offer

feedback and positive support for your writing.

**10-Session Writing Tutoring:** Meet up to ten times with the same Writing Partner over the course of the semester. [Sign up here](#) or email [ryan.wepler@yale.edu](mailto:ryan.wepler@yale.edu) with questions.

**And check out our online library of writing handouts, model papers, and senior project resources!**

## *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.

ACADEMIC STRATEGIES PROGRAM

## **WORKSHOPS FOR THE WEEK:**

- **Exam Study Strategies,  
11/3 @ 7pm**
- **Fresh Start, 11/3 @ 9pm**
- **Managing A Heavy Reading  
Load, 11/4 @ 4pm**
- **Time Management,  
11/4 @ 7pm**
- **Procrastination, 11/5 @ 7pm**
- **Imagining Your Summer,  
11/6 @ 4pm**

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Academic Strategies  
Program**