



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– November 30, 2020

Dear Franklinites,

I hope everyone had some down time and ate some greens along with the carbs. I'm sending you lots of light for your last week of classes.

Look for a separate note from the Dean's Office shortly about all things end-of term.

My best,

Dean Hill

Don't Bother the Earth Spirit

Don't bother the earth spirit who lives here. She is working on a story. It is the oldest story in the world and it is delicate, changing. If she sees you watching she will invite you in for coffee, give you warm bread, and you will be obligated to stay and listen. But this is no ordinary story. You will have to endure earthquakes, lightning, the deaths of all those you love, the most blinding beauty. It's a story so compelling you may never want to leave; this is how she traps you. See that stone finger over there? That is the only one who ever escaped.

-Joy Harjo

Academic Deadlines

- Dec. 4 Fall-term online classes end; online reading period begins. Last day to withdraw from a course.
- 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.
- Dec. 10 Online reading period ends; online final examinations begin, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 10 All course assignments other than term papers or term projects are due.
- Dec. 11 Online final examinations continue.
- Dec. 18 Online final examination period ends; winter recess begins.

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 or email 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/>

Important dates

- **Monday, Nov 30, 5:00 p.m.:** Deadline for instructors to post expanded course descriptions on Canvas.
- **Monday, Nov 30 to Friday, Dec 18:** Students meet with college advisers or departmental advisers for consultations about course selection in the spring term.
- **Tuesday, Dec 1, 9:00 a.m.:** Preference Selection opens; department-run applications for limited-enrollment courses open; instructors who independently admit students to their courses begin to collect applications according to the process explained on their Canvas sites.
- **Wednesday, Dec 2, 5:00 p.m.:** Deadline for students to apply to a first-year seminar.
- **Friday, Dec 4, 5:00 p.m.:** Results of first-year seminar applications posted.
- **Wednesday, Dec 9, 5:00 p.m.:** Deadline for students to apply to limited-enrollment courses.
- **Thursday, Dec 10, to Monday, Dec 14, 12:00 p.m.:** Applications for limited-enrollment courses reviewed by department administrators or individual instructors, and results announced.
- **Monday, Dec 14, 12:00 p.m.:** Online Course Selection (OCS) system opens for students to begin building a preliminary schedule worksheet. Students may begin submitting their preliminary schedules and forwarding them to their advisers.
- **Monday, Dec 21, 5:00 p.m.:** Deadline for students to submit an OCS preliminary course schedule; OCS closes.
- **Monday, Dec 21, 5:00 p.m. to Monday, Jan 25, 12:00 p.m.:** OCS is closed. Students cannot make changes to their OCS preliminary schedule worksheet at this time.
- **Monday, Jan 25, 12:00 p.m.:** OCS reopens for the Add/Drop period. Advising resumes.

Friday, February 5, 5:00 p.m.: Add/Drop period ends. Deadline for students to submit their final OCS schedule worksheet. Even if no changes are made, ALL students must return to OCS to submit their final schedule.

Online Placement Exams for Spring 2021

Several departments, listed below, are offering online placement exams for spring term 2021 for students who were unable to take the exam in summer 2020.

The placement exam period **opens at 9 a.m. EST on November 9, 2020, and closes at noon EST on December 1, 2020.**

Please click on the appropriate subject, below, for information about the placement exams, exam procedures, and how results will be disseminated. A contact person is also listed for each placement exam.

- [Chinese](#) (Prof. [Rongzhen Li](#))
- [French](#) (Prof. [Ruth Koizim](#))
- [German](#) (Prof. [Theresa Schenker](#))
- [Italian](#) (Prof. [Anna Iacovella](#))
- [Korean](#) (Prof. [Seungja Choi](#))
- [Mathematics](#) (Prof. [Miki Havlickova](#))
- [Spanish](#) (Prof. [Ame Cividanes](#))

For technical concerns, please contact either the Center for Language Study, at cls@yale.edu, or the Canvas team, at canvas@yale.edu, depending on the exam platform. A contact person is also listed, above, for content-related questions for each placement exam.

Students who did not take a placement exam in summer 2020 and seek to inquire about a placement exam in a subject or department not listed above should contact the [director of undergraduate studies](#) in that department.

Students with documented disabilities may request accommodations for placement testing through the [Student Accessibility Services](#) office. Please [contact](#) the SAS office through the [online registration form](#) to submit your request at least one week before your placement test.

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.



Institution for Social and Policy Studies

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The Institution for Social and Policy Studies at Yale (ISPS) is pleased to announce that applications are open for the Director's Fellows program. The fellowship is open to Yale sophomores and juniors who are committed to working in U.S. domestic politics and policymaking. Selected Fellows will join ISPS as members of the Domestic Policy Group starting in February 2021, and over the course of one calendar year, will receive sophisticated policy training from ISPS faculty and affiliates, integrate into ISPS research activities, and test their development through real world application and feedback.

ISPS Director's Fellows will have the opportunity to attend biweekly workshops, some featuring prominent Yale faculty and guests working on policy-relevant issues and others providing training in skills such as op-ed and policy memo writing, media appearances, and blogging.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Fellowship is open to Yale College sophomores and juniors. For Spring 2021 all accepted fellows need to be enrolled at Yale, but do not have to be in residence on campus. All meetings will take place on Zoom.

To apply, please visit [our webpage](#) and click on the Application Form near the bottom of page.

Deadline for applying is **January 4, 2021 at 11:59pm**. Accepted fellows will be notified February 1.

Should you have any questions, please

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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 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

[Goinglobal Webinar-The Evolution of Employment: Job Searching During COVID-19](#)

Thursday, December 3, 4:00pm-5:00pm, [Registration Required](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

Check out [Preferred Yale Partners](#) positions in Yale Career Link. These opportunities include full-time positions and internships posted by Yale alumni and other affiliates.

- [Undergraduate Intern, Center for Policing Equity, applications due November 27](#)
- [Van Eck Associates Corporation](#), multiple summer 2021 internship positions & post-graduate positions open

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 the choice for an eligible experience (underfunded 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

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.

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)*

[Summer STEM Fellowship Opportunities Information Session with Dean Sandy Chang](#)

Wednesday, December 2, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

FINAL SESSION: [Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships Information Session \(4 of 4\)](#)

Thursday, December 3, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

FINAL SESSION: [Light Fellowship Information Session \(6 of 6\)](#)

Monday, December 7, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

[Imagining Your Summer: Information Session #7](#)

Tuesday, December 8, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

[Research Planning - Library and Fellowships Workshop](#)

Wednesday, December 9, 1:30pm – 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

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
February 3, 1:00pm ET - [Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Juniors & Seniors
February 3, 1:00pm ET - [Frederick Mortimer Clapp Fellowship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors
February 5, 1:00pm ET - [Henry/Mellon/Kings Fellowships Common Application](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors
February 12, 1:00pm EST - [Udall Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Sophomores, Juniors

RESOURCES

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

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

Review recently recorded workshops and info sessions in our [Webinar Series](#).

[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 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 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.

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), 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!**

Pathways for Seniors

[Monday, Nov. 30 @ 7:00 PM ET](#)

Senior year is a unique juggling act as you wrap up your Yale College career and look forward to post-graduation plans. Learn how to set and accomplish senior year goals while still enjoying your final year as an undergraduate. (Juniors seeking a preview of senior year are welcome!)

Time Management

[Tuesday, Dec. 1 @ 4 pm ET](#)

[Monday, Dec. 7 @ 4 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 Juniors

[Tuesday, Dec. 1 @ 7 pm ET](#)

As you delve into your major, new questions and challenges arise. How do I orient myself within my major? How do I look for mentors within the major? What timelines do I need to be aware of to set myself up for a strong senior year? We'll explore these questions together in this interactive workshop.

(Sophomores seeking a preview of junior year are welcome!)

Public Speaking for Undergraduates

[Wednesday, Dec. 2 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Professors are increasingly asking students to engage in public speaking, from leading class discussion to more formal presentations. This workshop suggests preparation and performance strategies to help you do your best.

Exam Study Strategies

[Wednesday, Dec. 2 @ 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.

Approaches to Your Leave of Absence

[Tuesday, Dec. 8 @ 4 pm ET](#)

Planning to take a leave of absence this spring? Join our discussion about how to transition in and out of your leave and practices that can help you make your leave meaningful and productive for you.

Imagining Your Summer (with CIPE)

[Tuesday, Dec. 8 @ 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!

Writing Center Resources:

Working on a final paper? These resources can help!

Virtual Writing Study Halls

Write with others at the Writing Center's virtual Writing Study Halls. Increase your focus by logging into our virtual space on [Wednesdays 12/2 & 12/9 from 7-10pm](#) and [Sundays 12/6 & 12/13 from 2-5pm](#). Writing Partners will be on hand to answer brief writing questions and help you maximize your productivity. We hope to see you there!

[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 with questions.

[And check out our online library of writing handouts, model papers, and senior project resources!](#)

ACADEMIC STRATEGIES PROGRAM



WORKSHOPS FOR THE WEEK:

- Pathways For Seniors, 11/30 @7pm
- Time Management, 12/01 @ 4pm
- Pathways For Juniors, 12/01 @7pm
- Public Speaking For Undergraduates,
12/02 @ 4pm
- Exam Study Strategies, 12/02 @ 7pm

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