



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– November 9, 2020

Franklinites,

Two more weeks until a well-deserved respite! Bright autumn sunlight today and a swing to the step.

Please take heed of all the pre-registration dates and directives – my advice is to sock it away for safe-keeping and put a note on your calendar to do some course searching over Thanksgiving break. Along with actually taking a break. Plan to plan, but don't plan yet. You've got enough else to occupy your time until the break. I'm happy to mull choices and plans with any and all who would like.

-Dean Hill

We never know how high we are

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Till we are asked to rise  
And then if we are true to plan  
Our statures touch the skies —

The Heroism we recite  
Would be a normal thing  
Did not ourselves the Cubits warp  
For fear to be a King —

-Emily Dickinson

## Academic Deadlines

Nov. 20 November recess begins after classes end.

Nov. 30 Classes resume online.

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](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/>

## 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.
- **Friday, Dec, 18, 5:00 p.m.:** Deadline for students to submit an OCS preliminary course schedule; OCS closes.
- **Friday, Dec, 18, 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](mailto:cls@yale.edu), or the Canvas team, at [canvas@yale.edu](mailto: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.

## 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

## 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 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](#)

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#### Summer STEM Fellowship Opportunities with Dean Sandy Chang

Wednesday, November 11, 5:00 – 6:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

#### Imagining Your Summer: Information Session #6

Wednesday, November 11, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

[Register Here](#)

#### Light Fellowship Information Session (5 of 6)

Thursday, November 12, 11:00am – 12:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

## [Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations Information Session](#)

Thursday, November 12, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

[Register Here](#)

## [Summer STEM Fellowship Opportunities with Dr. Alexia Belperron](#)

Friday, November 13, 3:00 – 4:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

### APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

**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 16, 1:00pm ET** - [James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**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](#)

## OCS

### EVENTS

#### 1stGenYale Alumni Emerging as Leaders

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

#### Job & Internship Search Strategies Workshop

Thursday, November 12, 4:00pm-5:00pm, register in [Yale Career Link](#)

#### 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**

### 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.

- [Project: Web Editor](#), Dr Matthew Weed and Associates

**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

**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.

## 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!

### **\*\*NEW Workshop\*\* Approaches to Your Leave of Absence**

[Thursday, November 12 @ 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.

### **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](#)

[Thursday, Nov. 12 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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



## **Time Management**

[Tuesday, Nov. 10 @ 7 pm ET](#)

[Monday, Nov. 16 @ 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.

## **Exam Study Strategies**

[Wednesday, Nov. 11 @ 4 pm ET](#)

[Monday, Nov. 16 @ 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.

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

[Wednesday, November 11 @ 7 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 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:**

- **Pathways For Sophomores, 11/9 @ 7pm**
- **Cultivating Faculty Mentors, 11/10 @ 4pm**
- **Time Management, 11/10 @ 7pm**
- **Exam Study Strategies, 11/11 @ 4pm**
- **Imagining Your Summer, 11/11 @ 7pm**
- **Approaches To Your Leave Of Absence, 11/12 @ 4pm**
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**Sign up at CampusGroups @ Poorvu Center:  
Academic Strategies Program**