

From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– October 11, 2021



*Surely the apple is the noblest of fruits. Let the most beautiful or the swiftest have it. That should be the “going” price of apples. Between the fifth and twentieth of October I see the barrels lie under the trees. And perhaps I talk with one who is selecting some choice barrels to fulfil an order. He turns a specked one over many times before he leaves it out. If I were to tell what is passing in my mind, I should say that every one was specked which he had handled; for he rubs off all the bloom, and those fugacious ethereal qualities leave it. Cool evenings prompt the farmers to make haste, and at length I see only the ladders here and there left leaning against the trees.*

-Henry David Thoreau, from Wild Apples: The History of the Apple-Tree

# CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Oct. F 15	Last day of courses offered in the first half of the fall term. Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the fall term.
Oct. F 15	Last day to convert from a letter grade to the Cr/D/F option in a course offered in the first half of the fall term. Applications to study abroad during spring term 2022 are due.
Oct. M 18	Fall second half-term classes begin.
Oct. T 19	October recess begins after last class.
Oct. M 25	Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.
Oct. F 29	Midterm. Last day to withdraw from a fall full-term course without the course appearing on the transcript. Deadline to apply for double credit in a single-credit course.
Oct. F 29	Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-quarter of the term's tuition.
Nov. Th 11	Last day to withdraw from a fall second half-term course without the course appearing on the transcript.
Nov. F 19	November recess begins after last class.
Nov. M 29	Classes resume; 8:20 a.m.
Dec. F 10	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.
Dec. F 10	Last day to withdraw from a full-term course and/or a course offered in the second half of the fall term.
Dec. Th 16	Reading period ends, 5:00 p.m. Final examinations begin, 7:00 p.m.
Dec. Th 16	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.
Dec. W 22	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.

### **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 \(yale.edu\)](#)

## **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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:

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

[Monday, Oct. 11, 4-5 pm](#)

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

### **Tackling P-Sets: Physics**

[Monday, Oct. 11, 7-8 pm](#)

This workshop helps you understand the role of problem sets in Physics courses and suggests strategies and resources for completing them efficiently and effectively.

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

[Tuesday, Oct. 12, 4-5pm](#)

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!

### **Procrastination: How to Work Through It**

[Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7-8 pm](#)

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

### **So You Don't Feel Like Doing Your Work...**

[Tuesday, Oct. 12, 9-10 pm](#)

Have trouble staying focused and on task? Learn how to get motivated and keep engaged with your work while giving yourself the time you need to be healthy and grounded.

### **Exam Study Strategies**

[Wednesday, Oct. 13, 4-5 pm](#)

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.

### **Time Management**

[Wednesday, Oct. 13, 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 Your Reading**

[Thursday, Oct. 14, 4-5 pm](#)

Learn general strategies for effectively reading texts for any Yale class. Learn how to preview a text, effectively interact with the text while reading, and review your reading for class, essays, and exams.

### **Public Speaking**

[Thursday, Oct. 14, 7-8 pm](#)

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.

### **Time Management for Student Athletes**

[Thursday, Oct. 14, 8-9 pm](#)

Set priorities and develop a weekly schedule that can lead to an active and balanced academic and athletic life.

## CIPE

### 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

- [Science & Environmental Studies Grad School Virtual Fair](#), October 12
- [Creating Compelling Resumes & Cover Letters Workshop \(virtual\)](#): Tuesday, October 12 from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Whether you're just starting a resume and cover letter or updating your documents, this workshop will provide practical tips and guidance to create more compelling documents. [Click here to attend!](#)
- [Education Grad School Virtual Fair](#), October 13
- [Experience ORISE Virtual Career Fair: Featuring Internships & Fellowships at the FDA](#), October 13
- [Red Bull Basement: Innovate New Haven](#), October 13
- [CGCC Chats - United Nations Small Group Chat with Human Resource Specialist, Manuela Morelli](#), October 13, 9:00am
- [CGCC Chats - United Nations Small Group Chat with Human Resource Specialist, Manuela Morelli](#), October 13, 9:30am
- [CGCC - United Nations Information Session](#), October 13, 11:00am
- [Dwight Hall & CGCC - Pathways to Public Service Careers Panel](#), October 13, 7:00pm
- [Optometry Virtual Fair](#), October 14
- [Engineering Grad School Fair](#), October 14
- [Virtual Fall Job/Internship Fair – Biotech, Science and Healthcare Careers \(hosted by UVA\)](#), October 14
- [FlexMed Info Session with Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai](#), October 15 (**registration required**)
- [UC Davis LIVE Virtual Pre-Health Conference](#), October 16
- [Info Session for Yale Scholars Program with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Jefferson University](#), October 26 (**registration required**)

## RESOURCES

Customize your OCS Weekly Newsletter to your interest areas and receive new events, jobs, and helpful articles/blogs. Log into the [OCS website](#) (top upper right corner of any webpage), visit any Community, and click the button on the right 'Customize Your OCS Newsletter with Updates from this Community.' There is no limit to how many communities you can choose, and you can change your preferences at any time.



## Health Professions, Grad School & STEM

- Are you interested in a health professions program other than medical school? Visit our website to learn about [dental medicine](#), [veterinary medicine](#), [public health](#) or [other health professions](#).
- If you have a Computer Science Technical Interview, check out our [Interview Preparation Guide](#).
- Meet with a [graduate school advisor](#) if you are considering an application to a graduate program.

## STUDY ABROAD

### UPCOMING EVENTS (Eastern Time)

#### [Info Session: How Does Study Abroad Work at Yale?](#)

Wednesday, October 13, 12:30pm – 1:30pm

[Webinar Link](#)

### APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES **\*\*THIS WEEK\*\***

[Credit for Spring 2022 Abroad Application Deadline](#) - OCTOBER 15, 2021

## RESOURCES

- Learn more about the possibility of spring 2022 study abroad on our [COVID-19 Updates page](#).
- 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 Passport Office near you](#).
- [Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser](#) to explore goals, programs, credit transfer, and more.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING

### UPCOMING EVENTS (Eastern Time)

#### [Light Fellowship Information Session 3 of 6](#)

Monday, October 11, 1pm - 2pm

[Zoom Links available here](#)

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

Monday, October 11, 4pm - 5pm

[Register here](#)

#### [Imagining Your Summer Information Session #1](#)

Tuesday, October 12, 4pm – 5pm

[Register here](#)

#### [Truman Scholarship Drop-in Advising](#)

Wednesday, October 13 | 4pm – 5pm

[Zoom Link](#)

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

Wednesday, October 13 | 9pm - 10pm

[Zoom Link](#)

[MacMillan Center Fellowships Office: Informational Session for Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional Students](#)

Friday, October 15, 1pm - 2pm

[Zoom Link](#)

**APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES**

**October 12, 5pm ET** - [Fulbright US Student Grants](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**October 13** - [Gates Cambridge](#) Round 1 National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

**October 18-22 (depending on field), 5pm local time** - [National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & First-year Graduate Students

**October 18, 1pm ET** - [Michel David-Weill Scholarship at Sciences Po](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

**October 28, 2pm ET** - [The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & Graduate Students

**October 29** - [The Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors

**November 1** - [Public Policy & International Affairs \(PPIA\) Junior Summer Institute Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Juniors

**November 1, 11:59pm ET** - [USAID Donald Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

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

**RESOURCE OF THE WEEK**

The first step in planning a strong fellowship application [to identify your short-term or long-term personal and academic goals](#). Identifying your goals will help you determine the kind of project you want to pursue.



## [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](mailto:summer.session@yale.edu) with any questions.

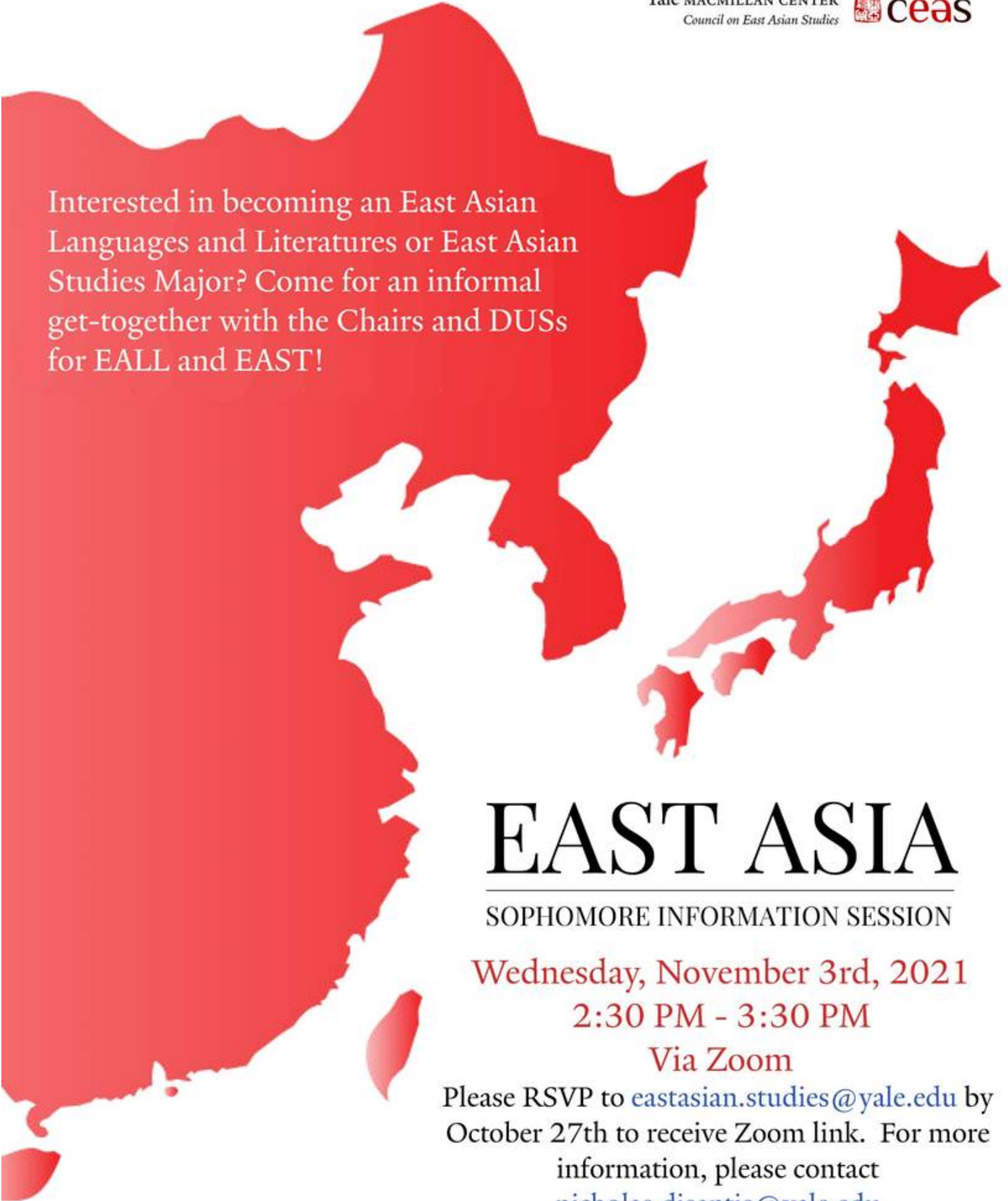
[summer.yale.edu](http://summer.yale.edu)  
[@YaleSummerSession](#)

## 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.



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](mailto:eastasian.studies@yale.edu) by  
October 27th to receive Zoom link. For more  
information, please contact  
[nicholas.disantis@yale.edu](mailto: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](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.