



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– October 4, 2021

Dear Franklinites,

If you are new to Yale, or newly challenged by what to do in this place, I urge you this week to reach for engagement. Not as a notch in a belt or to build a resume. But what's one thing you could devote a little time to that's larger than yourself?

Toward this end I'm resurrecting my reading group. We'll meet twice a month or so in the Beanjamin and discuss a topical article or two. Given my bent as a former journalist they'll be focused on contemporary culture and arts. Different beat each time. Totally voluntary, just a chance to digest good writing that provokes us to share perspectives, and listen to each other. I'll send out a directed email, but if you're interested or have ideas for short pieces you'd like to discuss, do tell.

-Dean Hill

Let Us Gather in a Flourishing Way

*Let us gather in a flourishing way
with sunluz grains abriendo los cantos
que cargamos cada día
en el young pasto nuestro cuerpo
para regalar y dar feliz perlas pearls
of corn flowing árboles de vida en las cuatro esquinas
let us gather in a flourishing way
contentos llenos de fuerza to vida
giving nacimientos to fragrant ríos
dulces frescos verdes turquoise strong
carne de nuestros hijos rainbows
let us gather in a flourishing way
en la luz y en la carne of our heart to toil
tranquilos in fields of blossoms
juntos to stretch los brazos
tranquilos with the rain en la mañana
temprana estrella on our forehead
cielo de calor and wisdom to meet us
where we toil siempre
in the garden of our struggle and joy
let us offer our hearts a saludar our águila rising
freedom
a celebrar woven brazos branches ramas
piedras nopales plumas piercing bursting
figs and aguacates
ripe mariposa fields and mares claros
of our face
to breathe todos en el camino blessing
seeds to give to grow maiztlán
en las manos de nuestro amor
- Juan Felipe Herrera*

Academic Deadlines

Oct. F Last day of courses offered in the first half of the fall term. Last day to withdraw from a
15 course offered in the first half of the fall term.

Oct. F Last day to convert from a letter grade to the Cr/D/F option in a course offered in the first half
15 of the fall term. Applications to study abroad during spring term 2022 are due.

Oct. M Fall second half-term classes begin.
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Oct. T October recess begins after last class.
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Oct. M Classes resume, 8:20 a.m.
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Oct. F Midterm. Last day to withdraw from a fall full-term course without the course appearing on
29 the transcript. Deadline to apply for double credit in a single-credit course.

Oct. F Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-
29 quarter of the term's tuition.

Nov.Th Last day to withdraw from a fall second half-term course without the course appearing on the
11 transcript.

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
10 option for a full-term course and/or a course offered in the second half of the fall term.

Dec. F Last day to withdraw from a full-term course and/or a course offered in the second half of the
10 fall term.

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
16 can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

Dec. W Final examinations end, 5:30 p.m.; winter recess begins. Deadline for all term papers and term
22 projects. This deadline can be extended only by a Temporary Incomplete authorized by Dean Hill.

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.

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](#)

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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

STUDY ABROAD

UPCOMING EVENTS (Eastern Time)

[Info Session: SEA Semester](#)

Monday, October 4, 4pm - 5pm

[Register Here](#)

[Info Session: DIS Study Abroad in Scandinavia](#)

Tuesday, October 5, 4pm - 5pm

[Register Here](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

[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](#).
- [Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser](#) to explore goals, programs, credit transfer, and more.
- Check the [Study Abroad Calendar](#) for additional events and deadlines throughout the academic year.

FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING

UPCOMING EVENTS (Eastern Time)

[FAO Schwarz Fellowship Info Session](#)

Wednesday, October 6, 12pm - 12:45pm

[Register here](#)

[Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations](#)

Thursday, October 7, 7pm - 8pm

[Register here](#)

[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](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

October 6, 1pm PT - [Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 8, 11:59pm ET - [Deadline to receive entries for The Fall Research Symposium](#). This event is organized by [Yale Undergraduate Research Association \(YURA\)](#) | Eligible: Undergraduate students

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 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

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

Read about [Yalies who have previously won fellowships](#). Be inspired to [apply for funding](#) to support your own summer or postgraduation plans.

OCS

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Thinking About Grad School in STEM](#), October 4
- [The Path to Physician Assistant: Pre-PA to PA-C](#), October 5
- [Personal Statement Writing Workshop for MA/MS/PhD Applications](#), October 6
- [Discover Nursing Virtual Fair](#), October 7
- [Computer Science & Technology Grad School Virtual Fair](#), October 7
- [Dental Admissions & Student Panel presented by ASDA District 1](#), October 9
- [FlexMed Info Session with Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai](#), October 15 (**registration required**)
- [Info Session for Yale Scholars Program with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Jefferson University](#), October 26 (**registration required**)

Upcoming Events for First Years & Sophomores

- [Thinking About Grad School in STEM](#), October 4
- [FlexMed Info Session with Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai](#), October 15 (**registration required**)
- [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.

[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](#).**

Senior Thesis Peer Groups:

Students will meet regularly to share strategies, support, solidarity, and accountability in the development and writing of the senior thesis. Sign up here: [ASP Senior Thesis Groups](#).

Workshops

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

Strategies for Intro Math: Problem Sets & Exams

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

Learn strategies for efficiently working on intro math problem sets and key approaches for studying for exams

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Monday, Oct. 4, 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. 5, 4-5 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.

Time Management

[Tuesday, Oct. 5, 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.

Fresh Start: Midterm Edition

[Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7-8 pm](#)

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.

Exam Study Strategies

[Wednesday, Oct. 6, 9-10 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

Strategic Planning for Your Senior Project

[Thursday, Oct. 7, 4-5 pm](#)

Learn how to plan your writing and research, and how to access support resources for your senior thesis. For full-year and 1-semester senior thesis writers.

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

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

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

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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.