

From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– October 19, 2020

Dear Franklinites,

Happy Monday, pumpkins! Remember this Friday marks the midterm, which is the last day to withdraw from a full-term course without a W. Should you need to withdraw from a course *after* Friday, with a W, this is not life-shattering. It's a neutral designation of enrollment, and sometimes you don't have enough information to make a decision this week. If in doubt, give a shout.

A reminder to first-years that I would like to meet with each of you this semester, just to talk plans and goals and maybe playlists. Please schedule through Michelle Tracey in the Dean's Office.

Drink tea and eat an apple today,

Dean Hill

Sometimes you have to play a long time to be able to play like yourself.

-Miles Davis

It is a serious thing just to be alive on this fresh morning in the broken world.

-Mary Oliver

Academic Deadlines

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- Oct. Midterm.
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- Oct. Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-
23 quarter of the fall term's tuition.
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- Oct. Last day to withdraw from a fall full-term course without the course appearing on the
23 transcript. See Withdrawal from Courses and Grades.
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- Oct. Deadline to apply for double credit in a single-credit course. See Special Arrangements.
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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. November recess begins after classes end.
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- Nov. 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. Online reading period ends; online final examinations begin, 7 p.m.
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- Dec. All course assignments other than term papers or term projects are due.
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- Dec. Online final examinations continue.
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- Dec. Online final examinations continue.
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- Dec. Online final examination period ends; winter recess begins.
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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/>

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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.

Sunday, October 25, 4-6PM Open to the Yale Community, join the Asian Network at Yale and Future Leaders of Yale for a virtual screening of [RIGGED: The Voter Suppression Playbook](#), followed by a panel discussion on democracy in the time of COVID-19. RIGGED is an award-winning documentary that exposes the nefarious tactics used to suppress the vote and serves to spark discussion on the actions needed to protect our democracy. It details a variety of voter suppression “plays,” or tactics, ranging from the purging of voting rolls and passing of new, restrictive voter ID laws to gerrymandering and voter intimidation. [Learn More and register.](#)

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

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.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

EVENTS

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

Monday, October 19, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Register here](#)

[Imagining Your Summer: Information Session #2](#)

Monday, October 19, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

[Truman Scholarship Writing Workshop](#)

Tuesday, October 20, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Register here](#)

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

Thursday, October 22, 11:45am – 12:45pm

[Zoom Link](#)

[Funding Opportunities for Public Service and Government Service](#)

Thursday, October 22, 2:30pm - 3:30pm

[Zoom Link](#)

[Imagining Your Summer: Information Session #3](#)

Thursday, October 22, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

[Register Here](#)

[Workshop: Interviewing for National Fellowships](#)

Friday, October 23, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

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

Tuesday, October 27, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

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

Tuesday, October 27, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

- October 21, 11:59pm ET** - [Pickering Graduate Fellowship Program](#) National Deadline
| Eligible: Seniors & Alumni
- October 21, 1:00pm ET** - [Michel David-Weill Scholarship at Sciences Po](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors
- October 23** - [The Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors
- October 29, 2:00pm ET** - [The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & Graduate Students
- November 1, 11:59pm ET** - [USAID Donald Payne International Development Graduate Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni
- 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
- December 4, Noon Beijing Time** - [The Yenching Academy of Peking University Scholarship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Recent Graduates
- January 6, 1pm ET** - [Davis Projects for Peace](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Year Students, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
- January 15, 1pm ET** - [Boren Undergraduate Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: First-Years, Sophomores & Juniors

RESOURCES

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

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

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

Learn more about fellowships on the [Fellowships and Funding FAQ](#) webpage.

[Contact Fellowships and Funding](#) with questions or comments.

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

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EVENTS

[Yale Only Graduate and Professional School Virtual Fair](#)

Thursday October 29, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Thinking about applying to one of Yale's Graduate or Professional Schools?

If so, register for this virtual event to network with admissions representatives and get answers to your questions about specific school and programs, learn about application deadlines, degree options, financial aid, future career prospects and more. Similar to an in-person event, you will be able to speak directly with admission representatives from Yale's Graduate and Professional Schools. [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.

- *Homevest:* [Data Scientist](#), [Software Engineer](#)

[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](#).
- *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](#).

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.

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!**

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Monday, Oct. 19 @ 4 pm ET](#)

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

Imagining Your Summer (with CIPE)

[Monday, Oct. 19 @ 4 pm ET](#)

[Thursday, Oct. 22 @ 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!

Time Management

[Monday, Oct. 19 @ 7 pm ET](#)

[Monday, Oct. 26 @ 9 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.

Fresh Start: Midterm Edition

[Tuesday, Oct. 20 @ 4 pm ET](#)

[Monday, Oct. 26 @ 7 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.

Motivate Your Online Learning

[Tuesday, Oct. 20 @ 7 pm ET](#)

In these times of pandemic and other crises, it's hard to stay focused and on task with your academics. Learn how to get motivated and keep engaged with your online academic work while giving yourself the time you need to be healthy and grounded.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Wednesday, Oct. 21 @ 4 pm ET](#)

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

Get the Most Out of Your Reading

[Wednesday, Oct. 21 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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.

Writing Emails, Presentations, and Reports: Academic & Professional Communication for Undergrads

[Wednesday, Oct. 21 @ 9 pm ET](#)

Need to write to faculty or employers about recommendations and summer opportunities? Need to present your ideas effectively to different kinds of audiences? This workshop helps you identify how to tailor your writing to your audience and communicate with confidence.

Exam Study Strategies

[Thursday, Oct. 22 @ 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

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 with questions.

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



APPLY TO BRADY-JOHNSON PROGRAM IN GRAND STRATEGY

Year-Long Seminar

January 2021 through December 2021

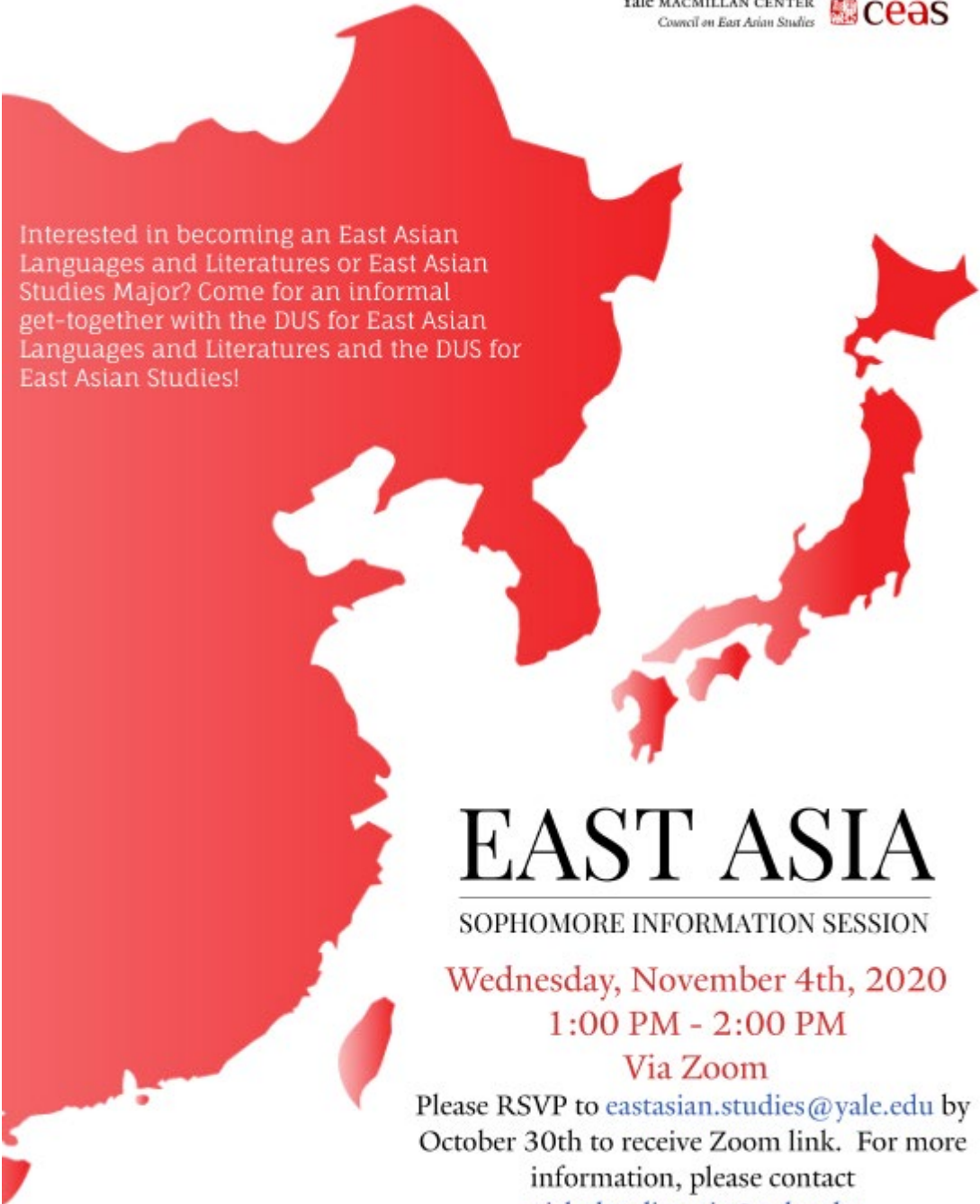
- Seminar focused on politics, social change, and geopolitics
- Team taught by Yale faculty and practitioners from diverse backgrounds
- Summer fellowship for all admitted students
- Private dinners with special guests hosted by the program
- Admission into the course is competitive*

Admission for undergraduates is currently limited to Yale juniors and first-semester seniors as of Spring 2021

Course information and the application link are available at:

<https://grandstrategy.yale.edu/apply>

APPLICATIONS DUE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2020



Interested in becoming an East Asian Languages and Literatures or East Asian Studies Major? Come for an informal get-together with the DUS for East Asian Languages and Literatures and the DUS for East Asian Studies!

EAST ASIA

SOPHOMORE INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, November 4th, 2020

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Via Zoom

Please RSVP to eastasian.studies@yale.edu by October 30th to receive Zoom link. For more information, please contact nicholas.disantis@yale.edu