



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– October 5, 2020

Dear Franklinites,

First, I want to commend you on chugging along in this most unusual semester. In my Zoom meetings and courtyard lunches with you, I've been heartened by your good humor and openness to engaging with a Franklin and Yale which is quite different from what you know, or what you expected.

No Pollyanna here – I know there are tough moments and days, and the arrival of midterms will bring more. But you've got the mettle. I urge you to plan out a week at a time with Goals and notebooks, working in small bites of **no more than an hour per task**. When you're in your hour, put your phone out of reach and really get in the zone. Then take a real break. Find a leaf to crunch, see a friend, eat chocolate, or play *Among Us* (my 12 year-old daughter's break of choice, though I think it may be getting out of hand...)

A head's up that I will be off the week of Oct. 12-16, as will Michelle. The Dean's Office will be covered by Academic Affairs, so you will not find yourself dean-less. I'll make sure you have contact information closer to the time. I'm here all this week and available if you'd like to chat. You remote sophomores – maybe you'd like to grab a few friends you miss and we can Zoom together.

And most importantly, if you have not seen *My Octopus Teacher* please do. It's a nature documentary in name, but it's more than that: an infusion of eco-spirituality when we need it the most.

Warmly,

Dean Hill

I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.

— L. M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

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 Academic Deadlines

- **Tuesday, October 13 by 5:00 p.m.** – withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the term. An online Course Change Notice form is available on the [University Registrar's Office website](#) for you to request course withdrawals or change sections.
- **Tuesday, October 13 by 5:00 p.m.** – deadline to change the grade mode to Credit/D/Fail for a Yale College course offered in the first half of the term

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. Log into [SIS](#).

1. Select the Course Enrollment tab and click "Yale College Change Course from Letter Grade to Credit/D/Fail."
2. Change the drop-down selection from "YC – Letter Grade" to "Credit/D/Fail."
3. Click "Submit Changes" to save the conversion.
4. 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 4. Attempts to convert courses offered in the first half of the term to Credit/D/Fail after 5 p.m. on October 13 will not be valid.

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.

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 plan for your midterms. 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 First-Years

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

What do you really want to get out of your first year? This interactive workshop helps students identify goals and sources of satisfaction while avoiding common first year pitfalls.

Strategies for Reading Literature

[Monday, Oct. 5 @ 7 pm ET](#)

How do we read deeply and completely without running out of time? This workshop introduces techniques to help you effectively read and respond to literary works.

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Tuesday, Oct. 6 @ 7 pm ET](#)

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

Time Management

[Tuesday, Oct. 6 @ 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.

Public Speaking for Undergraduates

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

[Friday, Oct. 9 @ 12 pm ET](#) (part of our Essentials for First-Years series)

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

Motivate Your Online Learning

[Wednesday, Oct. 7 @ 9 pm](#)

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.

Essentials for STEM: Reading Effectively for STEM

[Thursday, Oct. 8 @ 4 pm](#)

Learn strategies for reading purposefully and efficiently for STEM courses. Effectively read textbook chapters and scientific articles; navigate jargon, data, and figures; use readings to prep for problem sets and exams.

Reading Analytically for Social Science

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

This workshop provides an overview of deep reading to generate effective contributions to class discussion, develop essay topics, and identify strong evidence for essays. Participants will get practice with these strategies in our interactive session.

Managing a Heavy Reading Load

[Thursday, Oct. 8 @ 9 pm ET](#)

Feeling overwhelmed by piles of reading? Learn some essential strategies to make the most of your limited reading time. Have less stress and create more free time!

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Monday, Oct. 12 @ 4 pm](#)

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

Creating a Timeline for Your Senior Project

[Monday, Oct. 12 @ 9 pm](#)

Learn how to plan your writing and research, and how to access support resources for your senior thesis.

Imagining Your Summer (with CIPE)

[Tuesday, Oct. 13 @ 4 pm](#)

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 with questions.

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

[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 term. This decision is final for the fall term 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](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

[Micro-internships through Parker Dewey](#): Micro-internships allow you to work on paid, short-term, professional projects offered by employers around the country that can be completed remotely. These experiences can help you develop professional skills, connect with employers across a variety of industries, and explore career paths. *International students must receive work authorization to complete a project through Parker Dewey; see [OISS](#).*

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](#)

Visit our [Study Abroad COVID-19 Updates Page](#)* for guidance if considering a study abroad experience.

* We will continue to update this page as new information becomes available for spring 2021 and summer 2021 abroad.

RESOURCES

[Meet with a Study Abroad Adviser](#) - Schedule a remote appointment directly from our website! Search the [Study Abroad Calendar](#) for information sessions and other study abroad events throughout the academic year.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

EVENTS

[Information Session - Yale College Postgraduate Fellowships \(2 of 4\)](#)

Tuesday, October 6, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

[Barry Goldwater Scholarship: Hear from Recent Winners](#)

Wednesday, October 7, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

[Zoom Link](#)

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

Monday, October 12, 1:00pm – 2:00pm

[Zoom Link](#)

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

Monday, October 12, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

[Register here](#)

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

Tuesday, October 13, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

October 13, 5pm ET - [Fulbright US Student Grants National Deadline](#) | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 14 - [Gates Cambridge](#) Round 1 National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 14, 1pm PT - [Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 14, 11:59pm ET - [Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 19-22 (depending on field), 5pm local time - [National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship](#) National Deadline | Eligible: Seniors, Alumni & First-year Graduate Students

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 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

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.

summer.yale.edu

[@YaleSummerSession](#)



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
