



From the Benjamin Franklin College Dean's Office

Dean's Notes– September 20, 2021

Dear Franklinites,

Summer's final week is upon us. I'm keenly aware that with the added layers fall will soon bring to our outfits (or ensembles, as I prefer to call them), comes some weight of expectations, both internal and external. How does that first test of the semester come back? Can I hack it in L3 Spanish after all? Will I get tapped for a cappella this week? It bears noting that you can't fully realize all your potential in every single endeavor all in one semester. Pick a few areas of concentration and pursue them with excellence. Plant seedlings in other fields for next season. They will generate.

Speaking of seedlings, I'd really like to begin conversations with more of you, and particularly those in '24 and '25 who are newer around here. I invite *you* to invite *me* for lunch in BF! You can do it with a suite group or with a few friends, or solo. Send me a note – I'd enjoy hearing what you're up to, and what you'd like to get up to.

My best,

Dean Hill

Write the tale that scares you, that makes you feel uncertain, that isn't comfortable, I dare you. In a world that entices us to browse through the lives of others to help us better determine how we feel about ourselves and to in turn feel the need to be constantly visible — for visibility these days seems to somehow equate to success — do not be afraid to disappear from it [and] from us for a while and see what comes to you in the silence....

–Michaela Coel, Emmy acceptance speech for Outstanding Writing for a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie, "I May Destroy You"

Academic Deadlines

Sept. Th Last day to withdraw from a course offered in the first half of the fall term without the course
23 appearing on the transcript.

Sept. S Withdrawal from Yale College on or before this date entitles a student to a rebate of one-half
25 of fall-term tuition. See Undergraduate Regulations.

Oct. F Last day of courses offered in the first half of the fall term.
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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.

Oct. F Applications to study abroad during spring term 2022 are due.
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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.
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Oct. F Last day to withdraw from a fall full-term course without the course appearing on the
29 transcript.

Oct. F Deadline to apply for double credit in a single-credit course.
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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.

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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

OCS

UPCOMING EVENTS

[STEM Networking Event – Office of Career Strategy – Yale University](#)

Wednesday, September 22, 4-7pm

[Pathways into Preschool – 12 Teaching - CGCC](#)

Tuesday, September 21, 7:00 – 8:30 pm EST

Co-sponsored by Yale's Education Studies and the Office of Career Strategy Common Good & Creative Careers

[Working in Diplomacy: Careers with the U.S. State Department – CGCC](#)

Thursday, September 23, 5:00 – 6:00 pm EST

[University of Michigan School of Medicine Twitter Info Session](#)

Monday, September 20

[AAMC Virtual Medical School Fair](#)

Monday, September 20

[Pathways to Medicine 101 Webinar](#)

Wednesday, September 22

[Pharmacy Virtual Fair](#)

Wednesday, September 22

[Choose DO Medical School Virtual Expo](#)

Friday, September 24

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

Planning to take the MCAT? – [MCAT Preparation Info](#), [AAMC MCAT 2022 Info](#)

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.

Interviewing for Health Professions Resources for Current Applicants

- Practice interview multiple times with [Big Interview](#)
- [Sign up for a virtual mock interview](#) through [Yale Career Link](#)
- Watch this video and learn valuable tips from one of our Health Professions Mock Interviewers [Interviewing for Medical School](#)
- Review additional [interviewing resources](#)
- Read about Yale College Alums' interview experiences. Log into [Yale Career Link](#), go to Resources, then Career Library
- Interview at medical schools
- Share your interview experiences with peers and future applicants through a [brief, anonymous survey](#)

STUDY ABROAD

UPCOMING EVENTS (Eastern Time)

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

Tuesday, September 21, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

[Webinar Link](#)

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.
- 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.

[FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS (Eastern Time)

[Cultivating Faculty Mentor/Recommendations](#)

Thursday, September 23, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

[Knight-Hennessy Scholars Info Session \(General\)](#)

Thursday, September 23, 9:00pm - 10:00pm

[Register here](#)

APPROACHING APPLICATION DEADLINES

September 29, 11:59pm ET - [Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program](#) National Deadline

| Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

September 30, 1pm ET - [Richard U. Light Fellowship Early Fall Competition Deadline](#) | Eligible:

Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors & Graduate Students

October 1, 1pm ET - [Churchill Scholarship](#) Campus Deadline | Eligible: Seniors & Alumni

October 5, 11:59pm PT - [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](#) for Spring 2022 National Deadline | Eligible First-Year students, Sophomores & Juniors receiving Pell Grants at time of application

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

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 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

RESOURCE OF THE WEEK

Search for [fellowships by class year](#) that support all sorts of experiences - [language study](#), [public service](#), [internships](#), [research or independent projects](#)

[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 for the semester by meeting with an [Academic Strategies Mentor](#). Mentors will help you develop a weekly study routine, 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 schedule a meeting, please email us at academicstrategies@yale.edu.

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](#).**

ADHD Discussion Group

Academic Strategies hosts a discussion group for undergraduate students with ADHD. Share strategies and support with peers who understand your experience. To sign up, fill out this form: [ADHD Discussion Group](#).

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.

For First Years: College Transition Videos

Did you know that [diving into your syllabi can help you succeed in your classes](#)? What to learn [the keys to performing well on p-sets](#)? Learn about these topics and more through our college transition videos: <https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/undergraduates/academic-strategies/first-years-workshops-videos-events>

Workshops

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

Procrastination: How to Work Through It

[Monday, Sept. 20, 4-5 pm](#)

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

Exam Study Strategies

[Monday, Sept. 20, 7-8 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

[Monday, Sept. 20, 9-10 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.

Reading Analytically for Social Science

[Tuesday, Sept. 21, 4-5 pm](#)

This interactive workshop provides an overview of deep reading to generate effective contributions to class discussion, develop essay topics, and identify strong evidence for essays.

Managing a Heavy Reading Load

[Tuesday, Sept. 21, 7-8 pm](#)

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!

Academic and Professional Communication

[Tuesday, Sept. 21, 9-10 pm](#)

Learn strategies for writing for professional and formal academic audiences.

Get the Most Out of Your Reading

[Wednesday, Sept. 22, 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.

Time Management

[Wednesday, Sept. 22, 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.

Pathways for First Years

[Wednesday, Sept. 22, 9-10 pm](#)

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.

Cultivating Faculty Mentors/Recommendations

[Thursday, Sept. 23, 4-5 pm](#)

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

Pathways for Seniors

[Thursday, Sept. 23, 7-8 pm](#)

Senior year is a unique juggling act as you wrap up your Yale College career and look forward to post-graduation plans. Learn how to set and accomplish senior year goals while still enjoying your final year as an undergraduate.

Pathways for Juniors

[Thursday, Sept. 23, 9-10 pm](#)

How do I orient myself and find mentors within the major? What timelines do I need to be aware of? We'll explore these questions together in this interactive workshop.

Apply to the BA-BS/MPH Program

Yale College students interested in the five year BA-BS/ MPH program apply for admission in the fall semester of their junior year. The next round of admissions - for students in the Yale College Class of 2023 - is scheduled for the fall 2021 semester. The application period opens on October 1, 2021 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on November 1, 2021. A committee of faculty from the School of Public Health will review the applications, and will select a group of candidates to be interviewed. Interviews will be held in late November or early December. Applicants will be notified of decisions prior to winter break.

BA-BS/MPH Information Session (Via Zoom)

Wednesday, September 22 at 5:00 PM.

[Please register here.](#)

A completed application consists of the following:

- Applications are submitted through the schools of public health application service, [SOPHAS Express](#).
- Course History from your Degree Audit
- SAT or ACT Scores
- Personal Statement
- Resume
- Two Letters of Recommendation – at least one recommendation must come from a Yale College course instructor.

October 1st to Apply for Center for Language Study's DILS and Fields Programs

The Yale Center for Language Study is now accepting applications for spring semester study for its Fields Program and its Directed Independent Language Study (DILS) Program. **The deadline for applying to either program for Spring semester study is October 1st at 1:00pm.**

The Directed Independent Language Study (DILS) Program gives students the opportunity to study a language that is not currently taught in a Yale classroom.

The Fields Program gives students the opportunity to pursue advanced-level language study within the context of their academic area of focus (generally in areas other literature if the language is taught at Yale, since advanced coursework in literature would likely be available).

Both are non-credit programs, open to all enrolled Yale students (undergraduate, graduate and professional). In each program, students work with a Language Partner—a native speaker of the target language (not a formal instructor)—in two 1-hour sessions for 12 weeks. The sessions aim to develop linguistic and cultural competence through active conversation and practice of what you are studying independently. With a limited number of slots available, a selection committee reviews all applications for their merit and appropriateness, and notifies students of its decisions within four to six weeks after the application deadline.

Details on each program and how to apply can be found at these links:

Directed Independent Language Study (DILS):

<https://cls.yale.edu/dils>

Fields Program:

<https://cls.yale.edu/fields>

Please note that all applications must be received by the application deadline (this includes applications for continued study from current DILS or Fields students).



Yale-China Public Resources Fellowship

October 11 - May 13

at the

New Haven Free Public Library

with

Dwight Hall at Yale

Must speak + write Chinese

6-8 hours/week, paid

Open to Yale students

Apply by September 23, 2021

yalechina.org/library

Reactivate lifelines.

Uncover barriers.

Educate about civic engagement.

Examine cultural equity.

[Apply now](#)

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.